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Learning to Live

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Upcoming Events

November

27/11 - Support Unit Orientation Day
04/12 - Year 6 Orientation Day – All Schools
06/12 - 3-4B Buddy Excursion
11/12 - Presentation day

Assemblies

Please see Assembly Roster included in this Newsletter

Principal Pope's Paragraphs

Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish.

Sam Walton

Leadership makes a difference: Yesterday many of our Year 5 students bravely presented themselves to our school community for consideration as Student Leaders. Congratulations to Anne-Marie, Adrian, Cherith, Jake, Trent, Lachlan, Luke, Jessica, Leeza, Amber, Alex, Jordan, Journee, Melissa, Lanie and Hayden for having a go. One aspect of being a good leader is having a go and trying your best. These students are fine examples of this. I was proud of all their efforts and especially proud that they all spoke about the importance of respect and helping or supporting others.

I wish all of these students success in their leadership journey, whether they receive a title in 2014 or not. I would also encourage all of our students to display leadership in their actions. Good leaders can come from anywhere from Year 6 right down to Kindergarten. A good leader is kind and caring to others. They might have ideas but they also listen to the ideas of others. A good leader encourages others. They are supportive and respectful. Good student leaders follow school rules and they model good behaviour in the playground and classroom. They are someone who has good learning habits and makes the most of opportunities. Good leaders are resilient and have a positive attitude. Good leaders show initiative, they co-operate and try to make things better for others. Boys and girls please try and uphold these qualities and skills and not only will you be a good leader but also you will be a good learner and a good friend.

Reading creates better readers and better learners: The year is coming to a close and many mums, dads, carers and students might be wondering what they can do to improve their child's learning or your own learning – especially in the holidays. It is vitally important to continue to read regularly. Read for fun. Read for information. Just read. The more you read the more you learn about the world. The more you read the more words you learn. The more you read the better you can communicate and write. The more you read the more you can comprehend and understand. Parents and carers try and encourage your children to read, read to them, and read with them daily or regularly. A shared book is a good way to build a connection and discussing it improves your child's comprehension. It's also a lot of fun and certainly gives them an important break from computer games or is a nice way to wind down after a busy and active day. So as we approach the holidays have fun but give yourself a head start by reading regularly... If you pick the right book this can be a lot of fun too. It doesn't matter if you're starting Kindergarten or heading off to high school.....just read its good for you and fun too.

Surveys help us – thank you: Many families have returned their surveys on school quality, technology and leadership to school in the last fortnight. This is valuable to us and it helps us plan for the future and to improve our practices to make Ambarvale PS an even greater school. All surveys should have been returned prior to yesterday. All families who completed their surveys went into the draw to win a Big W gift voucher. I would like to congratulate Max Singleton of 3-4B on winning this year's prize.

Chow Senora Vera: Many of you would've heard that Senora Vera our Spanish - Community Language teacher is on leave for the rest of the year. I thank her again for her passion and enthusiasm for Ambarvale Public School and her desire to teach our children a second language (some of you might be learning a third or fourth language with Spanish). We wish her an exciting holiday in Chile where she will be spending time with her family and celebrating her daughter's wedding. While there I am sure she will gather even more interesting information around Spanish and Chilean culture and language. While on leave Miss Bennett will replace Senora Vera and we welcome her to Ambarvale Public School.

Movember hits Ambarvale this Thursday: This Thursday we are asking students to donate a gold coin to men's health, which is supported by the Movember Foundation. The men of Ambarvale have been putting up with a lot of facial hair too for this cause, and the staff of Ambarvale has been supporting us in this. On the day, students who bring gold coins may wear mufti and come with a drawn or fake moustache if they wish. We thank you for your support with this worthy cause.

Staffing for 2014: I am currently working on classes for 2014. To assist with this organisation I need to know approximate numbers of students for 2014. If you are moving and or leaving the school, please notify the school office immediately, so plans can be made.

Keep learning boys and girls and have fun too: There is a lot to look forward to in the upcoming weeks. We have sport tabloids, attendance extravaganzas at the movies for students who have been attending school regularly. We have talent quests and whole schools assemblies. We have our Presentation day as well as High School orientation and the farewell for our Year 6 students. In between this it is important that you work hard, behave sensibly, be kind to others and learn as much as you can.

P&C Tonight: I look forward to celebrating our school and communities achievements tonight with our P&C at 7pm in the school's staffroom. If you have participated or would like to be involved next year please feel welcome to attend.

High School Transition: Year 6 students in the Support Unit who will be attending Thomas Reddall High School and Ambarvale High School in 2014 will continue their transition to high school visits this Wednesday the 27th November.

High School Orientation: On Wednesday 4th of December, there will be High School Orientation for all of our Year 6 students regardless of what public high school they are going to. This is an important day for parents to attend and parents are expected to transport their child to and from their respective high school. This is an exciting time in your child's lives and it is wonderful to see them grow in maturity and independence.

Reports: Teachers are finalising Semester Two reports for their students. Completed reports will be sent home on Thursday 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.

Playtime and Transition Program for Years 0-5 – It is free! Our playtime and transition program operates each Monday morning from 9:15 am - 11:00am. This free program operates in one of our classrooms and is staffed by two wonderful, experienced staff. We are looking forward to seeing many pre-school students receive their graduation certificates on Monday 16th December. I would like to congratulate Wendy and her team on their enthusiasm and outstanding work with these young boys, girls and their families and the effective learning that has ensured.

