Principal’s Report

Excursion Responsibilities

In *loco parentis* is a legal term describing a relationship similar to that of a parent to a child. It refers to an individual who assumes parental status and responsibilities for another individual, usually a young person, without formally adopting that person. This is the role that our teachers take when they travel away on an excursion which is a huge responsibility, considering the ratio of teachers to students is 1:12. Our teachers do a marvellous job in caring for students whilst away on excursion and take on not just the role of teacher, but that of parent, doctor, nurse, counsellor, cleaner, tour guide, social worker, activities director, dietician, pharmacist, negotiator and psychologist. Excursions are planned to give our students extra opportunities and learning experiences outside of the classroom. Teachers, in taking students on overnight excursions, accept the extra responsibilities without pay so that our students are given these opportunities. Our students, in being given these opportunities, benefit in so many ways. Stage 3 had a successful, five day excursion to Canberra last week. Thank you to all students who were responsible and respectful whilst away and to teachers Mrs Shea, Mr Fajks, Mrs Christensen and Mrs Cullenward for the care and dedication that was shown to our students.

CWA Public Speaking Finals

Emily Gibson and Iona Cullenward will participate in the Hay Schools Final of the CWA Public Speaking competition on Friday, 6th November. Emily and Iona will speak on the topic, ‘Natural Disasters’ and then be asked to give an impromptu speech. We wish both girls every success.

Did You Know?

If your child misses school 1 day every week, that’s 40 days per year which is over 2.5 years over the span of 13 years of schooling, which means the best your child may achieve is equal to finishing in Year 10. If your child misses school 2 days every week, that’s 80 days per year which is over 5 years over the span of 13 years of schooling, which means the best your child may achieve is equal to finishing in Year 7. Young children who frequently take days off school have poorer results in maths and literacy. The negative effect of absenteeism on academic achievement is well established. Putting your child’s needs first and ensuring they are at school every day is responsible parenting.

Assessment and Reporting

As the year is beginning to wind down, teachers are undertaking assessment tasks in preparation for your student’s end of year report. Classrooms have been busy places with all students currently being assessed on the outcomes that they have been expected to achieve throughout the year. Assessment will take the form of class tests, standardised tests, ongoing work samples and informal and formal observations. Reports are due to go home to parents on Friday, 11th December.

Have a great week!

Carol Oataway - Principal

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**SCHOOL RULES**

I can do my best.
I can respect all people.
I can respect all property.
I can be in the right place.
Term 4, Week 5
4th November 2015

Stage 2 and 3 News

Save the Date:
TUESDAY 8th December Year 6 Farewell Disco

invitations will be sent home this week inviting Stage 3 students to the Year 6 Farewell Disco.
A Graduation ceremony will take place at 6pm for Year 6 students and their parents and family. Following on from this Year 5 will join Year 6 in the fun and festivities of supper and disco dancing.
Please RSVP before 26th November for catering purposes.

Parliamentarian Nominations
Nominations for Parliament will be opened Week 7 (16th – 20th November). All Year 5 students are encouraged to nominate. Being a member of Parliament is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and self-confidence.

Mrs Murphy
Assistant Principal Stage 2 & 3

Stage 3 Excursion – Canberra
Stage 3 students have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.
The students visited Parliament House, The Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, walked along ANZAC Parade and The War Memorial. The students also went bowling, rock climbing and visited the Dinosaur museum.
Whilst visiting the War Memorial, our school Captains and Vice Captains took part in the closing ceremony and were fortunate enough to lay a wreath. This was a very moving and respectful time for both students and teachers.
Thank you to all the students who showed respect, great behaviour and were thankful for this fantastic opportunity. An even bigger thank you to the teachers Mrs Christensen, Mrs Cullenward and Mr Fajks for showing fantastic leadership and taking time away from their own families.
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civic and Citizenship education and as such contributed $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program.

Sherelle Shea
Acting AP Stage 2 & 3
Sport Report

State Cricket Carnival
Iona Cullenward, Charlee Masters and Delilah Crighton are in Dubbo this week, representing the Riverina at the NSWPSSA Girls’ Cricket Championships. Good Luck - ‘BOWL A BALL, SWING A BAT’.

Rugby League Clinics
Andrew Herbert (CRL Development Officer) will conduct rugby clinics for Stages 2/3 on Friday 6th, 13th and 20th November. Each session will be thirty minutes, replacing normal sport for Stage 3.

Riverina Representative Photo
Students who have represented our school in a Riverina team this year will have their photo taken in Deni (11am Waring Gardens) on Thursday 12th November. Brait Headon (Rugby League, Touch, Athletics), Hugh Crighton (Rugby League, AFL), Myla Bisset (Swimming, Athletics), Maddi Deacon (Soccer), Lucy Shea (Athletics), Iona Cullenward (Cricket), Delilah Crighton (Cricket) and Charlee Masters (Cricket).

Congratulations on an exceptional year!

Coming Events/ Sporting Dates

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Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02
**HAY HEALTHY BUS STOP**

4 - 5 NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE HPS HALL

**What is Healthy Bus Stop?**
The Healthy Bus Stop is a free Child Health check and pathway to care program for children aged 3-5 years old. The program includes:

- A comprehensive health assessment
- Vision and hearing check
- Oral health check
- Fine and gross motor skill assessment
- Speech assessment
- Food and Nutritional assessment

**Registrations are essential.** Please call Royal Far West on 02 8966 8500. A time slot will be selected that suits you and your child. As this is a comprehensive health check please allow up to two and a half hours for appointments.

Please bring:

- Your child’s Blue Book
- Your child’s hat, drink bottle and snacks.

**Registrations close 7th November**

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**LUNCH LANE CANTEEN**

**Friday Special Lunch**

**Hot Cheese Roll**

**LOL**

**Zooper Dooper**

$5.00

Orders by Thursday please

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**FREE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC**

AT COMMUNITY HEALTH

PH: 1800 450 046

for an appointment

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**Hay Amateur Swimming Club**

**Point Score**

Begins Tuesday 10th November 2015

5.45pm

Come along to the pool and join in the fun of Point Score. Children of ALL swimming abilities welcome.

Welcome BBQ provided afterwards

Registrations

$65 – Swimmers

$21 – Non Swimmers

New members can have 2 trial swims before registering

To Join: Please go onto the Swimming NSW Website [www.nsw.swimming.org.au](http://www.nsw.swimming.org.au)

Go to the “Join Now” and follow the prompts

If you need assistance, bring your payment option along to the pool and we can assist you.

Hope to see you there for a great season of swimming

Follow us on Facebook for all the latest on Hay Swim Club

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**P&C Disco**

**Loud & Bright Theme!**

The P & C are having a disco!

Come along to HPS school hall on Friday 13th November in your Loud and Bright outfits and have some fun!

RSK-Year 2  3.30pm-5pm

Year 3-6   5.30pm-7pm

Admission is $4

Full canteen will be operating with hot and cold food. Supervision will be provided by HPS staff. Prizes for best dressed!