FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Congratulations to the Year 4/5 class for running a great assembly. This Friday’s school assembly will be run by the Kindergarten class and will start at 11.00 am. We do hope to see you there.

Schools Spectacular Choir – We recently received wonderful news that 5 of our students have been selected as part of the choir for this year’s Schools Spectacular in Sydney from 26 to 28 November. This is fantastic news that we are all very excited about and is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to Emily Black, Eliza Capell, Liz Holt, Janita Nickel and Amelia Tepper who will proudly represent our school. I know the girls will enjoy this once in a lifetime opportunity to perform in the biggest event of the school year, with around 10,000 people watching live and many more on TV.

Riverina Cross Country Carnival – This was held in Gundagai, last Thursday. Congratulations to all the students who represented the Southern Riverina Zone and our school. Big congratulations go to Will Satchell and Claire Cottrell who made the Riverina team after finishing 2nd and 5th respectively. They will now compete at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Carnival to

Debating – Last Friday, our junior and senior teams debated St Paul’s Henty. The senior team consisting of Phoebe Emerson, Kasey Henry, Aylee Jenkyn and Ellen Mathie debated that “children shouldn’t watch television news”. They performed extremely well and won their debate. The junior team comprising Kate Bulle, Amelia Hearn, Portia Martin and Anna Pitzen had the difficult topic of “aliens do exist”. They too, won the debate. Both teams spoke for the affirmative. Henry Gulliver and Jasmine Young were our public
speakers and both gave humorous talks about “I wish”. Thank you to Emily Bowman from Billabong High School who was the adjudicator for the day. She did a wonderful job.

**Engraved Pavers and New Garden Area** – This is now finished off and looks fantastic. A big thank you to the School P&C for organising the engraved pavers, particularly Sophie Hearn, who did a lot of work with this. There are nearly 120 new engraved pavers, so if you purchased one, you will have to come and have a look. We had to replace the wooden garden bed as a result of damage sustained during a storm last year. The new sandstone garden edging also acts as a seat for the students. We have organised plants to go in there soon, making it a great area for the students to enjoy.

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**New engraved pavers**

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**Student Reports** – These will go home addressed to parents this Wednesday, 17 June. There will be information included with these reports about the Parent/Teacher Interview Evening, which will be held on Wednesday 24 June from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm in our school hall.

**Year 5 Riverina Environmental Education Centre Visit** – Students in Year 5 were selected to attend this talented program in Wagga this week. They will attend in two groups on two separate days. I’m sure Logan Buswell, Ella Cheshire, Cordelia Clarke, Claire Cottrell, Abby Holt, Rohan Jepson, Oscar Southwell and Fletcher Weaven will really benefit from the experience.

**NSW State Knockout Basketball Competition** – Good luck to our school boys’ and girls’ basketball teams as they play against Kooringal Public School this Thursday in Wagga.

**Riverina Girls Touch Football Trials** – All the best to Kasey Henry and Lara Pardey who will attend the Riverina Trials in Griffith this Friday.

**Southern Riverina Athletics Carnival** – The final results are below with the students in bold who have qualified for the Riverina Athletics Carnival to be held in Term 3 on Monday, 31 August in Albury.

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Congratulations to all the students for their wonderful efforts, especially Amelia Hearn, Junior Girl Champion and Claire Cottrell, 11 years Champion Runner-up.

- **Will Satchell** – 1st Junior 800m
- **Henry Gulliver** – 3rd 11yrs 800m
- **Jack de Steiger** – 1st Senior 800m
  - 3rd Senior High Jump
- **Claire Cottrell** – 1st 11yrs 800m
  - 3rd 11yrs Long Jump
  - 3rd 11yrs High Jump
- **Sam de Steiger** – 2nd 9yrs 100m
- **Logan Wright** – 3rd 11yrs 100m
- **Maddie Black** – 2nd 9yrs 100m
  - 3rd Junior 200m
- **Amelia Hearn** – 1st 10yrs 100m
  - 2nd Junior Long Jump
  - 1st in Junior Discus
- **Kate Bulle** – 2nd 10yrs 100m
  - 1st Junior High Jump
- **Rohan Jepson** – 2nd 11yrs 200m
  - 3rd 11yrs High Jump
- **Tia Charles** – 3rd 11yrs 200m
  - 3rd 11yrs 100m
  - 3rd 11yrs Discus
  - 3rd 11yrs Shot Put
- **Seth Webb** – 2nd 11yrs Discus
- **Braydon Eddy** – 2nd Senior Discus
  - 1st Senior Shot Put
- **Angus Wright** – 2nd Junior Discus

