A big week of excursions this week, beginning with the major primary excursion, heading off to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre. The bus will depart from school at 7.30am tomorrow - so don’t be late. The camp has some great facilities for school groups and is positioned on the shores of Lake Burrendong, adjacent to the Burrendong National Park which is a beautiful area. The other excursion is the Duke of Edinburgh expedition set to hike through 25 kilometres of the Morton National Park, departing Tuesday evening. The weather looks great for both excursions and they should expect clear conditions.

Preliminary students received their reports on Friday and I am pleased with their performance thus far. It is a good time now for parents to discuss their child’s performance with each of the teachers leading into the HSC year of study. Attached to the report is a parent interview request to complete so we can arrange a suitable time to meet. This is an important process and I encourage your participation.

The swimming season is upon us and it is timely to raise awareness of water safety. This year will be running an intensive swimming program to develop awareness and improve swimming skills. I am looking forward to seeing the program in action.

Bye for now.

Mr Dunn

**CANTEN ROSTER**

Friday, 31/10/14 (primary excursion/secondary excursions)
W Walker

**SCHOOL DIARY**

Please note that **new** items are in bold

**THIS WEEK (Week 4B)**

**Tuesday, 28/10/14**
Notes due – Primary Cricket Trials
Kinder Orientation – 11.15-1.51

**Tuesday-Friday, 28/10-31/10/14**
Primary Excursion
Duke of Edinburgh Test hike/Secondary Adventure hike

**Thursday, 30/10/14**
Year 7 Vaccinations – after recess
**NEXT WEEK (Week 5A)**

**Tuesday, 4/11/14**
- Kinder Orientation – 11.15-1.51
- Secondary Scripture (visit by new Anglican Bishop) – 9.53am

**Friday, 7/11/14**
- Whole School Assembly – 11.06am

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**WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**Ariah Park Central School’s Amazing Race**

Middle School Money Making is aimed at Ariah Park Central School’s budding young entrepreneurs. The class encourages students to take a leadership role within the school community and learn committee skills, organisational management and financial management skills. Over the 12 months that the class has operated, Year 5 to Year 8 students have operated movie days, an Easter raffle, a car wash and a talent competition, among other activities, to raise funds - with the profits from the events donated to charity.

Over the past few weeks Jack McCormack, Hayley Buerckner, Louise O'Hare, Lily Walker and Raffety Edis have worked tirelessly to organise and run the Amazing Race and Hot Dogs sales - you may have seen the articles they have created in the newsletter. They have also arranged and held meetings with the Principal, created posters, organised the event timetables and created activities with help from Miss Ostle. The Race saw students represent different countries. All the students were wonderfully dressed in costumes from a range of countries and the school was actively involved in a range of activities. The day ran very smoothly and it was a close race for first place which was taken out by team Spain.

Mr Adamson

**Alcohol & Mental Health Parents Information Session**

We will be holding special student and parent information sessions on **Thursday 27th November**. The students will have their own session in periods 5 & 6 and parents are invited to a session at 3.30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend to find out more on any topic they see fit e.g. what to do if you child is unhappy at school and home; how to deal with a drinking teenager etc. We have special guests coming out from Temora to talk to students and parents. If you would like to attend and discuss particular topics, it is asked that you fill out an expression of interest which is in the back of the newsletter, so the Temora Health team, can have some ideas of what they need.

Thank you.

Miss Ostle

**SECONDARY NEWS**

**Secondary Excursion Payments**

The final payment (or payment in full) for the secondary excursion was due last Friday, 24/10/14.

All outstanding payments are now past due and we request that payments be completed this week.

If you are unable to complete payment, please contact the finance department or the Principal.

Thank you.

Mrs McBeath
ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) Test
The ESSA test for Year 8 students will be held between on Wednesday, 12th November at 9am. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSAonline.
ESSAonline contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their:
• knowledge and understanding of science
• understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
• ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
• ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.
Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values. Since students complete ESSAonline on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an ipod or portable player are suitable.
If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child’s school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.
Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2015. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test. You will be invited to complete a parent survey about the test and science learning.
If you require any further information, please contact me.
Mr Adamson

PRIMARY NEWS

AASC
AASC will run this Tuesday and Thursday. In week 5 (next week) it will only be on Tuesday and week 6 it will only be on Thursday.
Mr Radnidge

Primary Excursion
Just a reminder that the primary excursion bus is leaving at 7.30am tomorrow morning (previously 8.30am). Please be at the school by 7.15am.

