PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

A great couple of days was had by all at the Lake Arbortree Excursion last Thursday and Friday. The Ariah Park style ‘wet and wild’ water slide was a hit and even Mrs Drumore got into the action. Thank you to all staff who made this trip a success. It is great to see our staff get so involved to create opportunities for our students. Check out the pictures in this newsletter.

Our senior students went off to the study day at Ardlethan this morning and there is a list of sporting events this week starting with the Riverina Basketball Trials today, RAP touch football Tuesday and Eastern Riverina AFL Trials on Friday.

Cross Country will be run on Wednesday afternoon around the golf course. Looking forward to this event and may even participate myself. Not real fit though!

Fete day is coming closer and we have a great line up of activities scheduled including a massive silent auction program. Watch this space for more. ‘Til next time.

Justin Dunn – Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21/3/14 – C Harper, A French
Monday, 24/3/14 – W Walker, L Harper

Canteen Price List:
Please note that the new Term 1 and Term 2 canteen price list has been added to our website as well as our Schoolbag App.

P&C NEWS

Grocery Raffle
Items for the grocery raffle are now being collected.
Items can be donated at the supermarket, post office and left at the front office of the school.

Wednesday 2/4/14 APCS Athletics Carnival
Cake Stall
Just a ‘heads up’ for all our wonderful cooks! Closer to the date, we will be asking for you to get your spoons and cake pans going and whipping up some wonderful cakes, slices etc for the Cake Stall – a stall which is usually a favourite!

Thank you for your support.
P&C Executive

SCHOOL DIARY
Please note that new items are in bold

THIS WEEK (Week 8B)

Monday, 17/3/14
Study Day @ Ardlethan
Riverina Basketball Trials – Albury
TUESDAY, 18/3/14
RAP Touch @ Griffith – Boys and Girls
Girls Knockout Softball @ Wagga

Wednesday, 19/3/14
School Cross Country
THURSDAY, 18/3/14
Year 7 Immunisation – waiting for confirmation
Cricket Trials
FRIDAY, 21/3/14
Eastern Riverina AFL Trials – Coolamon
Book Club orders close

NEXT WEEK (Week 9A)

Monday, 24/3/14
Back up Cross Country date
Wednesday 26/3/14-Friday 28/3/14
Duke of Edinburgh camp

Wednesday, 26/3/14
Tennis Knockouts Trials
FRIDAY, 28/3/14
Administration Survey return date

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance
Our second attendance flyer emphasising the importance of regular school attendance is printed in this newsletter.

Administration Survey
As part of our ongoing evaluation programme we have included in this week's newsletter a brief survey in regard to the administration practices at our school. We would appreciate your feedback, it can be anonymous, by Friday 28th March, 2014.
Thank you.
APCS Executive

Middle School Money-Making Ventures
Zooper Doopers
There will be Zooper Doopers for sale on Tuesday and Thursday during the second half of lunch – selling for 50 cents each. They will be on the primary and secondary side.
DON’T FORGET YOUR MONEY!!
Thank you.
Nancy, Keisha and Shelby
(Middle School Money-Making)

Guess How Many Lollies!
Closest amount wins! But see if you can get spot on!
50 cents = 1 guess
Bonus!: $1 = 3 guesses
Come see Rafferty – morning play, recess, lunch.
Under way in Week 8 – Wednesday
**SECONDARY NEWS**

Lake Excursion
Printed in this newsletter is a collage from our Lake Excursion. Everyone had a great time and we all survived the experience! Look out for a report in next week’s newsletter.
Mr Stevens

**PRIMARY NEWS**

**Pesca Jars**
Year 1 and 2 will be selling Pesca Jars at the fete. Could parents of these students please send in filled jars – containing lollies, toys, balloons, water balloons, stickers, stationery etc? Thank you.
Mrs Cox and Mrs Jennings

**Year 5/6 Hoopla Donations**
Could all parents of 5/6 students please send in donations for the Hoopla stall at the Fete?
Thank you.
Mrs Jenkins

**SPORT NEWS**

School Cross Country
The annual school cross country will be held this Wednesday after lunch at the Ariah Park golf course. Students are to wear their house colours on Wednesday and they will have an opportunity to eat their lunch and walk the course before running it.
Top 5 primary will progress to the district carnival in Ganmain Week 1 Term 2, Friday, 2nd May. Secondary carnival is to be held in Coolamon on Thursday, 8th May (Term 2 Week 2) – details to come.
Miss Daniher

**PSSA AFL and Netball Trials**
Congratulations to all students who participated in the AFL and Netball trials in Marrar last Wednesday. All students should be commended on their behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day.
The AFL team will be travelling to Coolamon to compete in the Eastern Riverina AFL trials this Friday 21st March and students are reminded to please hand their permission notes in to the front office.
**APCS AFL team members:**
- Jack McCormack
- Nicholas Fairman
- Riley Walker
- Blair McLean

