Principal’s Report

Book Week
This week heralded the start of Book Week 2015 and the Children’s Book Council of Australia is celebrating its 70th anniversary. The theme for Children’s Book Week this year is: Books Light Up Our World. On a basic level, we want kids to connect by simply participating in the act of reading - whether that reading be a short-listed book, a magazine article about football heroes or a sign saying Wet Paint. We want them to understand the prevalence of reading in their lives, and how important it is to both enjoy reading and develop reading skills. Delving deeper, we encourage children to MAKE connections between what they read, and other things they think, feel, or know of. The shortlisted books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia are on display in the library and children have been enjoying these books in their library lessons with Mrs Murphy and completing artworks around these books in their classrooms. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. A wrap up of Book Week, along with a display of artworks and a book character parade will be held at a special assembly this Friday in the school hall. Please make the effort to come along.

Premier’s Spelling Bee
Recently students at Hay Public School conducted elimination rounds to select students to compete at the Regional Finals of The Premier’s Spelling Bee. The Premier’s Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus. The Premier’s Spelling Bee is open to all NSW government primary, central and community schools. The competition comprises two divisions – Junior for Years 3 & 4 and Senior for Years 5 & 6. The successful students from Hay Public School; Velettah Kennedy, Lucy Shea (Stage 2) and Hannah Shea, Zoe Books (Stage 3) will take part in the Regional Finals of the competition on September 16th. At the regional and state finals, the elimination process continues round by round. To win the competition a contestant must spell more words correctly than all the other contestants. A contestant will only be eliminated if at least one other contestant in the same round spells their word correctly. If all contestants in a particular round misspell their words then no one is eliminated. Hay Public School is proud of the contestants who took part in the elimination rounds and wishes the remaining four students success at regional level.

Student Teacher
This week we welcome Mrs Rebecca Fitzgerald who will be completing a four week teaching practicum with 3S. Mrs Fitzgerald hails from Hillston and is studying through Swinburne University. I am sure that Mrs Fitzgerald will gain some valuable experiences and insights into teaching through her time with Mrs Shea and 3S.

Have a great week!

Carol Oataway
Principal
Stage 2 & 3 News

Spelling Bee
Congratulations to Hannah Shea and Zoe Books who have qualified for the Stage 3 Premier Spelling Bee Regional finals. They will be joined by Lucy Shea and Velettah Kennedy (Stage 2) on the 16th September to compete in the Regional finals. We wish them the best of luck.

Stage 2 Excursion - Lake Mungo & Swan Hill
The Stage 2 Excursion is fast approaching. Information regarding the itinerary and requirements has been sent home this week.
Final payments must be made by the 4th September as a waiting list for students exists. Please contact the front office if there are any changes to your child’s dietary or medical needs so we can cater for them.

Book Week – Books Light Up Our World
This week our students will celebrate Book Week…lighting up their worlds by immersing themselves in Literature. Book Week is celebrated each year. It’s an annual event that highlights the importance of reading and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books.
This year is the 70th birthday of the establishment of the Children’s Book Council of Australia. The first Children’s Book Week was held in November in 1945. World War Two had just ended and there were many restrictions and shortages that made life difficult. The International Children’s Book Week slogan, United Through Books, inspired a group of volunteers to form the Children’s Book Council in NSW. They aimed to provide incentives to writers, illustrators and publishers to produce children’s literature of the highest standards. By 1959 it had become a national organisation with branches in all states and territories.
Book Week is about encouraging students to read; to learn about new books; to share favourite writers and illustrators and to take time to just read.
During Book Week, winning and honour books of the Children’s Book of the Year Awards are announced. This year’s winning books are:
- Early Childhood – Go to Sleep Jessie by Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood
- Picture Book – My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald & Freya Blackwood
- Younger Reader – The Cleo Stories by Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood
This year teachers have created an exciting environment combining literature and art that has challenged and stimulated children to enjoy the theme ‘Books Light up Our World’ This will be reflected in our Book Week Parade this week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Suzanne Murphy
Assistant Principal Stage 2 & 3

K/1W News
This term K/1W completed the HSIE unit Workers in the Community. Students explored the different roles and responsibilities of people with whom they interact in their family, school and community. The unit focused on how these roles and responsibilities connect to meet needs and wants. Pictured are K/1W students on a recent HSIE excursion to the Hay Police Station to learn about the role of the police to keep people safe in our community.
Sports News

Girls’ AFL - Paul Kelly Cup
Congratulations to our girls’ AFL team on their recent success at the Paul Kelly Cup finals held at the SCG on 17th August. The team was placed 3rd overall after two victories in the pool rounds and made the semi-finals. WOW! Thanks to the Hay community for your generous support and to all parents, mentors and coaches who travelled with the team to Sydney. Special thanks to Mrs Cullenward and Mr Ayres for their dedication to this great sporting adventure.

Riverina Carnival
Children who placed 1st or 2nd in track events (finals) or 1st in field events qualified for the Riverina Carnival to be held in Albury (Alexandra Park) on Monday 31st August commencing at 9.00am.
*NB-Relays follow the 100m events*
School sports uniform or black shorts/district top should be worn. Spikes are permitted, except for 800m. A full canteen will be operating.
Ten children qualified in individual events for the Regional Carnival –
Brait Headon – 100m, 200m, high jump and long jump, Jack Headon – 800m, 100m and 200m, Charlee Masters – 100m and 200m, Benjamin Caughey – 800m, Lucy Shea – 100m, Darci Masters – 100m, Daniel Stewart – 100m, Janae Winzar – 100m, Myla Bisset – 100m, Iona Cullenward – discus.
Senior Girls Relay – Charlee Masters, Olivia Joyce, Myla Bisset, Janae Winzar.

State Athletics
The NSWPSSA Athletics Championships will be held at Homebush, Sydney on 14th/15th October (T4, Wk2).

Riverina Girls’ Cricket Trials
Iona Cullenward, Charlee Masters and Delilah Crighton have been nominated to attend the Riverina Girls’ Cricket Trials, at Lavington on Monday 7th September (10am-2pm).
Cost is $2 per player.

2 Hay FM
Thanks to Janae Winzar and Lanta Clark for confidently presenting our sports report last Friday.

Stage 3 Sport
5/6P tennis 2.00pm

Sporting Schools
Sporting Schools will be held on Monday afternoons starting on the 10th August. Sporting Schools is a government funded program that offers students access to free sports based activities that focus on building and developing skills.
This term the program involves both Softball and Tee ball skills and is open to all students in Stages 1, 2 and 3. The program will be run at school from 3:15pm to 4:30pm and during this time the children will be provided with a healthy afternoon tea. The first 20 students to return permission notes will be accepted into the program.
Please see me with enquiries about the program.

Mrs Rebecca Wall
Quality education in a caring environment

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Friday Special Lunch
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Juice Box
Icypole
Packet Chips
$5.00
Orders by Thursday please

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AT COMMUNITY HEALTH
PH: 1800 450 046 for an appointment

HPS PAYMENTS COUPON
Once a Year Payments per child:
General Contribution Fee $30.00
Subject Fee $25.00
Performances
Indigenous Performer $5.00
Term 4, Week 2 - 14th October
Excursions
Kindergarten $40.00
Altina Wildlife Park - Tuesday 13th October
Stage 2 $160.00
Lake Mungo & Swan Hill -9th & 10th Sept
*Please finalise payment*
Stage 3 $600.00
Canberra - 26th to 30th October
Name: __________________________ $________
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