



N Ariah Park Central School Newsletter

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Week 9 Term 4

*Please don't forget to sign in when
visiting the school - thank you*

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 4.

Companion Works

The new shade shelter, which is a part of the BER library, has been completed. This shade shelter will now allow students to access the sand pit area and be out of the sun.

What's on this Week?

Monday

Secondary excursion to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp

Tuesday

Secondary excursion continues
Uniform try-ons in the Library – 9 to 9.30 and 3.30 to 4

Wednesday

Susan Cairns, District Assistant Principal Learning Support visiting Mrs Matthews
Uniform try-ons in the Library – 9 to 9.30 and 3.30 to 4

Thursday

'Dance for the Fun of It' for students Kinder to Year 8 at 9.30
Uniform try-ons in the Library – 1 to 1.30

Friday

Book Buying for Presentation Night

Primary Excursion

The primary students who attended the excursion to Ballarat/Bendigo had a great time and did an excellent job in representing the school.

Thanks to our parents who attended and congratulations to Mr Dehlsen and our teaching staff.

Did You Know?

Leonardo da Vinci invented scissors and, Julius Caesar wore a laurel wreath crown to hide the fact that he was balding. Until next week, take care.
Peter Morse

P&C News

NEW School Summer Dress Samples have arrived:

Samples of the summer dress uniform are now available to try on. As it is quickly coming to the end of the schooling year we are encouraging any families who want their child to wear a summer dress to come and try on a sample.

The final order will need to be placed by Friday 9th December.

Location: Library

Date and times as follows:

Tuesday 6th December:

- 9:00am – 9:30am
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday 7th December:

- 9:00am – 9:30am
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Thursday 8th December:

- 1:00pm – 1:30pm
(at lunch time)

If you are unable to come in during any of these times BUT are happy for your child to try the sample dress on during

school hours with the supervision of a female teacher, please send in a signed permission note with your request.

Thank you

Uniform Committee

Canteen News

Roster

Friday, 9/12/11 – T Buerckner, M Bell

Monday, 12/12/11 – D Worland,
L O'Dwyer

Diary

Note: Items in bold indicate new items on diary

THIS WEEK (Week 9)

Tuesday, 6th December

Uniform Try-on – Library (see item under P&C heading)

Wednesday, 7th December

Uniform Try-on – Library (see item under P&C heading)

Sunday 4th – Wednesday 7th December

Secondary excursion to Berry

Thursday, 8th December

Dance for the Fun of It performance K-8

Uniform Try-on – Library (see item under P&C heading)

Kinder 2012 Parent Meeting – 1.50pm

NEXT WEEK (Week 10)

Monday, 12th December

Middle School Assembly

Tuesday, 13th December

Christmas Scripture Service

Wednesday, 14th December

Rewards Day

Thursday, 15th December

Presentation Night – 7.00pm

Friday, 16th December

Term 4 ends



Whole School News

2012 Return to School

Friday, 27th January 2012 – staff return

Monday, 30th January – Kinder and Year 11/12 return

Tuesday, 31st January – Remainder of students return

Term Dates 2012:

Term 1:

Friday, 27th January to Thursday, 5th April

Term 2

Monday, 23rd April to Friday, 29th June

Term 3

Monday, 16th July to Friday 21st September

Term 4

Monday, 8th October to Friday, 21st December

School Development Days

Friday, 27th January 2012

Monday, 23rd April 2012

Monday, 16th July 2012

Thursday, 20th December 2012

Friday, 21st December 2012

Rewards Excursion

Last week the school's Welfare Committee met to review the behaviour of the school's students over the year. We were delighted to find out that well over 50% of our students had not had a single discipline notification all year! This is a fantastic effort – congratulations to all of these students. Many others have had only one or two minor referrals for the year (white slips) and this was deemed good enough by the committee for them to be deemed eligible for our end of year excursion to reward exemplary behaviour. Invitations have been sent to those who achieved the

reward and notes and money are due back by **9.30am, Thursday 8th December** in order to finalise arrangements.

Welfare Committee

Presentation Night

Presentation Night is fast approaching and is on Thursday, 15th December, commencing at 7.00pm **sharp**. Could all families please ensure their children are on time?

We welcome all parents, grand-parents and other interested community members to join us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students during 2011.