The netball side will be travelling to Griffith next term Monday 5th May and a note will be organised when another teacher and coach are assigned.
**APCS Netball team members:**
- Abbey Doyle
- Louise O’Hare

Miss Daniher

**PSSA Knockout Tennis and Cricket Trials**
Well done to all students who participated in the tennis and cricket trials in Ardlethan last Friday.
Congratulations to Lily Walker who was selected into the tennis side which will
play in Temora on Wednesday 26th March.
Congratulations to Nicholas Fairman, Blair McLean, Fraser Harper and Riley Walker for being selected into the cricket side who are travelling to Hanwood this Thursday, 20th March to compete in the knockout.
Miss Daniher

**REPEATED NEWS**

**ICAS – Expression of Interest**
The University of NSW offer all students the opportunity to do a variety of Non-Compulsory assessments in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).
The subjects assessed in the ICAS are Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Each year, a team of subject experts develop the tests with reference to the curriculum. The tests are skills-based assessments designed to assess the level of competency a student possesses in each subject area.
If you are interested in your child completing any of these tests please return the following slip to the school. There is a fee attached to each test between $9 and $14 which will need to be paid.
Note: These tests are Non-Compulsory and are not linked to the NAPLAN Assessments in any way.
Mr Stevens
Dear Parents
To assist with an evaluation of the administration of the school, please complete the following survey and return by Friday 28th March, 2014.
To fill-out this survey, read each of the following statements and indicate, by crossing the appropriate number, the extent to which you agree or disagree with each statement.
\textbf{Example:}

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 & Strongly Disagree & Disagree & Agree & Strongly Agree \\
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My child likes this school. & 1 & 2 & \xmark & 4 \\
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Through this survey, we hope to find out about the impressions you have formed of our administration.

1. This office is well organised and runs smoothly.
2. Staff are pleasant and approachable.
3. Staff are well presented and easily identified.
4. Phone manner is professional and courteous.
5. Communication is effective and efficient.
6. Office surroundings are tidy and pleasant.
7. Financial transactions with the school are easily conducted.
8. First Aid is carried out with care and sensitivity and communicated well to parents.
9. School documentation well-presented and clearly communicated.
10. Confidentiality is respected.
11. Queries are handled effectively and discreetly.
12. Website and Skoolbag App are an effective source of information.

COMMENTS

The one aspect I most like about the school administration is -

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The one aspect I would like to see the school administration improve is -

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Other comments:

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ARIAH PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: 11 March 2014
OPENING TIME: 8.10pm
LOCATION: Ariah Park Central School Library

Chair: Michael Denyer
Minutes: Louise O’Dwyer

Present: Justin Dunn, Peter Harper, Tracey Buerckner, Debbie Worland, Alice French, Alyce Daniher, Stacie Ostle, Josh Radnidge, Cathy Drumore, Carol Heward, Sam Dart, Joel Fairman, Karin Walker

Apologies: John Walker, Rhonda Johnstone, Rhonda Ryall, Susanne Furphy, Cameron Furphy, Ken Fairman, Bronwyn Fairman, Wendy Walker

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<td>The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true and accurate record.</td>
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<td>M: Tracey Buerckner</td>
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<td>2. Business arising from previous minutes</td>
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<td>3. Correspondence</td>
<td>- Letter and photos received from Mitch Maguire thanking P &amp; C for financial support towards his football trips to Broken Hill, Darwin and South Africa.</td>
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<td>- Thank you letter received from School Sports Coordinator Alyce Daniher regarding our assistance at the swimming carnival</td>
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4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer’s report was read by Tracey Buerckner and accepted by the meeting.

M: Tracey Buerckner
S: Peter Harper

CARRIED

5. Canteen Report

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6. SRC Report

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7. Welfare Committee

Cathy Drumore spoke briefly on the draft School Discipline Policy which has been modified this month. She provided the meeting with copies and asked those present to read the draft. Will discuss any issues next meeting.

8. School Finance Report

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9. Principal’s Report

Justin spoke on the following:
- Staffing- Alyce Daniher announced she would be leaving at the end of the term. Michael Denyer thanked Alyce on behalf of the P&C for her commitment and dedication to the school and the students. We wish her well for the future.
- Justin called for a P&C representative to sit on the interviewing panel when finding a replacement teacher for Alyce. Carol Heward and Sam Dart are both available for this process at this stage.
- Brophy Place/front garden/tree removal
- Canteen air conditioner repaired
- A Trade Skills Governance Group will need to be formed- will keep us informed about this
- School fee invoicing system working well
10. General Business

