

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 22 May 2015

Junior Campus Term 2 Week 4

## *Dates to Remember*

**Reminder: New phone nos Preschool 61423564 Junior Campus 61423555 Senior Campus 61423550**

Mon 25 May	Constable Kenny Koala visit Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 26 May	Pelicans to Fadden Pines
Wed 27 to Fri 29 May	4/5 Camp
Fri 29 May	Rosellas to Fadden Pines
Tue 2 June	Pelicans PJ Day and Year 5 Combined Band at Monash
Fri 5 June	Rosellas PJ Day and Assembly
Mon 8 June	Queen's birthday public holiday.

## Deputy Principals Report

Dear families,

Congratulations to children in years 3 and 5 for having such a positive 'can do' attitude towards NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN tests are not the only way in which children can demonstrate their learning; work in their books, the discussions they have in class, models they build, games they play, participation in classroom activities and events are just a few other ways in which children show us their rich and diverse knowledge and skills. NAPLAN results give the school an idea of where we might need to focus our learning programs to meet the needs of our students.

**Camp:** Next week many of the children in years 4 and 5 will be attending camp, just outside of Cooma. This will be an excellent time for them although it may be cold, so make sure you pack warm clothes. Camp gives children a fantastic experience of outdoor education, challenges and rewards. I look forward to hearing their stories on their return.

**Road Safety:** Thank you to parents and families for taking notice of the new bollards around the carpark. Please keep driving very slowly in and around the school. In the ACT helmets are a requirement when riding a push bike. A number of children are riding to school without their helmets on. I am asking children not to ride their bikes or scooters on the foot path directly outside the front of the school. We have had some smaller children hit unintentionally by both push bike riders and scooters. We have received a few reports of children not paying attention to the traffic when crossing the road. In the near future we will be beginning a program around road safety awareness, so please keep encouraging your child to be very careful when crossing the road.

**Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone who supported the children raising money for Nepal earthquake. Our gold coin donation dress up day raised \$284.30. This will be going to the official Kids Give organisation; money raised will support aid in Nepal.

**Reports this term:** Term 2 is a reporting term, it is expected reports will be going home on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. An option for an interview with your child's class teacher before the end of term will be offered. If you require a discussion with a teacher before this time you are very welcome to contact the teacher or a member of executive.



**Parents helping in classrooms:** In our kindergarten and year one and two units we have set up parent helper areas. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have a little bit of time to come and listen to children read or help in some other way. We do need you to get your *Working With Vulnerable People* card through Canberra Connect. We love parents who can help in our older grades too.

**P and C:** A huge thank you to the members of our P and C who work very hard for our school. A letter has gone home regarding vacancies on the committee this year. If you think you might be interested please and have any questions, please contact the P&C via the front office.

Have a great weekend

Regards

Sally Alexander

## **English As an Additional Language and Dialect (EALD)**

At Caroline Chisholm School teachers strive to create the following conditions for EALD students to create optimum learning environments which benefit all learners!

- provide many and varied opportunities for learners to use and practice their English
- immersion in an English speaking classroom environment
- language attempts are respected and valued
- teachers repeated demonstration in a variety of ways, eg. orally, pictorially, gestures.
- engagement - provide tasks that have interest to the learner
- expectation that students will learn
- giving learners responsibility to make decisions
- feedback that is relevant and timely. This includes comprehension, meaning, vocabulary and grammar.

An important area for all learners, and in particular students with English as their second language, is extending vocabulary. A fun way to focus on vocabulary extension is the game "Say 4 Things". This game can be varied by asking students to put phrases in different tenses, eg. past, present, future. This game can be tailored to students' current literacy, maths, history and science learning by changing the "Say 4 Things" content. I use this approach with individuals or small groups to support our school literacy approach using the First Steps program.

All the best for Term 2!

Meg Rowe

## **Indonesian**

Why learn Indonesian?

1. It is fun- Indonesians are very friendly people and there are lots of interesting things to learn about Indonesia. Their clothes and the songs they sing are simply awesome.
2. It is easy to learn- it shares the same alphabet with English and borrows many terms from other languages- This makes it even easier. Pencil is pensil in Indonesian and Komputer is what it says albeit spelt differently.
3. It will help you get a job. Bilingualism- knowing two languages really helps in giving you the edge when applying for jobs.
4. It might just make you a better person-the experience will challenge you to think outside your comfort zone.
5. Indonesia is our nearest neighbour and we are being good neighbours if we know the language and can connect with them.

Here is what a Year 3 student had to say about learning Indonesian:

I think learning Indonesian will improve your learning and it will make kids smarter. It helps you to solve problems and get a good job and helps you remember things better. Michael B

This term in Indonesian, the Kindy classes are making number booklets to show off their knowledge of numbers whilst the rest of the school will be learning about colours in Indonesian using Ipads, and learning how to describe nouns using Indonesian colours. Last term, many classes put together a booklet about themselves in Indonesian

Some Indonesian words the children will be learning this term include:

Merah-Red

Biru- Blue

Hijau- Green  
Kuning- Yellow  
Putih- white  
Hitam- Black  
Jingga- orange  
Ungu pronounced UNG NGU –purple with the ng sound emphasised  
Cokelat – brown  
Abu-abu- grey

This is song I have been teaching the classes-  
Sung to the tune of 'If you are happy and you know it'

Merah, Biru, Hijau, Kuning clap clap

Merah, Biru, Hijau, Kuning clap clap

Merah is Red and

Biru is Blue

Hijau is Green and

Kuning is yellow

Once they have learnt the above colours, then I will replace the words with Jingga, Ungu, Cokelat and abu-abu.

Salam

Ibu Ramesh

## **SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Last week we had a visit from our CommBank Liaison Susan Summers and the Dollarmite character Pru. They spoke to us about the School Banking Program and showed us the exciting new rewards available this term. Many of our bankers have 10 tokens, or near to 10, and are eligible for a reward. Please enclose your tokens with the coupon of the item you wish to redeem and send it along with your banking on Friday. Rewards are sent from Sydney and usually take a week to arrive.

All these rewards are available to order this Term until further notice:

Planet Handball, ET DVD, Intergalactic Rocket, Invisible Pens, Blue Wallet 2013, Knuckles Game 2013, Headphones 2013, Projector Cup 2014, Shark Keyring 2014, Scented Pencils 2014, Swim Bag 2014.

**Competition:** CommBank is running a Disneyland competition throughout this year. Students need to make 25 deposits in 2015 to be eligible. Many of your regular bankers are well on their way to this target. If you would like to enter and have not banked yet at school this year, you must start by May 29<sup>th</sup> and continue each week in order to achieve the 25 deposits required.

We look forward to handing out many more rewards in the coming weeks.

Happy Banking

Fiona & Debby