Sean Pope
PRINCIPAL

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell is fast approaching! Our farewell is being held at Campbelltown RSL Club on Friday 13th December. Students are asked to meet at the venue at 5:30pm. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend at 8:00pm for the formal part of the evening. We look forward to sharing this exciting event with our Year 6 students.



Stage 3 Camp

The *Great Aussie Bush Camp* definitely lived up to its name. Stage 3 had a fantastic time at the three day camp. Our students' behaviour was excellent earning praise from the camp instructors. The camp was action packed with up to five activities completed in one day. Students participated in many challenging and exhilarating activities including: canoeing, rock climbing, mud course, flying fox, giant swing, sand dunes and high ropes. We hope all students had as much fun as the teachers and enjoyed a well-deserved relaxing weekend upon return.



Attendance Reward

Our brilliant MOVIE DAY REWARD is almost here! Ambarvale Public School is delighted to offer our students the opportunity to end the year on a high by attending a day at the movies on Tuesday 17th December. This invitation is extended to all of our great student attendees who have returned all absent notes within a seven day period and who have had no more than three days off this term or twelve days for the year. We must thank the Benevolent Society for the continued support of student attendance at our school. The Benevolent Society share our belief that attendance has the greatest impact on the success of our students.

PBIS Focus



This week (Week 8), our PBIS focus is, "The 3 Step Plan"
The rule is; Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Kind and Be a Learner.

Students are participating in explicit lessons focused on modelling the '3 Step Plan.'

Some of the key points include;

- We use the '3 Step Plan' when we have a problem with what someone else is doing
- We never retaliate
- The first step is to say, 'Stop it, I don't like it!'
- The second step is to ignore the person or move away
- The third step is to report to a teacher

At Ambarvale P.S we expect people to follow the '3 Step Plan'. When we follow this plan we are being safe, respectful and kind learners.

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Date	Stage	Lead by	Details
Monday 2 nd December (Wk 9)	Whole School	School Captains/Leaders	Presentation of bronze, silver, gold, platinum awards
Wednesday 11 th December (Wk 10)	Whole School	Executive Team	Presentation Day Assembly



Here are some upcoming events which are going to make the last week of school a fantastic celebration.

Monday 16th December- Talent Quest (Week 11)

On Monday 16th December an end-of-year Talent Quest will be held in our school hall. The event will begin at 9am and should finish by 11am. Students from kindergarten to year six can audition.

Children who would like to participate should collect and complete an audition form. We will be unable to display all acts on the day, so an audition process is required. Performances that are well prepared and organised will have the best chance of entering the Talent Quest. All entry forms should be returned to Mrs Duffield by Monday 2nd of December, as auditions will take place after this date. You will be informed if your child's act has been chosen to perform on the 16th of December.

Children need to organise their own item. The teachers will not be able to open their classrooms at breaks for practises, so the playground and outside of school are the best times to practise. In the weeks leading up to the Talent Quest, Mrs Duffield will open up the hall to allow children to practise with their music, if required.

Parents and caregivers are cordially invited to attend the Talent Quest as audience members.

Monday 16th December- Playground behaviour reward (Week 11)

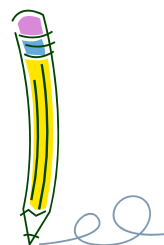
From 12:30-1:30pm the 'PBIS Playground behaviour reward hour' will take place. Previously, we have had Sport Tabloid rewards to celebrate students' positive behaviour in the playground. This term, the teachers thought it would be nice to offer various different activities to reward students, as not all children enjoy sport. There will be a variety of activity options such as; cooking, Ipads, touch football, games, craft etc. Your child will stay at the activity of their choice for the full hour on this day.

Each child will be given a chance to list their three favourite activity choices and one activity they definitely would not like to do. Classroom teachers will then place the students in one of their top three activity choices.

These activities are only offered to students who have demonstrated consistent positive playground behaviour.

School Ambassador Student Page

By Neha Lal



Last week most of the stage three students went to camp and loved it there. Some of the activities were the mud challenge, high ropes, giant swing, rock climbing, cannoing, disco, beach activities and more fun things. We had toasted marshmellos by the fire and we also heard a story from one of our instructors.



All the male teachers at A.P.S are supporting Movember by letting their beards and moustaches grow for the whole month.

P.S Male teachers don't shave those moustache yet :)



K/6 M created these amazing artworks of the bush fires that had recently happened.

By Zac, Brei, Dylan, Paul and Shakira.



Colour Poem by Angelica Ledgard

Blue

Rushing Waterfalls, the soothing sound of the beach water washed away, thoughts carried throughout the sea. It is the law enforcement that protects us courageously and the colour of calm feelings and positive thoughts.



Teacher Interview

Last week we interviewed Mr Pope and found out that his favourite colours are blue and white mostly because he has loved the bulldogs his entire life.

Mr Pope would love to go to either Europe or Antarctica for a holiday. Mr Pope wanted to be a principal because he likes to work with kids and by being a principal he could work with teachers and help more kids. His favourite movie is The Butler which is out in the cinemas now. If Mr Pope was in a zombie apocalypse he would stay far, very far away from cemeteries. If Mr Pope would need to choose between werewolves and vampires, he would choose vampires because they are less hairy and totally cool.