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<td>- Joel to run silent auction on the day</td>
<td>Justin/Tracey</td>
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<td>- Stacie/hospitality student providing Mexican food and Coffee</td>
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<td>- Temora Ex-Services Club to arrange printing and distribution of fete</td>
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<td>flyer, will have own advertisement on it</td>
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<td>- 2 Stall holders at this stage</td>
<td>Justin/Mick/Nodsa/</td>
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<td>- Cow pat bingo to go ahead- milking cow located</td>
<td>Rhonda</td>
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<td>- Face painting- Erin O’Hare and Tania Jones</td>
<td>Josh</td>
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<td>- Josh looking into the possible purchase of 60 mixed Show Bags and</td>
<td>John Worland</td>
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<td>some Lucky Dips</td>
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<td>- Silent auction items in Wagga</td>
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<td>- Raffle is under way. Groceries to be donated at supermarket, post</td>
<td>Karin</td>
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<td>office, front office. Wood to be cut.</td>
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<td>- Sharon Beattie is coming with carriage rides</td>
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<td>- Rotary train from 1pm approx.</td>
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11. Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

12. Next Meeting Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} May 2014 @ 7.30pm

Michael Denyer...............  Louise O’Dwyer....................
PRESIDENT                      SECRETARY

THIS IS A TRUE & CORRECT ACCOUNT OF THE MINUTES FROM THIS MEETING.

Thank you for your support and attendance
It is appreciated
Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children who are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.
Ariah Park Hotel
Under new ownership
Opening hours daily 11am-late, Counter Meals 7 days a week (Lunch & Dinner)
Thai is back! Friday and Saturday nights - Bookings essential
call Sarah on 0421320423 or the pub (02) 69741068
Find us on facebook www.facebook.com/ariah.parkhotel.9

Museum in a Box presents........
Echidnas
❖ Information
❖ Diorama
❖ Touching specimens
❖ Stories
At….Temora Library from 10th March until 28th March 2014
Come and learn about our unique prickly monotreme

Coolamon Sport & Recreation Club
22nd March 2014
2.00pm - 10.00pm
FREE ENTRY

Live Entertainers, Markets
Hot Rod/Street Car Display
Free Kids Amusements
Lions Club/Rotary BBQ, Woodfired Pizzas, Pancakes, Fairy Floss, Snow Cones available for purchase on the day
Suicide Awareness/ Prevention Concert
Hosted by Coolamon Lions Club
STRICTLY NO BYO
ANZ NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s introductory program for netball. It has been developed to provide children from the age of 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience that enables them to develop a positive introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

**Venue:** Ariah Park Sport and Recreation Ground  
**Commences:** 16/05/14 (week 3, term 2)  
**Estimated finish date:** 01/08/14  
**Time:** Friday After School 3.45pm (sessions run for around an hour)  
**Cost:** 70 per child (this includes registration fees, a Gilbert Netball, an ANZ netball t-shirt, and a Sydney Swifts pencil case)  
**Contact details:** Amanda Writer – 0428850025  
**Email:** ajwriter@live.com.au  
Please contact me so I can email Registration forms and information to you.  
**Registration will close 10th April, as packs need to be ordered in advance.**  
**Look forward to seeing you all again this year!!**  
**Look us up on Facebook - www.facebook.com/ariahparknetsetgo**
Jo’s Pink Day Shirts

If people are interested in purchasing a Pink Shirt from “Jo’s Pink Day” we will be putting in an order next Wednesday 26th March. The shirts will be $28 each and payment will also be needed by next Wednesday. For orders or more information please contact: Leonie Fairman (0428 752 613) or Jamie Judd (0419 562 241). We do have some sizes if people would like to try one on.

CPR Refresher Course

There is a CPR Refresher course run by the Red Cross being held in Ariah Park, for anyone needing to update their CPR qualification. Details are:

Date: Monday 24th March
Time: 6:00pm
Location: APK Football Clubroom
Cost: $70.00
Prerequisite: The prerequisite for this course is a current CPR Statement of Attainment gained within the last 12 months.

Please advise Lucy Prentice, 6975 2772, 0409 544080 or lucycprentice@gmail.com by Wednesday 19th March if you would like to attend.

Suicide Intervention Training

For Community Members

Learn to:
– Recognise the signs of suicide
– Ask clearly and directly about suicide
– Find further support

Cost: $10 (afternoon tea to be provided)
Date: Saturday, April 12th, 2014
Time: 1pm – 4pm
Location: Wagga Wagga Council Chambers
Places are limited.
To register please call Daniel
on 0447 231 080 or email
wwrspn@gmail.com
facebook.com/wwrspn

Wagga Wagga & Region
Suicide Prevention Network inc.
ICAS – Expressions of Interest
My son/daughter .................................................................................... is interested in completing the following tests.

Please Tick:

- Computer Skills
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Spelling
- Writing

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Parent/Guardian  Date