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Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter 2020 Issue 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 5, and almost the middle of Term 1 already - it certainly has gone quickly!

Coming up over the next fortnight we have GRIP Leadership on Wednesday 4th March with the Year 6 students travelling to Adelaide with Mr Lawson and the Moorook Primary School students, to learn and practice their leadership skills. On Friday 6th March there is a scheduled Pupil Free Day followed by the Public Holiday on Monday 9th March, and the 11th March sees some BLA students attend the Young Environmental Leaders Day and the whole school compete in CoKoMo Sports Day on the 12th March at Cobdogla Town Oval. This year, KOMPS and Moorook Primary School will be organising the catering for CoKoMo Sports Day, and we will be looking for some parent volunteers to assist with this on and prior to the day. Please look out for a note coming home and notify us if you are able to support, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you to all of the families and staff who supported our BINGO Fundraiser at the Barmera Club in Week 3. Unfortunately this year attendance was down as we had many families and community members unable to participate; however, we were still able to raise a total of \$330.00 for the school. A big thank you to Bronwyn Foote for your organisation, Vicki Packer, Kaye Pope and Michelle Pope for your time with additional food preparation, and all families who donated food or raffle prizes for the event - your time and support of the school and students is recognised and valued.

Congratulations to Kane Ogle who has made the Riverland School Sport Swimming Team as a part of the 10 year old boys Relay team, who will compete in Adelaide on Friday 27th March. Congratulations also to Wesley Marks and Jarrod May who came second overall in their age group for Breaststroke at the Swimming in Week 3, narrowly missing out on a place to represent in Adelaide - there is always next year!

Lastly, notes for our Years 3-7 Woodhouse Camp have gone home and with just over two weeks to go it will be here before we know it! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Mr Lawson.

Wishing you a great fortnight.

Kindest Regards,
Natalie Coote

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to inform the school of any planned or unplanned student absences. This may be a written, verbal or phone explanation prior to, or 'on the day' and a follow up note in your child's message book/diary the next day. This will help the school to maintain accurate records.

Our 2019 attendance target is 96% or greater



Year to Date (2020)

The average daily attendance rate Year to Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 10/02/2020



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 10/02/2020



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2020

- Wednesday 4th - GRIP Leadership
- Friday 6th - Pupil Free Day
- Monday 9th - Public Holiday

MARCH 2020

- Thursday 12th - CoKoMo Sports Day
- Friday 13th - Choir Rehearsal
- Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th - Woodhouse Camp

MARCH 2020

- Friday 20th - JAM Band

APRIL 2020

- Thursday 2nd - School Sport Athletics

Handy Hint: Cut me off and put me on your fridge!

Playgroup

This week at playgroup saw lots of bubble fun outside in our outdoor play area. We also read the book "Goat on a Boat" which led to the children guessing why on earth there would be a goat on a boat?

Last week we focused on imagination after reading the book "Imagination". The children wrote their name on paper with a white crayon and then painted over it to show their names - highlighting a similarity to how their imaginations work!

Playgroup runs every Tuesday morning of the school term 9-11am. All welcome for a gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will run from **8:30 - 8:40** each morning in the Admin kitchen. If your child requires breakfast please encourage them to see a staff member.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will be available in the Library every afternoon from **3:15 - 3:30** for any students requiring assistance with reading or their homework. Staff are rostered on as below:



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Miss Logos
Mrs Bevan
Mr Lawson
Mrs Coote
Mrs Coote



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our assembly award winners:

Wesley - Questioner & Good Thinking
Lillian - Optimism
Riley - Self Managing
Rylee - Principals Award & Good Working
Willam - Super Spanish
Cooper - Good Thinking
Jarrod - Good Working
Chase - Optimism

STEM

Our first two STEM sessions for the year involved the students in 'proto-storming', an activity designed to get them in the inventing and creating frame of mind. Students had 10 minutes to invent and build as many different items as they could.

The purpose of this is to build confidence in putting forth ideas and thinking about the purpose of different items and materials. The following session we began building our 'Ferris Wheels'. This task will focus on students' abilities to choose appropriate materials for different building tasks, investigate moving parts and use the properties of materials e.g. rigidity to make engineering decisions.



SWIMMING



On Monday 17th February some of our students participated in the Riverland School Sport Swimming. Congratulations to all of those involved - you represented our school well and showed some wonderful sportsmanship and values.

Well done to Kane who will now compete in Adelaide at the end of March.



ADELAIDE CROWS VISIT



We were very lucky to receive two visits from the Adelaide Crows over the last fortnight. On Tuesday 18th February some of the Crows community staff ran a Growing With Gratitude - Positive Reflection Program and then on Tuesday 25th February we had three of the Crows Players for a visit. Daniel Talia, Ned McHenry and Kieran Strachan had a chat with the students which allowed them to ask some wonderful questions, and then they went outside and practiced some kicking and other football tactics. The students all had a great time, here are some photos of the player visit:



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Helping our Community GROW



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Unleash your inner movie star!
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Ages 10-12 years old

Location: Renmark Institute, 54 Ral Ral Ave, Renmark (Enter via James Ave)
Time: Thursday 5:45pm - 7:00pm
Workshops Begin: February 27 to April 9
Cost: \$105 + \$25 annual membership (discounts & payment plans available)

To sign up, visit <https://ryt.wufoo.com/forms/calling-hollywood/>
Or find out more at <http://www.ryt.org.au>
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Funky Fairy Tales

Ages 5 - 9 years old

Through the magic of fairy tales discover performance, creative writing, direction and production. And lots of fun!

Location: Renmark Institute, 54 Ral Ral Ave, Renmark (Enter via James Ave)
Time: Thursday 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Workshops Begin: February 27 to April 9

Cost: \$105 + \$25 annual membership (discounts & payment plans available)


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Barmera Soccer Club

Junior come and try/
Registration Info night
Wednesday the 11th of March 4.30pm - 6pm



CALLING ALL JUNIOR PELICANS

Come down to the club on Wednesday the 11th of March to meet the Coaches have a kick and grab a free sausage.

All players welcome.
Pre season training will commence
Wednesday, March 11th.

GO PELICANS