Important Dates

Week 5  
Friday 22nd May  
P&C Cooking Day  
Tacos!!

Week 6  
Mon 25 May  
Unknown Soldier  
Civic Theatre Wagga  
Yrs3 –6  
Clare to Recorder Camp  
Friday 29 May  
Netball Knockout at  
Henty - Hannah

Week 7  
Thursday 4th June  
Southern Riverina Athletics Albury

Photographs: Lachlan reads “Me and Moo” to the infants students during our Wednesday storytime lunch program.
Hello Everyone!

Two weeks is a long time in 'school world' and I have a lot to report on this newsletter! I thought I'd begin by informing you of a change in the primary class timetable. I have decided to conduct Numeracy lessons in the morning block from 9:30am - 11:00am and Literacy will now be from 11:30am - 1:00pm. My main reason for this is that I need to raise the students numeracy standards as identified in recent assessments and studies show the optimum learning time for students is from 8:30am to 11:00am. This is the time where they are most alert and engaged and absorbed in their content. This will be a trial for term 2 and I will communicate at a later stage if our timetable is to remain this way or revert back to Literacy first. Already I am seeing an improvement in Numeracy across the whole class. We welcome Miss Belinda Cain back to school this week, and look forward to her 3 week block in weeks 8, 9 and 10.

Homework plans are due to be reviewed this week, so please contact the school if you would like anything changed from what was discussed and agreed upon last term. In school assessments have started this week and will continue until we have enough evidence and data to accurately report on your child's progress. Reports will go out in week 9 and Parent Teacher Interviews will be in week 10.

NAPLAN
Last week students in Year 3 and 5 participated in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). I was very impressed by their attitude towards participation, and giving it their best shot. NAPLAN is a snapshot in time of how they are performing on that day. Results and data are reported back to us in August and we have access to resources to help us address any weaknesses identified.

Stage Day
Yesterday we all travelled to Yerong Creek to participate in the Greater Kengal Stage Day. All students worked in their stage groups (Early Stage 1- Kinder, Stage 1- Year 1/2, Stage 2- Year 3/4, Stage 3- Year 5/6) for the whole day with the same teachers. We had a poetry focus for the day where some interesting pieces of work were produced. After a BBQ lunch provided by Yerong Creek P and C, the GKN Year 6 students ran a tabloid/games session. It was a fantastic social and learning experience for all involved.

Recorder Camp
Next week Clare Ratcliffe is participating in the Riverina Recorder and Strings Camp at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. She will join public school students from all over the Riverina, with Mrs Gollasch and other highly accomplished tutors for a week of learning music and socialisation skills. Clare will provide a written report in the next newsletter.

Primary Excursion
On Monday 25th May, the primary students will be travelling with Mrs Routley to Wagga for an excursion with the other GKN students. We will be visiting the Wagga Museum where there is an exhibition on aboriginal soldiers, the Victory Memorial Gardens for a visit to the eternal flame, and finishing with a live performance at the Civic Theatre titled "The Unknown Soldier". This will be the culmination of all our work last term on the ANZACs and World War 1. We will leave school when the bus arrives and return by home time. Students are to bring their recess, lunch and water bottle. Students are to wear their formal winter uniform.

Netball Knockout
On Friday 29th May, Hannah will travel to Henty to participate in a netball knockout day. The GKN of schools will form a netball team, and will be under the coaching direction of Mrs Carla Fletcher of Lockhart Central School. Good luck Hannah!!

Southern Riverina Athletics
Congratulations to the following 4 students for progressing to the SR Athletics carnival to be held in Albury on Thursday 4th June:
Hayden Westblade- 9 Years Boys 100m / PP6 relay
Michael Barker Smith- 9 years Boys 100m / PP6 relay
Luke Westblade - 11 years Boys 800m, 200m, 100m, Junior Boys high jump, long jump, shot put, discus and PP6 relay
Hannah Patey- 10 years girls 800m, 200m, 100m, Junior Girls high jump, long jump and PP6 relay
Travel will be by private car and the supervising teacher will be Mrs Carla Fletcher from Lockhart Central School.

Riverina Cross Country
Hannah Patey is participating in the Riverina Cross Country to be held on Thursday 11th June at Gundagai. Congratulations on this honour Hannah and try your best running in those big hills!

School Councillor
Our school councillor, Eileen Knox, has been to visit us today. She will be back next term so please contact me at school if you think your child would benefit from meeting with Eileen.

Liss Routley– Principal