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Upcoming Events

November

15/11 - Kindergarten Orientation (2nd session)

16/11 - Student Leaders 2013 nominations.

19/11 - Support Unit Orientation.

21/11 to 23/1 - Stage 3 Camp

26/11 - Support Unit Orientation.

Assemblies

Please find the Assembly roster for Term 4 in this newsletter.

From the Relieving Principal's Desk

Library update: Our library recarpeting has now been completed and is a wonderful improvement to our school site. Mrs Sullivan will be preparing to undertake library stocktake over the next couple of weeks. So now is the time to begin returning books, particularly overdue loans.

Kindergarten Enrolment and Orientation Day: We continue to accept enrolments for Kindergarten 2013 and will be holding our second Kindergarten Orientation day on Thursday 15th November. Please note that the P & C will have uniforms available for purchase on this day. Our first orientation day was a success with many parents enrolling students attending. Our kindergarten teachers reported that the children were extremely settled and thoroughly enjoyed a morning of 'big school' activities.

If you are yet to enrol your child for kindergarten 2013, or know of anyone considering an enrolment for next year, please call into the office to collect an enrolment form.

Director's Choice Regional Awards: Last week, I proudly attended the South West Sydney Regional Awards night with a number of staff, parents and students. Congratulations to Mr Becker, Miss Hartley, Mrs Porter and Ambarvale Public School community on being deserving award winners.

Berry Sport and Recreation Camp: Stage 3 and 2 students will be attending a three day camp to Berry next week, from Wednesday 21st November to Friday 23rd November. Many exciting activities are planned, including rock climbing, low ropes and giant swing. A final note has now been issued to help with organising students with "what to bring". A reminder that no mobile phones or electronic devices will be permitted on camp. Thank you to Mr Gray, Miss Bray, Miss Shepley and Miss McEwan for committing their time to attending this camp to support our students. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Gray who is coordinating this camp experience.

KidzWish Support Unit Excursion: The Support Unit will be participating in a fabulous excursion to the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong on Thursday 22nd November, 2012. This excursion is free for our students and is expected to be a fun-filled experience. For students attending please return your child's permission note by this Friday, 16th November.

Staff update: Mrs Flannery is presently unwell and will be on extended leave for at least the next four weeks. We welcome Mrs Hall who will be teaching 4/5F during this time. Mrs Hall has worked at Ambarvale Public School in a casual capacity this term and is delighted to accept this opportunity to teach 4-5F.

Mr Gray (Stage 3) and Mrs Duffield (Stage 2 & Learning Support) will be relieving as Assistant Principals for the remainder of the term.

On behalf of all staff, students, parents and community, I extend our best wishes to Mrs Flannery for a speedy recovery.

Mr Jordan will be taking leave from 26th November to 10th December, and again during the January school holiday break.

Support Unit Transition: An orientation day for students who will be enrolling in our Support Unit in 2013 is planned for Monday 19th November from 9.15 to approximately 11am. We will begin this orientation with an information session for parents in our library. Enrolling students will be able to spend some time in the Support Unit classrooms during this time. Further transition sessions are planned for Monday 26th November and Monday 3rd December. We warmly welcome existing and new families to our school.

High School Transition: Year 6 students in the Support Unit who will be attending Ambarvale High School in 2013 will continue their transition to high school visits on Thursdays 15th November, 22nd November and 29th November.

Year 6 students in the Support Unit who will be attending Thomas Reddall High School in 2013 have commenced their transition visits, with follow up visits in Weeks 5,6,7 & 8.

As previously advised, Year 6 students in mainstream classes who will be attending **Thomas Reddall High School** in 2013 will have their orientation day on Wednesday 5th December, 2012. Parents are required to take their child to and from the high school on this day. Please return your child's permission note to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Student Leaders Elections: Nomination forms are due this Friday, 16th November for any Year 5 student who wishes to nominate as a student leader for 2013. Speeches/elections will be held on Thursday 29th November in the school hall and parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please encourage your child to nominate as this is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop valuable organisational and communication skills, whilst undertaking an important leadership role within our school.

Y7 Selective High School placements in 2014: Paper-based applications are due this Friday, 16th November for any Year 5 student wishing to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2014. If you are applying online, you have until the 19th November, 2012 to submit an application.

Reports: Teachers are finalising Semester Two reports for their students. Completed reports will be sent home on Wednesday 12th December. Parents/Carers are reminded that an appointment can be made at any time to discuss your child's progress with the classroom teacher or learning support teachers.

Student Attendance:

Improving attendance is a high priority for our school and this term we continue to **want** your child at school every day, unless they are sick or there are special circumstances that require them to be absent. Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education? **By law, you are required to send your child to school every day.** If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible and within one week of the absence. If you're having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or principal.

Please let us know - student absences from school: Please inform the school if you intend on taking your child out of school for a period of time, such as an extended family holiday or need to visit family interstate/overseas. It is important that such leave is discussed in order for the school to put the necessary procedures in place to support such leave occurring.

Principal Meeting: I will be attending a Principal's Conference on Thursday 14th November. Mr McGillicuddy will be relieving in my absence.

Thought for the Week:

"In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn." *Phil Collins*

Lorinda Potter
Relieving Principal

Heartbeat Excursion: Last Tuesday and Thursday I was fortunate enough to take 5 lovely Ambarvale students to the University of Western Sydney to participate in 'Heartbeat'. These days give Aboriginal students the opportunity to participate in a range of health related activities and to consider a position in the medical field, as an employment option.

All of the students had exemplary behaviour, with one school commenting that the Ambarvale students were a credit to our school.

We look forward to more students participating in these days next year.

Aboriginal Cultural Activities: Every Friday Josh Bell from Muru Nanga Mai will be working with our Aboriginal students during cultural group activities. Josh will be running Cultural Groups, where students will have the opportunity to participate in Aboriginal cultural activities based upon knowledge, pride and respect, with strong links to literacy. We are pleased that Josh will be able to work with our school and greatly appreciate his support.

Miss Page

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Date	Stage	Lead by	Details
Monday 19 th November (Wk 7)	K-2	KV Ms Vest	Class Merit Awards
	3-6	5/6G Mr Gray	Class Merit Awards
Monday 3 rd December (Wk 9)	Whole School	School Captains/Leaders	Presentation of bronze, silver, gold, platinum awards
Tuesday 11 th December (Wk 10)	Presentation Day		More information to follow.

PBIS Focus



This week (Week 6), our PBIS focus is, "Hands, feet and objects to ourselves"

The rule is; Being Safe.

Students are participating in explicit lessons focused on modelling the behaviour which 'safe learners' exhibit.

Some of the key points include;

- We should not hit, kick, tackle, pinch or push
- We should act sensibly and responsibly
- Do not retaliate. (Tell the teacher)
- We should not touch other people's belongings
- Be aware of people's personal space
- If someone hurts you, say, "Stop" and go directly to the teacher and report the incident
- Be safe

Next week (Week 7), the PBIS focus is;

Using positive language.

The rule focus- Being Kind and Respectful