

Springboard

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Term 3 - Week 8

Thursday 7 September 2017

Izzy is a Winner



The District Governor of Public Speaking Mr Norman Walkington presented Izzy with her certificates, medallion, trophy and a gift.

District Lions Club Speaking

Izzy B recently competed at the District 201V6 Lions Club Speaking. The district area covers every Lions Club between Echuca and Thurgoona and was held at Tongala in Victoria. Izzy competed against five other competitors from Loddon, Tocumwal, Stanhope and Yarrawonga.

Izzy's speech was to pretend she was an author and she had to tell her audience about her book. Her book was *"The Ultimate Guide to Getting Revenge on your Massively Annoying Teenage Sister"*.

To be announced winner in such a high level of Public Speakers is an AWESOME achievement.

Congratulations Izzy!

Year 5 & 6 Melbourne/Ballarat Excursion

A BIG reminder that the Melbourne/Ballarat Excursion is to be paid in full no later than Wednesday 20 September.

6 Days left!!

Last Day of Term 3 is Friday 22 September

Wirraminna



Last Thursday
Year's 3 & 4
students
travelled to
Wirraminna
Environmental
Education
Centre at
Burrumbuttock
for a day of
Environmental
Studies.



The purpose of our visit was to use the facilities at
Wirraminna to learn about our natural Australian
environment, Australian Flora and Fauna.



The excursion has
strong connections
to many aspects of
the curriculum.



Awards

CLASS & LIBRARY

SPORT

SILVER

GOLD

Kinder

Carson D
Oakley J
Ebony R
Shelby W

1-2 BH

Rory C
Ryan Mc
Blake M
Abe M

1-2 PB

Michael F
Rhys T-L
Ben G
Saria E-B

3-4 D

Allira T-L
Brodie T
Phoenix J
Marlee G-W
Ben W

3-4 P

Logan E
Tamika C
Barry S
Sam B
Rhemi T

5-6 C

Mazzy H
Bronte W
Trae R
Mitch S

5-6 S

Logan C
Zali C
Royce S
Bailey P

5-6 W

Brianna I
Shelby T
Kenneth C
Darcy B

Library

Library monitors.

Kinder Giselle S
1-2 BH Lillie K
1-2 PB Jem L
3-4 D Blair P
3-4P Savannah H
5-6 C Rachael C
5-6S Logan C
5-6 W Daria B

Kinder

Seth P
Giselle S

1-2 BH

Amelia H
Ryan Mc
Isabell T
Jack T

1-2 PB

Riley H
Sophia B
Maddi C
Pixie H

Years 3-6

Combined Sports

Matthew L
Bailey P
Natalya R
Jack S
Sam B
Rory W
Ellie W
Joshua C
Brianna I
Hayden I
Pheobe G
Shianne K
Logan C
Maddy K
Zali C
Ciara S-W
Tiana H

1-2BH

Ryan Mc
Lillie K
Sebastian G
Jason S

1-2PB

Ben G

3-4D

Blair P
Caleb B
Connor C
Maddex T
Marlee G-W

3-4P

Barry S

5-6C

Morgan R
Mazzy H

5-6W

Kenneth C
Leyton S
Chrystal W

5-6S

Zali C



FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

DURAKAR SPORTS DAY

Thursday 14 September, Murray High School and the Primary Schools are joining together to run a Sports Day. All Year 6 students from Lavington East, Lavington, Jindera and Springdale Heights Public Schools will combine to meet each other in a day of fun playing different sports. The sports students will be participating in include: Netball, Soccer, Touch and AFL.

Thursday 14 September

WHERE: Murray High School & Springdale Heights PS

TIME: 10.00 am – 2.30 pm

UNIFORM: School sports uniform (no skirts please)

BRING: Water bottle, hat, sunscreen, snack food

RECESS: Bring your own recess and snacks

LUNCH: Fruit and BBQ (provided by Murray High)
The canteen will be available at lunchtime

TRAVEL: Walking to Murray High

COST: Nil

PSSA NETBALL

Last Friday was our last week of PSSA netball. I would like to congratulate all girls for their improvement and dedication to training and playing each week. I am so proud of the improvement of all girls. Well Done! Also a big THANK YOU to Mrs Spinelli for helping out each week.

