



Year 1 students at their Whole School Assembly performance entitled "Mr Dunn"

**Important
DATE!**

**Wednesday,
18/12/13
School Ends for
Students**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am looking forward to our Presentation Night this week. It is always good to recognise our students' achievements and recount the year we had. Hopefully the night won't be too hot and it runs smoothly.

The intensive swimming program is in full swing and, apart from a couple of cold days, the students are having a good time and learning a lot about water safety. Thank you to all who have been helping out with this program.

The walls are up and the roof is going onto the industrial arts building. All is still on track to have it complete ready for students' day 1 next year. I would like to welcome Graham Cox who will be joining Ariah Park Central School next year working in the Industrial Arts faculty. Graham comes to us from Urana Central School.

1 more week to go!

Justin Dunn

Principal

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Kate O'Dwyer who was selected as our last Student of the Month for 2013.

Kate was selected for her following attributes:

- *Fantastic results in Literacy and Numeracy*
- *Having a positive attitude towards learning*
- *Completes all tasks to a high standard*
- *Neat Handwriting*
- *A polite and courteous student*
- *Helpful to teachers and peers both in the classroom and in the playground.*

Well done Kate!

APCS Staff

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 13/12/13 – S Dart, R Denyer

Monday, 16/12/13 – J Johnstone,
K Walker

Note:

Printed at the end of this newsletter is the roster for term 1 next year.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Manager 2014

We welcome Wendy Walker as the new Canteen Manager. Thanks Wendy for taking on the job!

Also, thanks to all the ladies for doing canteen, especially the ladies who do two days a term.

If you are unable to do your turn please swap or find a replacement. If, at the last minute, you are unable to do canteen, please call Wendy or the front office. It is very difficult for the one lady who has turned up. Thank you.

Alice French

SCHOOL DIARY

Note: Items in bold indicate new items on diary

THIS WEEK (Week 10B)

Intensive Swimming continues

Tuesday, 10/12/13

Christmas Church Service – 10am –
Catholic Church

Wednesday, 11/12/13

Presentation Night rehearsal day

Thursday, 12/12/13

Mufti Day

Presentation Night – 7pm

NEXT WEEK (Week 11A)

Monday, 16/12/13

HSIE Expo – lunchtime

Wednesday, 18/12/13

Students finish school for 2013

Thursday, 19/12/13 & Friday, 20/12/13

School Development Days – staff attend

Friday, 20th December

Term 4 ends

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Café Still Closed on Tuesdays

We have been notified that the Café will continue to be closed on Tuesdays during December and therefore there will be **NO CAFÉ LUNCHES** tomorrow or next Tuesday.

Please ensure your child is sent to school with food for both recess and lunch.

Presentation Night

Don't forget our Presentation Night is nearly here. We will have a rehearsal day this Wednesday, 11/12/13 followed by Presentation Night on Thursday, 12/12/13, commencing at 7pm.

Thursday will be a **MUFTI** Day so that students are able to keep their uniforms clean and tidy for Presentation Night. All students are asked to be in their best school uniform for Presentation Night.

We hope to see as many parents, grandparents and other interested people as possible present for Presentation Night as we reward the enormous effort made by our students during this year.

APCS Executive

Crazy Camel

We have received notice from Crazy Camel that our orders have been shipped and they should arrive at school this week.

Unless we are informed otherwise, items will be sent home with the eldest child in each family who have ordered. If you would like to make alternate arrangements, please contact the school office on 6974 1105.

Mrs Dunn

Whole School Assembly

2013 Yearbook

The 2013 Yearbook is now ready for pre-ordering.

Families who have already paid their Voluntary School Contributions for 2013 will receive a free copy. If your contributions have not been paid, the yearbook is available for purchase for \$10 per copy.

The Yearbooks for 2011 and 2012 will also be available, initially on a CD however, if you wish to obtain a printed copy you may have all three copies for \$20.

This year's Yearbook, along with a CD version of 2011 and 2012 will be

distributed during week 11. If you require printed copies of 2011 and 2012, they will be available in 2014.

Please fill out the Pre-order form at the end of this newsletter and return by **this Thursday, 12/12/13**, along with the appropriate payment.