SPORT NEWS

Primary District Cricket Trials
Due to the Primary Excursion the Primary district cricket trials have been postponed and the date changed.
The new date is Thursday 13th November 2014 at Ganmain Sports Ground.
Students involved will receive notes and they must be returned to school by tomorrow, Tuesday 28th October.
Cycling for Sport
During Friday afternoon sport a fantastic group of students have chosen to participate in cycling for sport. Everyone has displayed great cycling skills, fitness and road safety awareness.
During week one the students rode 9kms and during week two the students rode 10km. In total the students have rode 19kms on their bikes. Well Done!
Riverina Schools Touring Band Visit
The Riverina Schools Touring Band consists of 52 students who were selected from the Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp held earlier this year. The students are from years 5-12 and come from 21 different schools in the Wagga region.
APCS students will be attending this performance but we would also like to invite members of the community to attend. The Band will be performing at the Ariah Park Memorial Hall on Wednesday 12th November 2014 at 1.50pm.
The concert will go for approximately an hour, with the concert band playing a variety of music from pop tunes to movie themes.
A gold coin donation is requested.

Christmas Card Making
I am proposing to host a Christmas card-making demo night at APCS in November. The evening would be open to parents, high school students and community members. The presenter will be Heather Obst.
Please watch out in next week’s newsletter to see if it’s going ahead.
Sharon Beattie

Social Netball Competition
I am trying to get a social netball competition started to play on a Wednesday night at this stage.
Looking to have 4 teams, to start first week in November with a harvest break in December resuming again in February when school goes back, approx 10 weeks. You don’t have to be registered with Netball NSW. If you are not you would need to sign a waiver to say that you understand that you play at your own risk. Having your own health insurance is advisable.
Year 7 and up are eligible to play.
If you are interested please contact Debbie Worland on 0428741194 by Friday 31/10/14

Swimming Lessons
If you or your children need to learn to swim or require stroke correction, Elle French will be available the first two weeks of January 2015. For more info or to enrol contact Elle on 0410112640.
**Ungarie Art and Craft Christmas Markets**
Sunday 9th November – 9am to 1pm
Ungarie War Memorial Hall
Entry by gold coin donation
Lots of speciality stores
Entertainment from Ungarie Band

A BBQ and devonshire tea will be available
Contact Kylie on 0413 242 741 or 6975 9883 or ungarieadvancement@mail.com

“Ungarie Art & Craft Markets”

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**Ariah Park Swim Club NEWS**

Our next swimming club meeting will be held;

**Date:**       Wednesday 29th October
**Time:**       7:30pm
**Location:**  Ariah Park Bowling Club

The main items on the agenda will be discussion and allocation of jobs for our upcoming swimming carnival on the 22nd November.

We know it is a very busy time so it is encouraged for as many people to attend this meeting as possible so that everyone can share the load to assist with carnival preparations.

For any new and of cause previous members our local carnival is known to be a fun and relaxed carnival that especially the kids enjoy and not designed to be difficult for the parents.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Alice French (President)    Hm: 6974 1128
Terry Edis (Vice President) Mb: 0429 849 249
Sam Dart (Secretary)        Hm: 6974 1212
April Frater (Treasurer)    Mb: 0428 741 128

Hope to see you there
WIN A CUBBYHOUSE!
Valued at $2,000

- Raffle to be drawn Friday 12 December, 2014.
- Tickets available for sale at Rick Firman’s Menswear.
- Cubbyhouse construction undertaken by students at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute in partnership with Sureway.
- All proceeds from the raffle will assist TDEF with future grants and scholarships.

Tickets are also available from Mrs McBeath - APCS office
Major Secondary Excursion – Payment
Enclosed please find my final instalment payment of $35.00 (instalment number 8)

OR

☐ I enclose my full payment of $330.00 (please tick if applicable)

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Signed ____________________________ Date _____________

☐-----------------------------------Please return without delay ------------------------------------

Alcohol and Mental Health Parent Information Session

I would like to attend the Alcohol and Mental Health Parent Information Session on Thursday 27th November at 3.30pm.

I would like to see some of the following topics covered:

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☐-----------------------------------Please return by this Friday 31st October------------------------------------