Senior Blue lost to LEPS 15-11.

Senior Red lost to St Pat's

Juniors had a win against Jindera.

Best players were Zali C, Ciara S-W and Tiana H.

Mrs Carroll

PSSA SOCCER

Last Friday was our last PSSA Soccer and the senior team won easily against ANPS. The improvement in the team was great to see over the season. The star player was Bailey P.

The juniors played a game amongst themselves and it was played in great spirit. Their skills have improved throughout the year. Matthew L took the award.

Mrs Doust



Thank You

SAS Staff Recognition Week



Back Row: Tonya, Tanya, Alice, Robyn, Kerry, Katrina and Mark
Front Row: Jen, Courtney and Emma
Far Right: Pete

SAS Staff Recognition Week

This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week and we wish to recognise and acknowledge the important work our School Administrative and Support Staff undertake at Springdale Heights Public School.

Whether they work in the office, library, classroom or school grounds, our school knows the work they do is vital to education.

A big thankyou to our

- ♦ School Administrative Manager—Tanya
- ♦ School Administrative Officer—Kerry
- ♦ School Learning Support Officers—Robyn, Tonya, Jen, Katrina, Courtney, Mark, Alice and Emma.
- ♦ General Assistant—Pete

Trent Barrett

Rugby

Gala Day

The Trent Barrett Rugby Gala Day was held recently at Jelbart Park in Albury.

It was another fabulous day of NRL Football showing the talent of our students and their skills against other schools.

Thank you to Mrs Purss-Semple for coaching us at the Trent Barrett Rugby Gala Day.

It was a great day!



Teams played several games of modified Rugby League against other schools.

Well done to all students on your team spirit and outstanding behaviour.



'STEPPING STONES' - KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

Each year the school plans and prepares for the following years intake of Kindergarten students. The aim of our 'Stepping Stones' Kindergarten Readiness Program is to help both parents and students to make that very important big step from home to school as positive and successful as possible.

As a team, teachers and parents working together can make an enormous difference to the way in which the children view coming to school and coping with the demands of school routines when they arrive.

Starts Friday 20 October

TIMETABLE FOR STEPPING STONES KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

Session 1

Friday 20 October 2017 - 1.30 pm to 3 pm

- In the Kindergarten classroom

Session 2

Friday 27 October 2017 - 1.30 pm to 3 pm

- In the Kindergarten classroom

Session 3

Friday 3 November 2017- 1.30 pm to 3 pm

- In the Kindergarten classroom

Session 4

Friday 10 November 2017 - 1.30 pm to 3 pm

- Canteen open to spend approximately 80c
In the Kindergarten classroom

Session 5

Friday 17 November 2017 - 1.30 pm to 3 pm

- Library session in the Library

Session 6

Friday 24 November 2017 - 1.30 pm to 3 pm

- In the Kindergarten classroom

Session 7

Friday 1 December 2017 - 1.30 pm to 3 pm

- Parent afternoon session in the library. Time to ask questions and share with other parents. Afternoon tea provided.
- Please ensure your child has eaten lunch before arriving and is dressed appropriately for physical activity including a hat.
- Children will participate in outdoor activities with their buddies for 2018.

We look forward to meeting you!



5-6s Quotes

Wonder



I like *Wonder* because when we read it calms us down - **Shianne K**

August is my favourite character because he is always nice to everyone and doesn't let his face stop him from making new friends - **Alexis W**

Wonder has shown me that just because you have no friends it doesn't mean you can't achieve anything you put your mind to - **Royce S**

I think August deals with his facial deformity really well and he never gives up—**Angel A**

I think Julian should be expelled for being so nasty to August and his friends—**Logan C**

I like *Wonder* because it has real life situations rather than just silly things to laugh at—**Olivia F**

Wonder has taught me not to judge others by the way they look—**Bailey P**

My favourite character is Summer because even though everyone thought August looked strange, she still hung out with him anyway—**Montana E**

I have learnt to treat everyone the same no matter what they look like—**Zali C**

Wonder has taught me to always be nice to people and that bullying someone for how they look is not okay - **Parker T**

Wonder can make you feel happy and sad when you read it - **Jack S**

I think Summer is a great character because she hangs out with August and does not care what others think - **Shontara W**

Wonder is an interesting book and I think everyone would enjoy reading it - **Luke C**

I like August because he is different - **Rory W**

Absent for photo: *Wonder* is trying to teach us not to bully children who look different. We need to get to know them and see their real personality - **Zoe W**

Last Friday the whole school enjoyed our Activity Day.