Mrs McBeath

School Administration Manager

Attendance Certificates



Only two students were presented with an Attendance Certificate, recognising their 100% attendance during Semester 2. This is a magnificent achievement on the part of Jack McCormack and Benny Barnes.

Well done.

Mr Dunn

Volunteers

Also at whole school assembly we took the opportunity to thank our many volunteer tutors, before school readers, scripture teachers, book coverers and others who, without their help, we could

not continue to offer our students so many extra-curricular opportunities.

We thank you most sincerely.

Pictured below are the volunteers who were able to join us at assembly and afterwards at a wonderful morning tea, produced by Ms Ostle and her most capable students in 9/10 Hospitality and her 7/8 volunteer helpers who all excelled with the excellent food. Those volunteers who could not be present are sent our heartfelt appreciation.



APCS Executive and Staff

Staff Awards



The following students were presented with Staff Awards:

Summa Watts, Annelise Golder and Seth Sgroi.

These students have previously received at least 4 merit awards in order to receive the Staff Award.

Well done!

SRC Awards



The following students were presented with SRC Certificates. In order for a student in primary to be awarded an SRC certificate, that student must have previously received 8 merit awards and in secondary 12.

Congratulations to:

Benny Barnes, Gabrielle Fairman, Isabella Sgroi, Sarah Speirs, Summa Watts, Thomas Writer, Charlotte Brill, Brooke Denyer, Blake Forsyth, Annelise Golder, Alexander Harper, Alex Ingram, Charlie McCormack, Will O'Hare, Deklan Ross, Hayley Writer, Blake Smith, Riley Walker, Lachlan Forsyth, Hunter Ross, Lily Doyle, Tyson Ross, Grant Kelly.

Principal's Award



I had the pleasure of presenting the following certificate to students who have achieved 13 merit awards when in

primary and 18 in secondary. My congratulation to the following students: Josie Heath, Phoebe Banfield, Benny Barnes, Charlotte Bell, Gabrielle Fairman, Sophie Maxwell, Kate O'Dwyer, Thomas Writer, Bella Fairman, Taylor Heath, Riley Judd, Rafferty Edis, Fraser Harper, Laura Harper, Louise O'Hare, Ellie Walker, Tyleesha Cummins, Emma Doyle, Alyssa Dundas and Ben Johnstone.

Mr Dunn

P&C Awards



Congratulations to the students listed below who were presented with a P&C Award. This is the top award for the number Merit Awards received throughout the year. A minimum of 18 merits must have been achieved for students in primary and 24 for secondary students.

Lachlan Buerckner (18), Abbey Doyle (20), Jack McCormack (19), Lily Walker (20), Kacy Bell (24), Emily Buerckner (20), Alyssa Denyer (20), Mitchell Doyle (21), Nancy French (19), Georgia Harper (21), Keisha McLean (19), Maggie Johnstone (24), Christopher Ryall (27), Mitchell Maguire (29) and Matthew Davey (27).

I congratulate these students for their wonderful effort!

Peter Harper – P&C President

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge

In Term 3, all students were given the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Infants completed the challenge in their sports group and students in years 3-6 were divided into teams led by secondary students.

The aim of the challenge is for students to record the amount of physical activity each week and to try to improve their results each week by increasing the exercise that they do. Some students who had regularly attended Active After Schools were able to attend a video conference with Jessica Fox, which was offered to us for being involved in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. The school was also able to purchase new sporting equipment from a grant that we received for being involved in the challenge.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the challenge and received an award. Diamond awards for the Primary were presented at Whole School Assembly on Friday. Other awards have been sent home today with Newsletters.

Mrs Dunn



Diamond Award:

Jack Speirs, Brady Edis, Rafferty Edis, Thomas Denyer, William Barnes, Blair McLean, Riley Walker, Sullivan Walker, Nicholas Fairman, Hayley Buerckner, Jack McCormack, William Coutts, Lachlan Forsyth, Nancy French, Alyssa Denyer, Mitchell Doyle, AJ Robinson, Shelby Worland, Emily Buerckner, Fraser Harper, Lily Walker, Abbey Doyle, Michelle Chisholm, Emma Doyle, Sharnie McLean, Adam Prentice, Matthew Prentice, Christopher Ryall, Ellie Walker, Matthew Davey, Jayden McLean, Harry Walker and Grant Kelly.