APCS Executive

Library

Can all students with books still borrowed please return them by this **Friday 9th December** so a stocktake can be completed? So please look under the bed, check if any books are hiding in the lounge and in your sock drawer.

I would also like to thank all people who have purchased items from Book Club, the Book Fair, and donated their time for covering books, as well as donating books to the library over the year. It is greatly appreciated as this has meant that more books have been purchased for your children to read and learn from during the year.

Miss Ostle

Agriculture

I would like to thank all people who have donated agricultural supplies to the school this year, it is greatly appreciated.

Miss Ostle

Food Technology/Hospitality

I would like to thank all people who have donated items to the Food Technology room, it is greatly appreciated. I would also like to ask if anyone has anything at home that belongs to the school from the Food Technology room, can you please return it?

Miss Ostle

Year 3-6 Excursion

39 excited primary students, along with parents and staff, attended an excursion to Ballarat and Bendigo last week. After departing Ariah Park at 6.00am we travelled to Jerilderie for morning tea and then on to Bendigo. We tried our hands at making some pottery creations at Bendigo Pottery before boarding the Talking Tram for a tour around Bendigo's historic buildings. After this we donned hard hats and torches and went 61 metres down the Central Deborah Mineshaft to get an idea of life as a miner in the 1850s. We then travelled to Bendigo where, after unpacking all our gear at the Miner's Retreat Motel, we went up the road for dinner before watching the Spectacular night show 'Blood On the Southern Cross', a re-enactment of the events leading up to and culminating in the Eureka Stockade. The following morning, it got quite chilly. Our first visit was to the Ballarat Wildlife Park where we were able to meet close-up a whole host of Australian native animals and reptiles. We then ventured to Sovereign Hill to gain an insight into life on the goldfields. After another delicious meal at the Eureka Stockade Hotel we went to Ballarat Ten Pin Bowling alley where, besides bowling,

students were able to show off the latest dance moves thanks to the lively disco music. Friday was mainly spent travelling home. Incredibly, at one point, we were only 15 kilometres out of Melbourne. On the way we visited the Ned Kelly Museum at Glenrowan, the scene of the capture of the Kelly Gang in 1880.

This was a very tiring excursion but we managed to squeeze in plenty of things and had lots of fun along the way.

Students are already eagerly looking forward to next year's excursion to Bathurst and the Blue Mountains.

A special thank you goes to all the parents who assisted with supervision over the three days.

Please see the photo page towards the end of this newsletter.

Primary Staff

Secondary News

Secondary Excursion

At the time of publication, 21 secondary students, with Ms Ostle, Mr Thomas and Mr Angel, will have embarked on the secondary excursion.

Sunday evening was at Wombeyan Caves and by the time of publication the students would have started to enjoy the activities at the Sport and Recreation Camp at Berry.

Look forward to a further report, stories and photos in next week's newsletter.

Primary News

Intensive Swimming

Intensive Swimming continues this week and all students are reminded to bring their swimmers, towels etc.

Students are not to wear their costumes to school but will change before swimming.

Readers

There are still some readers missing. Please check under the beds, in the cupboards etc and assist us by returning all readers. The stocktake is unable to be completed until they are all returned.

Thank you.

Mrs Hadrill

Sport News

Sport Selections

We commenced a trial at the start of this term with offering 3-4 sport selections at the beginning of this term. The sport selection lasts for 5 weeks (meaning students get the choice of 2 sports during each term).

This has worked extremely well and there has been some good feedback from students and staff and as a result we will be continuing this structure next year.

I am always prepared to listen to possible sports ideas from students and will endeavour to include any suggestions if it is possible. I would also like to hear from any parents and community members who may be prepared to assist with offering their time and expertise on any particular sport/activity on Friday afternoons.

An example this term was Terry Noack who assisted students with Lawn Bowls. This was fantastic as it provided the students access to someone with greater skills and abilities than perhaps was available from teaching staff.

I would also call upon any parents who would be interested in being parent representatives in our Sports committee. This committee only meets a few times each year, is not overly taxing but considers many aspects of the school sports and activities.

Any parents or community members who would like to assist in these areas, please contact the school.

