Pathways to the future  
Tuesday 15th September 2015

Hi Everyone
It's amazing how a little sunshine can put a spring in our steps. The weekend had beautiful weather and we are looking forward to it continuing over the holidays. We have had a very busy term once again and no doubt it will be just as busy next term. We hope to see as many families as possible at the working bee on Saturday. Have a fabulous holiday break and we will see you next term.

Have a great week!
Wendy

Working Bee
Our next scheduled working bee is this Saturday from 9.00am to 12.00pm. We hope this day is convenient as the last Saturday of the school holidays is grand final day. The jobs we hope to complete are replacing the surrounds of the big play equipment, putting up the backboards on the basketball court and weeding. A new door handle needs to go on the staff toilet door and magnets to keep doors open also need to be installed. Please put aside a couple of hours on Saturday morning to help out. The more people we have here, the quicker the jobs will get done.

Kid's Council News

Footy Colours Day
Footy Colours Day is planned for this Friday, the last day of term 3. Footy Colours Day is a day organised to raise money to fight cancer. Gold coin donation please. A can of soft drink can be purchased for $1 and kids' council will provide free party pies.

Job Lunches
On Wednesday this week, there will be a lunch provided for the students who have performed jobs this term. The lunch will be nachos and pizza.

Claymation
A big congratulations to our senior students who have finally completed their Claymation. Resilience was needed to get “across the finish line.” Thursday afternoon we invite all families to come along and listen to the students as they share their dreamtime story, both as a published book and as a Claymation. We will start our “showcase” after recess at 2.30 pm so anyone who would like to come along and be a part of the audience, we would appreciate your attendance.

Playgroup
We had an extra playgroup session yesterday and welcomed two new parents and children. Liz brought along James and we also welcomed Jess and Ruby. Thanks to Mel for organising this and we look forward to seeing them again next term.

School Photos
School photos are planned for the first Tuesday in term 4. Please put this date in your diaries. Attached to this newsletter is an order form. This will need to be brought to school on the day of photos or before. Thankyou to Robyn Bird for donating all her time and effort into these.

Indigenous Day
On Tuesday 8th September, Springhurst Primary School had an indigenous day. On that day we got to make some food such as kangaroo burgers, wattle seed biscuits, pizza and damper for our kangaroo burgers. We cooked the damper and pizza in our pizza oven. When we got to eat our kangaroo burgers, people enjoyed it so much that they wanted more. They were so tasty. If people were too full to eat any
more, they could have pizza instead. When it was snack time we got to have some wattle seed biscuits. They were really, really nice. Everyone enjoyed the indigenous day. Thanks to Mrs Nash for organising this.

Brialeigh.

**Senior Classroom News**

Our students have all published two pieces of writing this term and many have started on a third. We made writing a focus this term and explicitly taught how to make your story “come to life” and use interesting vocabulary that is descriptive and “paints the picture”. The hard work has really paid off as we can see the growth of all students in becoming “authors”. Well Done Kids!! We have also trialled the online Reading Program “Reading Eggs” which has proven to be a great resource and the kids are really engaged and loving the activities that focus on all areas of reading.

In numeracy we have really “raised the bar” and even our younger students in Grades 3 and 4 have been able to show the depth of understanding of decimals and how it can be used in everyday life. Our grade 5 and 6 students have stretched their learning and have learnt about decimals as percentages, multiplying and dividing by decimals, ratios and more. A great unit’s work!

In the last two weeks we have been doing a mini unit of work on the explorers of Australia as part of our history theme. Overall Term 3 has been a great term and it is extremely satisfying to see how the kids have really developed both academically, socially and emotionally. We look forward to another great term after the holidays.

**Junior Classroom News**

It’s the last week of a very productive term and all the children have made improvements in their reading and comprehension skills. All year one and two students have made very good progress in their spelling tests compared with their results at the beginning of the year. In maths we have been creating pathways on grid paper and writing directions to match. (We’ve done lots of left and right lately!!) We have also looked at the relationship between division and multiplication as inverse operations. It is recommended that your child continue to read over the holidays as it keeps them ‘in tune’ with reading so please encourage your child to take a couple of extra books home for the holidays.

**Building Resilience in School Communities**

The students in the senior room completed the resilience survey this week. Mrs B will be going to a professional development session early next term to determine our next steps. We will keep you informed.

**Zone Athletics**

Our zone athletics will be held on Friday 9th October. Congratulations to Chevi, Brialeigh, Katelyn, Emily, Zack and Jackson who will be representing our cluster schools. These athletics will be held at the Appin Street Athletics Complex. Good luck everyone – we are very proud of you.

