“Pathways to the future”

Tuesday 27th May, 2014

Network Meeting
At the moment I am in Melbourne at our network meeting. We have sessions on curriculum planning, facilities & infrastructure, school visits to name a few. This is a great opportunity for Principals to get together and discuss what is happening at their schools. I will be back at school tomorrow.

Wendy

Cluster Day & Cross Country
We all know the story of Cinderella and our students have the opportunity to see this story through a delightful production of opera. On the same day we have the opportunity to join the other cluster schools in participating in our district cross country run. We have been practising running around the oval and around the hall in preparation for this. It is good for the students to try different things to build up their health and fitness. There are still a few permission forms that need to be returned to school.

Biggest Morning Tea
We had a very successful Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday. Thankyou to all the guests who attended and a special thankyou to all the families who donated food for the event. We raised $48.80 for the Cancer Council of Australia

Head Lice
Those nasty critters are back in full force. Could you please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Please note that health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child is not to return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced. Thankyou for your support.

Kids Council News
Kids Council’s ‘Pyjama Day’ is on next Monday. Money raised will go towards a winter appeal. Students are asked to wear their pyjamas for the day and purchase hot food for lunch. They will be selling sausage rolls and party pies for 50cents each. An order is attached to this week’s newsletter. Please fill in and bring back to school tomorrow.

Program Achieve Award
Last week Darby obtained a program achieve award for displaying all five components of the program. Well done Darby!

Junior Classroom News
This term the students are continuing to work on Word Sorting activities based on their stage of spelling development. The activities are introduced at the beginning of the week and are practised each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Periodical assessments are carried out to see if students are then ready to commence the next stage. In Writing we are focusing on proof-reading and editing our work and ensuring that basic punctuation is included.

Last week we conducted Numeracy Pathways assessments to gauge children’s progress. The children are also strengthening their Predictacounting skills in numeracy and these
are sent home so please ask your child to show you what they are practising and their progress.

In Science we have predicted changes in the landscape that might take place from photos that were taken in several areas of our playground. The children record what they think will be different from week to week eg. trees losing leaves, changes in the sky etc.

**Senior Classroom News**

We are busy studying our place in space with the students writing three facts about their chosen component and these are displayed in the corridor. We will continue studying this until the end of term. We have formally started our ‘daily 5’ with the children participating in one component of the program each day. Ask them to explain the program to you. It is all about building reading skills. We are also continuing our word sorts three days a week to concentrate on improving our spelling.

**Program Achieve Award**

Congratulations Jack Keys on achieving all the program achieve keys to success. Well done!

**Bus Travellers**

Attached to this week’s newsletter is an application for *Permission to travel* to be filled in by all bus travellers. This form asks for student details and lists the responsibilities of parents/guardians. Please fill in and return to school asap so we can forward these on to Rutherglen High School.

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**WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS**

**2014 WINTER**

**Muster Nights:** 28th of May & 4th June, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.

**Free Come ‘n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.**

**Where:** The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.

(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).

For further information call Robert (Seniors): 0407228280, Andrew (Juniors): 0498954081.

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**Dates for your calendar:**

28th May AASS Golf  
29th May – ART  
30th May Cluster Day Whorouly PS  
2nd June – Library  
2nd June – Pyjama Day  
2nd June - AASS AFL Footy  
4th June – AASS Golf  
6th June – Report Writing Day (no students)  
9th June – Queen’s Birthday holiday (no students)  
11th June – AASS Golf  
16th June – Library  
16th June - AASS AFL Footy  
18th June – AASS Golf  
18th June – School Council  
27th June – Last day term 2