Principal's Report
SAS Recognition Week

The school community is made up of a lot of different people, all of whom play a part in the running of schools and the provision of quality education to students. School Administrative and Support Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in a classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children’s education. I would like to recognise the support staff at Hay Public School who include: Mrs Joanne Dunn, Mrs Kerri Mijok, Mrs Ruth Headon, Mrs Anna Lilburne, Mrs Felicity Maynard, Mrs Kathy Duncan, Mrs Rejeana Turner, Mr Lloyd Brettschneider and Mr Glen Tonkin. I would like to thank them for supporting our students on a daily basis and for their dedicated contributions to Hay Public School.

UNSW Spelling Competition

We have received some outstanding results in the recently held University of NSW Spelling Competition. Sixteen students participated with one distinction, five credits and ten participation certificates. Congratulations to Lucy Shea (Year 3) who was awarded a Distinction, Harriet Campbell (Year 4), Will Simpson (Year 4), Hannah Shea (Year 5), Zoe Books (Year 6), Iona Cullenward (Year 6) who were awarded a Credit and Lachlan Marks, Bailey Caughey (Year 3), Finn Cullenward, Jack Headon, Luke Nevinson, Ralph Robson (Year 4), Danielle Marks (Year 5) and Benjamin Caughey, Lanta Clark, Emily Gibson (Year 6) who were awarded a Participation. Certificates for Spelling will be awarded at the assembly on September 11th.

Attendance

Research shows that students who attend school on a regular basis experience greater success in their learning. Research also shows that students who miss a lot of school have gaps in their learning. Reasons to miss school must be acceptable and all absences must be explained. Acceptable reasons include illness or travelling away to a doctor’s appointment. Unacceptable reasons include birthdays, tiredness, shopping trips or non-participation in school rewards. Students who have an attendance rate of below 80% are missing, on average, one day every week. This week I will be sending out letters to the parents of all students who have an attendance rate of less than 80% so that parents are aware of the amount of school that is being missed by their child.

Approaching Your School

From time to time parents have concerns about things that are happening at school. The school is always available to listen to parental concerns and work with you and your child to help sort things out. When approaching the school, an appointment needs to be made with either the classroom teacher (for classroom concerns), an Assistant Principal (for other concerns) or the Principal. Appointments can be made through the front office.

Have a great week!

Carol Oataway
Principal
Book Week – Books Light Up Our World
Congratulations to all students and teachers for a wonderful Book Week Parade. Student artworks were artistic, creative and a wonderful reflection of their shortlisted book.
Congratulations to our Book Week raffle winners- Archie Houston, Emily Gibson, Velettah Kennedy and Opal Woods.
I’m pleased to say these students borrow regularly from our well-resourced library. It would be great to see many more students borrowing on a regular basis.
Remember – TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER

Stage 2 Excursion- Lake Mungo / Swan Hill
Next week our Stage 2 students embark on their excursion to Lake Mungo and Swan Hill. This excursion will consolidate students understanding of the History unit, First Contacts.
Students have been given a list of requirements to bring-this includes sleeping bags and blankets. This list will be sent out again this week. Please note that final payments MUST be made by this Friday.

Spelling Bee
Spelling Bee Regional Finals will be held next Wednesday 16th September at Hay PS via video link. Stage 2 commences at 9.30 and Stage 3 at 11.30. We wish Lucy, Velettah, Hannah and Zoe the best of luck.

Mrs Suzanne Murphy
Assistant Principal

5/6CC News
5/6CC enjoyed their shortlisted book – ‘Rivertime’. It introduced them to the skill of bird watching. They identified and sketched many Australian birds, both in our school environment and on the ipads. Some great bird sketches were drawn by students in 5/6CC.
**Sport Report**

**Riverina Athletics Carnival**
Well done to the fifteen athletes who travelled to Albury for the Regional Athletics Carnival held on Monday. Performances were outstanding, with personal bests being achieved by many. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney: Lucy Shea 3rd in 9 year girls’ 100m, Myla Bisset 3rd in 13 year girls’ 100m, Brait Headon 2nd in 12 year boys’ 100m, 3rd in 200m senior boys’, 3rd in senior boys’ long jump and 2nd in senior boys’ high jump. Congratulations to SOTA students, Claire Booth, Jack Turner, Kate Turner and Willy Ryan who came 2nd in the relay. WOW!

**State Athletics**
The NSW PSSA 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 will attend the Riverina Girls’ Cricket Trials, at Lavington on Monday 7th September (10am-2pm). Cost is $2 per player. Good luck, girls.

**2 Hay FM**
Thanks to Ronan Haines and Herbie Maynard for confidently presenting our sports report last Friday.

**Stage 3 Sport**
5F will play tennis for Sport on Friday at 2pm, under the supervision of Mrs Cullenward.

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**Breaking News!**
The planets have aligned and the next HPS Fete will be Out Of This World! Hay Public School will be inundated with aliens, astronauts, Star Wars characters, rockets, UFO’S and all sorts of unexpected visitors from galaxies far, far away. Don’t get caught in a black hole - mark Friday 18th March, 2016 in your calendar for a great day on Earth!
School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Monday is School Banking Day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to the front office first thing in the morning.

Managing Difficult Behaviour in Children

Incorporating the 1-2-3 Magic Program

A free, three session program of helpful and well researched ways to effectively manage behaviour in 2-12 year olds including:

- Increasing knowledge about what works in managing difficult behaviour and what doesn’t
- Reducing feelings of frustration
- Getting better results with less effort and stress when dealing with children's troublesome behaviour

When: Tuesdays – Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3
Where: The Hay Hub, 90 Lachlan St
Time: 9.30am or 7pm (your choice of day or evening sessions each session is approximately 2½ hours)

Please register for your preferred session time.

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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Total Payment $_____________

Payment to yellow box in front office or direct credit details

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