**Last Day for our Art Teacher**

Thursday is our last day for our Art teacher Jacqui Packer who is off to have her second baby. We wish her all the best.

**Program Achieve**

We had a heap of students who received all 5 keys to success.
cards during the past two weeks. Congratulations to Tayla and Declan from two weeks ago and also congrats to Emily, Kenz, Dec, Katelyn, Caitlin, Ebony, Emilea, Jack K and Charli. Well done everyone. Our prize box is getting a bit low so if you would like to donate a small gift or two to our prize box it would be most appreciated.

Safeway Stickers
Thankyou to all the people who collected stickers at the last minute and sent them along to school. We collected a total of 7,020 stickers. This is a fabulous effort seeing as we decided at the last minute to participate. I will let you know what we will purchase.

Dates for your calendar:
14th September - Japanese
16th September - Blueearth
17th September – MACC
18th September – FOOTY COLOURS DAY
18th September – Last day Term 3
19th September – WORKING BEE 9 – 12
5th October – First Day Term 4
5th October - Japanese
6th October – School Photos
8th October - MARC
9th October – Zone Athletics Sports
12th October – Japanese
12th October – Foundation Transition 9 – 11
14th October – Blueearth
15th October – MACC
19th October – Japanese
21st October – Cluster Day – Glenrowan
22nd October – School Review
22nd October - MARC

WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS
2015 SPRING COMPETITION
Muster Nights : 14th & 21st of October, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.
Free Come ’n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading. Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.
Junior Comp Starts : 21st of October at 5:30 p.m.
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

If I were ...
Here are some anonymous poems written by students in our senior room.

If I were a cookie, I would sit calmly in the cookie jar.
If I were a red panda, I would cling on tight to the tree.
If I were moss, I would grow on a wet rock.
If I were a four wheel drive, I would break down a lot.

If I were a food I would be a juicy, bright pineapple.
If I were an animal I would be a playful, brave cheetah.
If I were a flower I would be a bright sunflower.
If I were an insect I would be an admirable and happy butterfly.
If I were an object I would be a warm, cosy blanket.

If I were a food I’d be a warhead, sour at first then sweet.
If I were an animal I’d be a dolphin, extremely intelligent.
If I were a flower I’d be a daffodil, invisible at first and then noticeable.
If I were an insect I’d be a lady bug, unique.
If I were an object I’d be a computer, ready to give out knowledge.

If I were a cookie I would stay in the cookie jar.
If I were a rabbit I would stay in the hole.
If I were a plant I would be green and blend in.
If I were an old empty chair I would sit in the corner.
RCoW Community Access and Inclusion - Have your say.

Over the past nine months Council has undertaken a review of its access and inclusion plan and in response to community priorities and expectations communicated through consultation processes, the Rural City of Wangaratta has developed a Community Access and Inclusion Charter 2015 and Action Plan 2015 - 2017.

To ensure planning for access and inclusion reflects the concerns and wishes of the whole community, we invite your feedback organisation and client feedback on the proposed plans. Copies of the plan are available on the Council Website http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/council/news/accessinclusion.asp

Submissions open until: Friday 18th September 2015.

To make a comment or for further information, please contact the Rural Access Worker Jane Taylor via email: j.taylor@wangaratta.vic.gov.au or telephone on 0438 702 602.

Volunteer Skillsbank

Volunteering can change your world and someone else’s, if you want to make a difference contact us.

- Get involved!
- Meet new people!
- Have fun!
- Do something important!

Find out more by contacting the Volunteer Skillsbank today!

Rutherglen Junior Cricket Registration

Junior Registration evenings for the Rutherglen United Cricket club will be held on Thursday September 10th & Thursday September 17th commencing at 4:30pm at Barkly Park Rutherglen. Training to follow. The club will enter teams in the Under 12 Under 14 and Under 16 competitions in 2015/16

School Holiday Cricket Clinic

Cricket Victoria will hold a School Holiday Cricket Clinic at Bark Park Rutherglen on Wednesday 23/9/2015 at Barkly Park Rutherglen. All age groups are welcome and there is no cost to participate. The clinic will run from 10am-12:30pm

Milo T20 Blast

Rutherglen will enter a team in the Corowa T20 Blast Centre. The season will commence on October 7th and Cost will be $99. To register your interest in this exiting new competition please contact Wayne Cooper. This format is best suited to 8 to 10 year old

Milo In 2 Cricket Registration

Registration evening for the Rutherglen Milo In 2 Cricket Centre will be held on Friday October 9th at Barkly Park Rutheglen commencing at 4:30pm. The program will cost $80.

For more details on the above programs please contact Wayne Cooper 0439494027 or Darren Simpson 0413498950