Gold Award:

Sophie Dart, Lucy Edis, William Fairman, Elsie Furphy, Josie Heath, Nyashia Lagu, Kacey Manning, Georgia McCormack, James O'Hare, Angus Pursehouse, Abigail Stevens, Ella Watts, Phoebe Banfield, Benjamin Barnes, Charlotte Bell, Charlotte Brill, Lachlan Buerckner, Brooke Denyer, Bella Fairman, Gabrielle Fairman, Blake Forsyth, Annelise Golder, Alexander Harper, Taylor Heath, Alexander Ingram, Harrison Judd, Riley Judd, Sophie Maxwell, Charlie McCormack, William Miller, Kate O'Dwyer, William O'Hare, Deklan Ross, Isabella Sgroi, Seth Sgroi, Sarah Speirs, Summa Watts, Hayley Writer, Thomas Writer, Angela Banfield, Zachary Dart, Ryan Hall, Laura Harper, Thomas O'Dwyer, Louise O'Hare, Blake Smith, Isabel Twyford, Kacy Bell, Georgia Harper, Keisha McLean, Timothy Miller, Hunter Ross, Olivia Seymour, Tyleesha Cummins, Maggie Johnstone, Tyson Ross, Joseph Ryall, Alyssa Dundas, Caleb Harris, Ben Johnstone, Mitchell Maguire and Courtney Noack.

Silver Award:

Angela Banfield, Bonnie Gaynor, Logan Gaynor, Evelyn Hart, William Kenworthy, Hannah O'Dwyer, Grant Kelly, Lillian Robinson, Kayne Gordon,

Bronze Award:

Emma Storm and Louise Chisholm

Pairs Cricket Presentation



As Mr Dehlsen is no longer at the school, I was asked to take up the running of the Pairs Cricket competition for 2013. I was very glad that I accepted the offer as I was able to interact with the younger primary kids and see some great junior cricket played. I think in the future, junior cricket will be very promising from what I saw throughout the competition. All the players seemed to enjoy themselves and all seemed enthusiastic about playing. I thoroughly enjoyed running the competition for this year and would like to thank everyone who signed up and Mrs Dunn and Ms Ostle for organising the Grand Final BBQ which raised funds for my trip to South Africa; I really appreciate the school doing this! Also a huge congratulations to Chris Ryall and William Miller for taking out the 2013 competition by narrowly defeating Joe Ryall and Charlie McCormack in the Grand Final. Also a

great effort from Riley Walker taking four catches to win the catching award.

Mitchell Maguire

SECONDARY NEWS

Around the World...in a matter of hours

On Monday, 16th December, students in Secondary HSIE will be hosting an Expo during periods 3 and 4. The theme for the Expo is 'Around the World...in a matter of hours'. Secondary students have been divided into 10 groups and they have each chosen a country. On the day, infants and primary students will be divided into teams and they will move around the different countries and complete challenges (a bit like 'The Amazing Race'). When they have completed a challenge teams will be given a letter. The winning team is the one that gets all 10 letters and decodes the secret word!

Parents, carers and community members are welcome to come to the event; please sign in at the front office on your arrival.

Preparations for the Expo Day are on well on their way:





Riverina Access Partnership Camp

Year 10 students, who are returning for Year 11 studies next year, were handed a note on Thursday about the Access Camp in week 3 next term. The parent permission notes are required to be completed and returned by this Friday (13th December) so that definite bookings at the centre can be made before the end of the year. It should be noted that Year 11 will be taught at the camp for those 2 days, no lessons will be delivered for year 11 students in schools, and students who do not attend will be recorded as absent from school unless they have had leave approved by the principal.

Mark Englert (ISAC)

PRIMARY NEWS

Thank You to Our Students

Last week, at morning assembly, our volunteer reading student helpers were thanked by the primary students and

staff for their effort in improving reading ability.

Thank you to all the students listed below:

Abbey Doyle, Laura Harper, Louise O'Hare, Will Barnes, Tom Denyer, Rafferty Edis, Fraser Harper, Blair McLean, Tom O'Dwyer, Riley Walker, Hayley Buerckner, Hannah O'Dwyer, Lily Walker, Nicholas Fairman, Lachlan Forsyth, Jack McCormack, Kacy Bell, Emily Buerckner, Alyssa Denyer, Nancy French, Georgia Harper, Keisha McLean, Olivia Seymour, Shelby Worland, Mitchell Doyle, Alan Robinson, Sullivan Walker

These students were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small gift.