The activities started after lunch and continued to the end of the day.

Students were encouraged to participate in the various activities which were switched at six minute intervals.



They enjoyed

Short Rope

Relays

Quoits

Long Ropes

Dice Activity

Short Ropes—Tricks

Parachute

Hula Hoops

Elastics

Musical Freeze





Students went home tired after putting in a fantastic effort at each activity station.



It was a lot of fun!!



Lavington-Jindera Little Athletics

Friday's 5pm Alexandra Park, Albury. Registration: 15th & 22nd September at 4:30pm. Season starts: 15th September 5pm. Enquiries—Belinda Daggett 0419321557. Fees (full season, excluding uniform): \$130/child. \$250/ 2 children. \$370/ 3 children. ONLINE REGO OPEN NOW- www.lavic.com.au and follow the Join/Registration prompt. Bring a copy of your receipt and for new members your child's Birth Certificate or blue/yellow book. Lavington-Jindera Little Athletics encourages fun whilst learning all the different events. A great way for children to develop new skills in running, jumping and throwing.

The Term Ahead.....

Term Three Calendar					
Breakfast Club Monday and Tuesday's 8.30-8.55am			Assemblies held at 2.25pm until otherwise stated		
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 9	11/9 NAPLAN online school readiness test for Yr's 3 & 5	12/9 NAPLAN online school readiness test for Yr's 3 & 5	13/9	14/9 Write Around the Murray Library visits Durakar Sports	15/9 Write Around the Murray Library visits. 3-4D & 3-4P K-2 Flyaway gymnastics 11.10am—12.50pm
WEEK 10	18/9	19/9 MHS Drama students—final performance 2pm	20/9	21/9 Yrs 1&2 Wagga Zoo Excursion 9.05am—2.55pm 5-6C Assembly	22/9 SRC Footy Colours Day Canteen Meal Deal Dance Around 1.30-3pm Last day of Term 3

**Term 4 starts for ALL students
Monday 9 October**

For Your Information....

NAPLAN ONLINE TESTING

Year 3 & 5 students will sit an online NAPLAN test next Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 September. This is not a test that will show results of student performance. This is only to see if NAPLAN has the capability to go online next year.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 6 orders are due back by tomorrow Friday 8 September.

LIBRARY NEWS

What a great parade we had for Book Week. Everyone made a huge effort with their character costumes and really looked like they were enjoying themselves. The students have been putting together some wonderful art work throughout the term related to the short listed books for Book Week. We have some excellent artists in our midst.

In week 9 students from years 3-4 and 5-6 will be the visiting the Lavington Library and Albury Library Museum to participate in the annual **Write Around the Murray** sessions conducted by Albury City Council.

Thank you to Miss Farmer for providing the buses to enable the students to participate in these writers' sessions.

WAGGA EXCURSION

Students in Years 1 and 2 will go on an excursion to Wagga Wagga Zoo and Aviary at the Botanical Gardens on Thursday 21 September. Cost is \$10. Please read your note for information about what is required for the day. **Remember to dress appropriate to the weather.**

NOTES HOME

Please remember when notes come home to keep the top portion for your information. Notes are designed to give parents the information required for date, cost, times, where, when and what to bring for each event, so it is important for you keep this at home with you. We ask that permission slips from the note and money are returned to the class teacher to be marked off in the roll each day. Teachers record all notes and money paid against the child.



DANCE A-THON—Gold Coin Donation

Friday 22 September, (the last day of Term 3), we will be holding a whole school Dance-A-Thon to raise money for a local organisation called Food Share. Food Share contributes all of the yummy food for our breakfast club and without their support this would not be possible.

At 1.30pm students will dance around to different classrooms learning a new dance in each room as they go. It is going to be a lot of fun so make sure you bring your dancing shoes and **a gold coin donation** for our wonderful friends at Food Share. We would love parents to come and join us for a great afternoon of dance. As today is also Footy Colours Day—remember to wear your footy colours.

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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