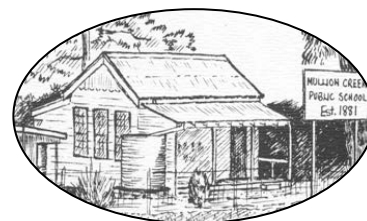


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Coming events for Term 1

- 13th March: Recycled Sculptures K/1 & Yrs 2/3
- 20th March: OSSA Infants Tabloid Spring Hill PS
- 21st March: Recycled Sculptures Yrs 4/6
- 21st March: Harmony Day
- 23rd March: **ELECTION DAY** Cake Stall & BBQ
- 4th April: OSSA Athletics – Waratah Sports Ground

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Professional Learning: The term is quickly slipping by with week 7 being upon us already. Staff have spent a second Saturday attending PL 'Bridges out of Poverty' at The Cannobolas Rural Technology High School. This PL was very informative and practical with all staff increasing their knowledge around students and community backgrounds.

Mrs Cloete and Mrs Griffith attended PL on Aboriginal Art in Bathurst last Tuesday. As part of the initiative and project involved in the PL students in stage 3 will attend a workshop next term to enhance their knowledge and skills using techniques used by Indigenous artists.

This week staff will attend PL on Wednesday afternoon with other OSSA staff where they will gain insight into new support structures and personnel, from Orange District Office, who can assist in with new teaching and learning programs.



Students taking part in Clean up Australia Day

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The new playground equipment is ready for delivery – our thanks to the P&C for their great fundraising over the last couple of years. Earthworks will be carried out during the school holidays to accommodate the equipment and it will be installed early next term.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next week parents, teachers and students will have an opportunity to have a 3 way discussion. These interviews are an opportunity for all parties to share, set goals and discuss any concerns and celebrate individual achievements in student learning. The meetings continue to build partnerships between home and school. Please send your booking sheet back so that allocations of interview times can be scheduled. If the times offered don't suit I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to make a mutually convenient time.

SPORTING EVENTS

Tennis: Congratulations to Hayden who played in Parkes last Wednesday in the Orange District PSSA Tennis Trials. He played under some difficult conditions and eventually placing 9th on the day. This is an outstanding result given the number of players in attendance and the amount of games he had to play.

OSSA Gold District Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to all of our students who swam as part of the OSSA Gold swimming team. Mrs McNulty expressed how wonderfully well you all swam giving your very best efforts. OSSA Gold were named as the aggregate champions of the day.

OSSA Gold Athletics Carnival: The OSSA Gold athletics carnival track and field events will be held on Thursday, 4th April at the Waratah Sports Ground. All students who turn 8 this year will have the opportunity to participate in the carnival. Every student will be given an opportunity to compete in each event and those that qualify will go on to the district carnival in term 2. Permission Notes and more information will be sent home next week.

OSSA Infants Tabloid Reminder (K-2 students): The OSSA Infants Tabloid Carnival will be held at Spring Hill

Public School on Wednesday 20th March commencing at 10:00 am and concluding at 2:00 pm. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities on the day. Please return permission notes for your child.

CLASS PROGRAMS

This week in Maths students across the school are focusing on fractions. We encourage you to engage in discussions with your child about what they are learning. This helps children consolidate their understanding of the concepts learnt in class.

Reading is an important life skill which requires continued practice and we encourage all of our students to borrow from our library. Younger children love to be read to and if they are emergent readers research tells us the more exposure to books and reading through listening, the greater their language development and love of reading will be.

AROUND OUR CLASSROOMS

K-1: This week we will be commencing our Science unit – Staying Alive. We will be welcoming some special pets into our classrooms for observation as we discuss basic needs of people and animals.

Years 2-3: Have been relieved by the news that Shackleton and all his crew have survived great hardship in Antarctica. A great story about positive thinking and never giving up!

Years 4-6: Our class is currently filming their Australia promotion videos using the green screen. The children worked together to write their scripts and are now using the technology to make them come alive.

HARMONY DAY

Next Thursday, 21st March is Australia's Harmony Day, which celebrates our country's cultural diversity. Harmony Day is an Australian Government program that centres on the message that "everyone belongs", reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

Program for our School: On Thursday all students are asked to wear mufti clothes, but must wear something orange. At recess the SRC will be handing out orange fruit/veggies platters to share. This year we are focussing on the diversity of foods we eat because of our multicultural society. Each class will be involved in preparing different foods which will be shared at lunch time.

2019 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and closes on 31st August. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. All students from

Kindergarten are welcome to participate – please contact the office if you wish to register and obtain a reading log and books on the reading list.

RECYCLE ART SCULPTURES

Metal Sculptures: This Wednesday K-1 and 2-3 will be working with Mrs Cloete and parents to create their metal sculptures and 4-6 will create theirs next Thursday 21st.

It is not too late to bring in scrap metal if you have any that you are wanting to part with. If you would like to help with the welding and have not yet let Mrs Cloete know please do so as soon as possible.

STUDENT AWARDS

Term 1 – Week 5

Quinn, Brodie, Ryan Bu, Felicity, Brigett, Chloe, Hayden, Jacob



Week 6

Annabelle, Lachlan, Jayla, Miles, William, Arthur, Coby, Madison



P&C MATTERS

Thank you to the parents who man the catering stall each month at the Mini Trains in Orange. This is a great fund raiser for our P&C. Last Saturday the stall raised more than \$400.00 – Well Done.

All parents are encouraged to join the P&C (only \$1.00) as this ensures you have insurance cover at school events in which the P&C participates.

Election Day Cake Stall & BBQ: If you can assist on the day with manning the stall and/or cooking cakes for sale it would be much appreciated. Please contact Emily Lingier if you have any questions.