Graham Angel
Sports Coordinator

APCS Twilight Swimming Carnival 2012

The Swimming Carnival for next year is proposed for 9th February (Thursday evening of Week 3). It is a department requirement for parents to provide consent when there are to be any swimming activities to be conducted as part of a sport, PE or school program. The details of the proposed swimming program/activity are detailed below:

Venue: Ariah Park Swimming Pool

Date/s: 9/2/2012

Time/s: 4.00pm

Travel: Walk to pool after school

Supervision: School staff

Dress: Swimming gear and
House Colours

Other requirements: Students will be instructed to use adequate sun protection. Students should wear a shirt for additional protection in the water (a rash vest is ideal for this purpose)

Please note that if an accident occurs at school or on an excursion which is not caused by negligence of the Department of Education and Communities, then parents/guardians are required to have their own insurance.

Please complete the attached permission note contained at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school prior to the carnival. We also ask that parents/guardians also complete the local excursion permission note which is also required at the beginning of each year and allows students to walk to nearby local areas for such sporting and other educational requirements. We are providing this information and notes now so there is less of a rush to organise these requirements at the start of next year.

Graham Angel
Sports Coordinator

Community News

Primary Cricket Report

Redbacks suffered their first loss for the season against the Blues at Ariah Park on Saturday.

The Blues batted first and scored a total of 50 runs.

Some terrific bowling saw Blake Harper on a hat trick early in the game and Matthew Prentice also claimed two wickets. Tom Lawrence and Jack Manning also bowled well to claim a wicket each.

Chris Ryall top scored with 20 runs, Blake Harper 6 and Tom Lawrence 2. Our younger players had to face some pretty stiff bowling from the opposition and are all the wiser for next time.

With 4 overs to bowl, Redbacks needed just 8 runs to win however our last wicket fell leaving a total of just 42.

Our last game for the pre-Christmas session is again at Ariah Park next Saturday, with Garry Ryall on duty.

NO TRAINING AFTER SCHOOL.

Swimming Pool News

The pool is holding its annual raffle with a lawn mower and whipper snipper as the prize tickets are only \$1 each and are available at the post office and the pool. The raffle will be drawn at the town Christmas tree on 21st December and tickets will also be available that night. Please show your support and buy a ticket or two. Pool memberships are now due. If you have not yet paid your membership please pay at the pool canteen ASAP we will be charging daily admission prices starting this week to anyone entering the pool who has not yet become a member. Please see a member of the committee if you have any problems. We encourage everyone to support and utilise this valuable community asset.

Swimming Club News

Our final swim club for this year will be held on Friday 16th December at 6pm. We are having a small Christmas party after swim club a BBQ tea will be available. Could all families bring a small salad to share? Swimming training will recommence on 23rd January with our first swim club night to be held on Thursday 27th January.

Any queries or questions feel free to phone Toni on 69741115.

Combined Churches**Ladies' Christmas Lunch**

Saturday 10th December

12-2pm at the footy clubrooms

Lunch provided- Bring a friend-bring the kids-bring your Christmas spirit!

Hosted in 2011 by the Catholic Church Ladies



Notes

APCS Swimming Carnival 2012 – Permission Note

I hereby give my son/daughter/ward permission to participate in the APCS Swimming Carnival at the Ariaah Park Swimming Pool on 9th February 2012 (or the rescheduled date in case of bad weather), which will include structured aquatic activities.

I authorise medical aid being provided if it is considered necessary by the supervising teacher/s.

Any special medical conditions or any medication currently taking (including asthma sprays etc).....

If you son/daughter/ward suffers from a medical condition which might put him/her at risk in the water, a medical certificate must be obtained for him/her to participate in the swimming program.

Please indicate your son/daughter/ward’s swimming ability. Poor or non-swimmers will require the Principal to assess whether such students should participate in the swimming or water activities. The school may also assess the student in completing a Water Survival Challenge to help determine their aquatic proficiency in this assessment.

Please select one of the following:

- My son/daughter/ward is a swimmer and has permission to participate in structured aquatic activities (can swim over 25 metres).
- My son/daughter/ward is a non-swimmer or has limited swimming ability (cannot swim at least 25 metres). The principal will assess whether such students should participate in the swimming or water activities.
- I do not provide my son/daughter/ward with permission to participate in the indicated swimming or water activities.

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Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

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Local Excursion Permission Note

I hereby consent to my son/daughter participating in local excursions within Ariaah Park for the 2012 school year. I understand these will be on foot and accompanied by teaching staff.

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Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date