Principal’s Report

Zone Cross Country
We had approximately 40 students attend the Zone Cross Country last Friday at Lake Wyangan. What a fantastic day it turned out to be. The weather was beautiful and all our students did themselves and the school proud. Overall the school came third behind two much larger schools, which is a huge effort for a school of our size. Thank you to our whole team for the efforts on the day and the training leading up to this event. We had 11 students finish in the top 10 places across all age groups, with Dylan Javens (8/9 years) and Thomas Scott (8/9 boys) finishing first in their respective races. Congratulations to all of these students.

Thank you to Mr Turner for organising this event and Sarah Signor for managing the team and keeping track of our results.

Performance

Last Thursday, the students watched a performance titled ‘Let the Music Move You’. The show turned out to be a great experience for all students from Kindergarten through to Year 6, with plenty of laughter and fun involvement. Thank you to Mrs Chilvers for organising this for our students.

3/4 Excursion

Our 3/4 excursion this year will be at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. Students will depart on Wednesday 19th November and return on Friday 21st November 2014. Costing and notes will be available soon.

School Website

As part of our continued push for further communication with the community, we have added two new sections to our website. We have added a P&C tab and a ‘Helping Students at Home’ tab. The P&C section will allow you to access the current canteen menu and price list as well as any specials that may be running at the time. Also in this section is information on our Uniform Shop and any upcoming events. Obviously further information will become available as this section grows through time.

Our ‘Helping Students at Home’ tab is currently under development, however it is planned to contain a variety of ‘at home’ activities and suggestions that may help your child in Literacy and Numeracy. This is planned to be up and available in the coming two weeks. Please continue to check our website as further developments are planned throughout the year as well as this our photo gallery gets added to constantly.

Maths Mentals

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Good luck to our Mortimer Shield teams as they compete in a gala day this Thursday. We wish you all well.

Have a great week.
Derek Noffke
Principal
Thursday 29th May  
Mortimer Shield  
WHS Middle Schooling  
CANCELLED this week  

Tuesday 3rd June  
Zone Athletics Carnival  

Wednesday 4th June  
UNSW Science Comp  
Multi Cultural Speaking Final  

Friday 6th June  
K-6 Assembly 5/6T item  

Monday 9th June  
Public Holiday, Queens  
Birthday Long Weekend  

Tuesday 10th June  
Riverina Cross Country  

1/2 COTTON EXCURSION  
We would like to send a huge thank you to Patrick and Hayley Sergi for organising and inviting us to visit their farm last Wednesday to see cotton being harvested. We had a fantastic time! We went home with half of the crop in snaplock bags and watched the process in awe. Thank you to Mr Noffke for driving us too!

With much appreciation, Mrs Hilton, Mrs Serafin and 1/2

CANTEEN NEWS  
Homemade Nachos are back  
$5. Tuesdays only!  

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DINNER AT THE YENDA DIGGERS CLUB  
Saturday 21st June.  
Smorgasbord Meal $23 per adult and $12 per child up to 12 years.  
Bookings to be made by Tuesday 17th June.  
Phone Sunta 0427 251461

We are currently updating our records, can you please ensure that the school has an updated copy of your child’s asthma plan on file.
Yenda Public School

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students requiring support – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students requiring support in the classroom. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to these students. Better data will help the Government plan for students in the future.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found at http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found at http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the form below and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the section below and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students requiring support – 2014

I/we ____________________________________________________________

Name of parent/carer

do not wish my child ________________________________________ to be counted

Name of child

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students requiring support.

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________  date: __________