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**Junior Girls Relay** – 1st (Amelia Hearn, Maddie Black, Olivia King, Kate Bulle)

**Junior Boys Relay** – 3rd (Will Satchell, Sam de Steiger, Kaden Cheshire, Angus Wright)

**Senior Girls Relay** – 3rd (Claire Cottrell, Tia Charles, Matilda Preston, Phoebe Emerson)

**Senior Boys Relay** – 3rd (Logan Wright, Rohan Jepson, Jack de Steiger, Henry Gulliver)

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 19 June: Tracy Swan
Monday 22 June: Liz de Steiger
Friday 26 June: **NO LUNCH ORDERS**

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TERM 3**

If you have some free time in your calendar in Term 3 to help with the canteen on Monday and/or Friday mornings, please email Georgie Millard on georgy2@tpg.com.au. Not only is the process simple, it only takes around 45 minutes out of your day and your child loves to see you there.
**LOST POLAR FLEECE**

1x Size 10 Polar fleece with “Holt” written on the label. Please check to see that your child hasn’t accidentally taken home someone else’s jacket.

**LOST PROPERTY**

With only **two weeks** until the end of Term 2, please take the time to have a look through the lost property box, located in the office. 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.

**CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS FIELD TRIP**

On Thursday 11 June, the Creative Catchment students, Jade Hunt, Maggie Jamieson, Ben Klose, Ellen Mathie and Michael Walters went to Robert Bulle’s farm, “Ardrossan”. They drove around his beautiful farm and looked at the donkeys that protect his sheep from wild dogs. The students learnt about why and how the wild dogs attack the sheep as well as how the donkeys protect them. They all had a fun time at the farm and learnt a lot about donkeys. Thank you Robert Bulle for having us.

**RIVERINA PSSA CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Thursday, six of our students travelled to Gundagai to compete in the Riverina PSSA Cross Country Carnival. Tia Charles, Henry Gulliver, Ewan Mackinlay, Claire Cottrell, Will Satchell and Olivia King competed at the Gundagai Showgrounds on what they described at a “flat” course. Each student ran their best and showed great sportsmanship. Two students, Claire and Will, were successful in making the Riverina team to compete at the State Cross Country carnival. Claire Cottrell came 5th in her race and Will Satchell came second in his race. The other students’ results were Henry 22nd, Ewan 21st, Tia 26th and Olivia 11th. A big thank you to the parents who transported the students to Gundagai and watched them compete.

Chrissy Lavis
Cross Country Co-ordinator

**P&C News**

**THANK YOU**

Firstly, thank you, thank you, and thank you to everyone that has volunteered their time to help with the Landcare luncheon. We have had an amazing response and are very appreciative.

**P&C MEETING**

Next meeting is at 6.30 pm Wednesday 10 June 2015. We would love to see you there!

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

We are now looking for parents of footy players that can help in the canteen for the Tony Lockett Shield Gala Day on Thursday 25 June 2015.

- **Morning Shift:** 9.00 am to 12.00 pm
- **Afternoon Shift:** 12.00 pm-3.00 pm

We will also need a few slices for the day.

Please contact Margot Pitzen for more information on 0407 658 401.

**FOR SALE**

Two barbecues for sale. Please make a donation to the P&C.

**FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

**PRE-Loved Uniforms IN STOCK NOW!**

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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

Dominic Valena, Kindergarten

Emily Black, Year 4/5

AWARDS

Miss Mills
Miriam Coats – For taking great pride in the presentation of her work
Cooper Glass – For hard work and determination to succeed

Miss Luff
Isobel Atkinson – For being a kind, dedicated and resilient student
Alex Gunn – Always being focused and giving 100%

Miss Murphy
Ned Harrison – For excellent effort during our writing tasks this week
Hayley Vankerkoerle – For being a polite and friendly class member

Mrs Preston
Eleanor Coats – For wonderful reading and comprehension skills
Oscar Preston – For improved care and quality in the presentation of bookwork

Mr Preston
Maddie Black – For great improvement in her bookwork
Jezabella Wheeler – For working very well during literacy

Miss Lavis
Portia Martin – 100% in her weekly maths test
Ellen Mathie – Working hard in English

Miss Peterson
Isabella Harrison – A terrific effort in all writing tasks
Aaron Heritage – A great understanding of capacity

Mrs Wedgwood
Jack de Steiger – Persistence and resilience
Hamish Watson – Continuous improvement in maths

Mr Weaven
Georgie Cardile – For a great effort in writing
Alex Gunn – For a great effort in writing
Nethanael Tepper – For an outstanding display of mathematical skills
Aiden Walmsley – For outstanding reading (he made no mistakes)
Reuben Wilton – For a great effort in writing

VALUES AWARDS – PARTICIPATION

Junior: Caidence Meyers
Senior: Digby Gulliver

STAR CARD WINNERS

Yellow Playground Star Cards
Annabelle Bickley

Blue Classroom Star Cards
Audrey Lieschke and Angus Wright

50 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Oscar Preston

75 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Jim Henry, Wil Jenkyn, Lachlan Kingston, Cruz Schirmer, Izak Schirmer, Hayley Vankerkoerle, Aiden Walmsley

100 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Isaac Bennetts, Aylee Jenkyn, Ella Lieschke, Jasmine Lieschke, Madison Lumsden, Millie Walsh, Isabella Weaven

125 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Aylee Jenkyn, Amelia Tepper
150 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Nethanael Tepper

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Emily Black, Thomas Black, Harriet Bull, Kate Bulle, Archie Gunn, Audrey Lieschke, Zoey Meredith, Annabel Pincott,

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There are just nine more school days until school holidays. Students return Tuesday 14 July. Winter uniform is still worn.
FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics is offering school holiday programs in both Albury and Wodonga, running in both weeks of the holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two-hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline and dance gym workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to this sport. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127 in Albury or (02) 60241129 in Wodonga or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

BILLABONG LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Henty is looking at getting a Little Athletics Centre up and running again. Little athletics is for children aged between 3 and 16 years. The season starts in September and goes through to March.

If you are interested you are invited to attend the Information Meeting which will be conducted at the place and time detailed below:

WHERE: Club House, Henty Sports Ground, HENTY
WHEN: Monday, 22 June 2015
TIME: 4:30 pm
CONTACT: Chantelle at LANSW 02 9633 4511 or Sue Bourke (Henty) 0429 167 177

Information brochures regarding Little Athletics NSW are available from the office at school.
AUSKICK/THURSDAY FOOTBALL

Auskick and Thursday football will be taking a break during school holidays. We will play up until and including Friday 26 June then we will have a two week break. We will recommence again on Thursday 9 July. Parents are required to let the Auskick coordinators know if their child is interested in playing at the Rand Football carnival as soon as possible. Our Auskick centre has been lucky enough to be given the opportunity to send 8 kids to play at the MCG in July. Parents of the children selected have been notified. It has been a tough decision as we currently have 63 kids registered.

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FREE KIDS’ COMEDY SHOW

These school holidays, comedian Sean Murphy is performing Kids’ Party Confidential for free! The show was nominated as a highlight of the 2014 Sydney Fringe Festival and will be in town for two shows:

Monday, 29 June: Lavington Library at 11:30 am
Albury LibraryMuseum at 2:30 pm

To book, please call 02 6023 8349 or visit learningoutreach@alburycity.nsw.gov.au with your preferred location and number of tickets. Bookings are free, with an optional gold coin donation on the day. Suitable for adults, teens and children aged 5+.
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder … always does her best … lacks concentration … easily distracted … a pleasure to teach … Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. **Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?**
   - Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pinch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. **Do you believe that children learn at different rates?**
   - There are slow bloomers, late developers and steadies-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. **Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?**
   - Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc., which are for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Is or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.


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