Primary Staff

Active After School

Parents please note that there will be no active after school as we have officially finished for the year. Thank you to all who attended and we look forward to seeing you all again next year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Radnidge and Miss Ostle

Attention Parents of Year 1 Students

This year the Year One students have been working very hard on some creative writing using the website called 'Story Jumper'. This program allows you to create your own story book including illustrations. These hard cover books are now complete and available for purchase for \$25 each plus postage. You are able to read the story first before you buy if you so wish. If you wish to purchase a copy of your child's book simply log onto:

<http://www.storyjumper.com> then Login to the site using the details below

Then purchase the book that belongs to your child. If you have any questions about the process, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.
Mr Radnidge

SPORT NEWS

Lawn Bowls



Congratulations go to Nic Fairman and Emma Pitt for being the Champions of Primary and Secondary Lawn Bowls for 2013. The Championship was run by Mr Radnidge during Friday afternoon Sport, and it was a hard fought competition, with many exciting twists and turns!

APCSTCSSGD

The highly prized APCS Teachers, Community and Students Sports Gala Day (APCSTCSSGD) was held for the first time on Wednesday, 4th December and the shield was presented to the winners, 9/10, at our most recent Whole School Assembly.

It was a close competition, particularly between the 7/8 and the 9/10 teams, who finished their match in a draw. The tally of tries there for the event of a count back showed that some of the teams, while not prone to winning, certainly did have a good try scoring record.

However, with two matches won, the 9/10s were the worthy champions on the day- Congratulations 9/10.

A big thank you goes to the Sports Committee, who organised the event, to Brian Johnstone for his helping in setting up, Mick and Renae Denyer for organising the community team and to the teachers, community members and students who attended the afternoon to make it great!

The Sports Committee, SRC and Mrs Dunn



Exhaustion was a common thread





The Teams
(some players had already departed!)



Action a-plenty



Team Meetings



CANTEEN ROSTER

Date

Fri 31/1/14	Wendy Walker, Rosemary Miller
Mon 3/2/14	Debbie Worland, Erin O'Hare
Fri 7/2/14	Leah Harper, Carol Heward
Mon 10/2/14	Rachel Heath, Melissa Bell
Mon 17/2/14	Sam Dart, Wendy Walker
Fri 21/2/14	Sharon Gordon, Di Edis
Mon 24/2/14	Toni McCormack, Glenda Prentice
Fri 28/2/14	Leonie Fairman, Jamie Judd
Mon 3/3/14	Renae Denyer, Karin Walker
Fri 7/3/14	Felicity Doyle, Elizabeth Davey
Mon 10/3/14	Rhonda Johnstone, Suzie Furphy
Fri 14/3/14	Sue Gaynor, Amie Fairman
Mon 17/3/14	Tracey Buerckner, Robyn Maguire
Fri 21/3/14	Christina Harper, Alice French
Mon 24/3/14	Wendy Walker, Leah Harper
Fri 28/3/14	Felicity Doyle, Sam Dart
Mon 31/3/14	Rhonda Johnstone, Carol Heward
Fri 4/4/14	Alice French, Karin Walker
Mon 7/4/14	Debbie Worland, Renae Denyer
Fri 11/4/14	Wendy Walker, Robyn Maguire

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ARIAH PARK COMMUNITY NEWS

To be included in the Arianh Park Community News, your ads/notices need to be received by 11am Friday. All notices may be emailed to ariahpark-c.admin@det.nsw.edu.au (preferred method), hand written or faxed

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Breakfast starts 8am – bring your own chair

Address by the Australia Day Ambassador, music and poetry

Prizes for best decorated hat (children and adult sections) in Australian Theme so start thinking early!!

NOTES

Yearbook Pre-order

Iwish to order the following:

Item	Number of Copies	Price
2013 Yearbooks printed (@ \$0 each as I have paid my school contributions)	N/A	N/A
2013 Yearbook printed (@ \$10) as I have not paid my school contributions		
2013 Yearbooks printed (@ \$10 - extra copies for my family)		
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TOTAL PAYMENT INCLUDED		\$