FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Congratulations to the Year 5/6 class for running a great assembly, especially with such limited numbers. This Friday’s school assembly will be run by the Year 1 class and will start at 11.00 am. We do hope to see you there.

State Knockout Netball Gala Day – The Holbrook Public School netball team participated in a gala day at Henty on Friday, 29 May. In the first round of the state knockout, the team played against Henty Public School. During this game, the girls played extremely well as a team by making quick leads, which made the ball movement down the court very quick and smooth. Holbrook Public School ended up winning this game 17 goals to 16.

After the first round, they had a short lunch break and then played a very skilled Combined Small Schools team. The Holbrook Public School girls started off with great defensive play and were all working extremely hard to take the ball down to our attacking end. The final score for this game was 20 to 9. All of the girls must be commended for their courage, teamwork and perseverance as they never gave up! Congratulations.

Southern Riverina Athletics Carnival – This will be held this Thursday in Albury. I wish the school team all the very best.

Riverina Dance Festival – This will be held this Friday in Albury. We wish our dancers and Mrs Preston all the very best as they perform on the big stage. I know they have been working very hard and I’m very confident they will represent our school very proudly. Enjoy the experience!

Public Holiday – Monday 8 June is a Public Holiday, so obviously no school. We resume as normal on Tuesday, 9 June. Enjoy your long weekend.

Jason Weaven
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 5 June: Sophie Hearn
Monday 8 June: Phoebe Gulliver
Friday 12 June: Chrissy Capell
LOST PROPERTY

With only four weeks until the end of Term 2, please take the time to have a look through the lost property box, located in the library. Any items that remain unclaimed by the end of the term will be either taken to the Op Shop or placed in second hand clothing.

SPARE LAPTOPS WANTED

We are asking for donations of spare laptops for Meg’s Children Nepal. Meg’s Children Nepal is an Australian, not for profit charitable trust, which supports and enhances the lives of 20 Nepalese children who do not have family to cater for their basic needs.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Alex Power, Year 1

Aaron Gamble, Year 2

AWARDS

Miss Mills
Isaac Bennetts – For using great strategies in maths
Isabelle Gamble – For settling into Kindergarten routines extremely well
Henry Nevinson – For a great improvement in maths

Miss Luff
Thomas Black – A great understanding of capacity
Dominic Valena – Excellent listening skills

Miss Murphy
Beau Meyers – For terrific effort during our writing tasks this week
Archie Swan – For being a very helpful and friendly classmate
**Mrs Preston**
Izabella Bartels-Waller – Accurately and neatly recording vertical and horizontal lines.
Will Gunn – For becoming a mature, conscientious learner.

**Mr Preston**
Heidi Klose – For writing excellent catalogue poems during literacy.
Lily Walters – For writing a very informative recount on “My Weekend”.

**Miss Lavis**
Liz Holt – Excellent results with “Kick It”.
Angus Swan – A fantastic effort with his poetry.

**Miss Peterson**
Tia Charles – Always trying her hardest in maths.
Oscar Southwell – His creative and sunny poetry writing.

**Mrs Wedgwood**
Ellen Mathie – Dedication and total commitment to all school activities.
Maddy Wheeler – Always giving 100% effort.

**VALUES AWARDS – DEMOCRACY**
**Junior:** Wil King
**Senior:** Michael Walters

**STAR CARD WINNERS**
**Yellow Playground Star Cards**
Annabel Pincott, Molly Pitzen

**Blue Classroom Star Cards**
Tia Charles, Logan Wright

**25 NIGHTS READING AWARD**
Isabelle Gamble

**50 NIGHTS READING AWARD**
Eleanor Coats, Sophie Ellison, Jim Henry

**75 NIGHTS READING AWARD**
Harriet Bull, Sophie Ellison, Aaron Gamble, Angus Geddes, Ned Harrison, Dominic Valena, Isabel Yensch

**100 NIGHTS READING AWARD**
Cooper Glass, Lachie Parker, Zac Spencer, William Wood

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**
Jack de Steiger, Alex Gunn, Olivia King, Ella Lieschke, Hamish Livermore, Portia Martin, Julia Mathie

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AUSKICK NEWS

With the football season is well under way and we need to start planning for the annual Football Carnival at Rand.
This is to be held on Sunday 26 July at Rand Sports Ground. We will be fielding three teams again this year in the 8 and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under. Parents are required to let the Auskick team know if they are available to participate on the day.

...that this month’s artwork in the office foyer has been created by Kindergarten.
If you haven’t already done so, please drop into the office and have a look.
Don’t be daft about Minecraft

Minecraft may be the best trend to hit boy world in years. Writer Jason Fox explains the attraction and outlines the benefits for kids.

Minecraft is an infinite, non-winnable game. Unlike a book, a game of chess, or a football match, a Minecraft game doesn’t end. There’s always more that can be explored, and more that can be done. The projects you undertake in Minecraft are self-initiated: no one is telling you what to do. And the process of making progress within Minecraft is completely autonomous – no one is telling you how to execute your projects and achieve your goals. It’s self-regulated learning at its finest.

But parents are worried. And rightfully so, to a degree. Too much of a good thing can be a bad thing.

But some parents are freaking out about the amount of time their kids are investing in the game, and are imposing blanket bans of it without first understanding its magic.

So, let’s have a look at what makes Minecraft so engaging, why blanket bans aren’t a good idea, and how to manage your child’s play.

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1 Show genuine interest
(this should be your first step)
If your child plays Minecraft, ask them to take you on a tour. Show an interest in their passion, and ask them questions like: what are you trying to build? What are your goals? What are the steps you need to take? What’s the coolest thing you’ve found? Set aside at least an hour for this. It’s highly likely they’d love the chance to share this with you, which will help you to open up a new level of connection with them.

2 Encourage interactivity correctly
Minecraft’s multiplayer mode allows your child to play and build in the same online world as their friends.

But remember: there are a lot of idiots on the internet, so do the following two things:

a) Create your own server or ‘whitelist’ – it’s like having an invite-only friend list.

b) Use a family-friendly server – you can Google these to find the right one to play in.

3 Don’t ban – bracket
Raging something like Minecraft should be the very last resort, as it usually only serves to enhance the craving for it. Instead, make it part of their daily ‘free time’. Try not to have this at the end of the day or make it contingent on homework being completed, as this may only create angst, rushed homework and late nights. After school is best, especially if it’s bracketed by dinnertime, where all phones and computers are turned off.

My true hope is that you give option #1 a very good shot first. And if #1, #2, #3 don’t work, I’m hoping you’ve found them an even better game to play.

Jason Fox

CHECK OUT MINECRAFT:

Check out the Minecraft review at The Parent’s Guide to Video Games:

And this wonderful article from Penny Flanagan of Kidsport:

And finally, check out the brilliant work of Dean Groom and Massively
Minecraft (a place for both kids and parents to play):
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