The Peppercorn Press

The Newsletter of Ariah Park Central School Week 7B Term 4 Monday, 20th November 2017



Primary Excursion - Canberra

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week was another busy week for Ariah Park Central School with lots of special events.

We had the Primary excursion head off to Canberra for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The students had an exceptional time and were able to be involved a range of different activities linked to their curriculum experiences at school. I have heard many brilliant reports about our students' behaviour and representing our school with pride. I look forward to similar things when the hearing Secondary excursion commences in Week 9. Any students or parents requiring additional information about the Secondary excursion are encouraged to contact Miss Williams.

We also had the RAP Graduation on Friday night in Leeton. This was our final chance to farewell Year 12 and we wish all students well into the future. Michelle Chisholm attended the evening with her family, along with Mr Dunn, Mrs Drumore, Mrs Gash and myself. Ellie Walker in Year 11 also represented Ariah Park Central School and spoke well in her role.

Friday, 8/12/17

Whole School Assembly @ 11.59am

This week and next we also have a lot happening in and around the school. This Friday we have our first whole day orientation for Kindergarten 2018. Followed by the second orientation for Kindergarten on Friday, 1st December and the transition/orientation day for Year 6 into Year 7. Parent meetings for these classes will also be held on these days. We will also have Work Experience for all of Stage 5 next week, as well as the start of the Intensive Swim program for Primary.

Ms Horne

Head Teacher – Secondary Studies

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 24/11/17: F Doyle, R Buerckner Monday, 27/11/17: K Walker, C Heward

CANTEEN NEWS

As we approach the end of the year, some items listed on our current menu will be removed and gradually replaced with alternate, delicious options. All lollies and currently advertised ice blocks will only be available until stocks run out. The Healthy Schools Canteen Committee is working hard to create a new, exciting menu which will be introduced in the first half of 2018. We appreciate your patience and support as we work through this process.

Wendy Walker

SCHOOL DIARY

Please note that <u>new</u> items are in **bold This Week (Week 7B)**

Tuesday, 21/11/17 Electives Full Day Thursday, 23/11/17 RAP Study Day at Barellan Central Friday, 24/11/17 2018 Kinder Orientation – whole day YES Program @ Wagga TAFE

Next Week (Week 8A)

Stage 5 Work Experience – all week <u>Monday, 27/11/17</u> Intensive Swimming commences <u>Wednesday, 29/11/17</u> Police Liaison Visit <u>Thursday, 30/11/17</u> STEM Challenge Day <u>Friday, 1/12/17</u> Kinder 2018 Orientation Day Kinder 2018 Parent Meeting – 2.00pm Year 6 into 7 Transition Day BookClub Issue 8 LOOP Orders Close

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

RAP Graduation

The Riverina Access Partnership held its Year 12 Graduation ceremony on Friday the 17th November. This year APCS had three graduates, Michelle Chisholm, Ella Masterton and Bridgette Wheatley. Michelle and her family attended the graduation ceremony that was held at Leeton Soldiers club. Mr Dunn, Mrs Drumore, Mrs Gash and Miss Horne were all able to attend to wish Michelle well. Michelle looked stunning and spoke well when addressing her fellow graduates and staff. We congratulate all of the graduating students of the Riverina Access Partnership and wish them well for the future.

(see collage) Miss Horne

BookClub LOOP Orders

The closing date for BookClub Issue 8 is Friday, 1st December. Please ensure you have placed your orders before this date. Thank you. Mrs Jennings Librarian

School Contributions and Elective Fees

Student invoices were posted home at the end of Term 3.

If you did not receive your invoice, or would like a copy, please contact the front office. Payments can be made by cash or cheque to the school, or by our new Parent Online Payment (POP) system. If you are using your subsidy, please return your remittance advice, so we can allocate the funds.

Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions

Printed in this newsletter is an information page regarding complaints, compliments and suggestions.

This information explains the procedures to follow should you wish to complain, compliment or make any suggestions about how we do things.

Justin Dunn

SECONDARY NEWS

Secondary Excursion Payment Schedule			
Due By	Details	Amount	
Initial \$50	Only need to pay	\$50	
as an	this if you didn't		
expression	pay the initial		
of interest	deposit		
3/11/17	Instalment 1	\$50	
6/11/17	Instalment 2	\$50	
13/11/17	Instalment 3	\$50	
20/11/17	Instalment 4	\$50	
27/11/17	Instalment 5	\$100	
27/11/17	Full payment due		
TOTAL		\$350	

PRIMARY NEWS

Morning Readers

Due to swimming commitments, volunteers for morning reading will not be required after Friday 24th November for the remainder of the term.

Thank you for your support during the year.

Primary Disco

On Thursday 14th December (Week 9) there will be a primary disco for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. The disco will start at 4.00pm in the school hall and

finish at 5.30pm. Students can come dressed in casual clothes for the day. We will be having afternoon tea together. Each class group is asked to bring a plate of food to share.

Kindergarten:	Cakes/Biscuits
1/2:	Fruit
3/4:	Lollies
5/6:	Chips
Miss Pollard	

Year 6 Graduation

Following the school disco on Thursday 14th December there will be a graduation for the Year 6 students. More information regarding this will be in the following newsletters.

Miss Pollard

Intensive Swimming

Students will be tested this Thursday for Intensive Swimming. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 need to bring their swimming gear, towel and sunscreen.

Once testing is completed, students will be put into groups and the swimming lessons will start on Monday, 27th November. Students who can swim 50m in Freestyle, Breaststroke and backstroke **WILL NOT** take part in swimming lessons this year. They will take part in a swim safety program.

Mrs Jenkins

Primary Excursion

We left for our 2017 Primary Camp adventure, to Canberra, bright and early at 6:30am on Wednesday morning and although some of us were very nervous for our first big camp, by the time we hit Temora, everyone was smiling and laughing and ready for a fantastic three days.

We stopped at Yass for a quick snack and toilet stop and then headed back on the road, Canberra Bound. Our first activity for the day was visiting The National Zoo and Aquarium. We broke into two groups and headed around the Zoo to view the amazing range of animals. Some favourite animals included the giraffes, tigers and the shark in the aquarium. After the Zoo, we set off for the Australian War Memorial. We had a quick lunch before we began our tour of the War Memorial. We thoroughly enjoyed touring the Memorial, learnt many new facts and took in all the Memorial had to offer. After departing the War Memorial, we headed to our accommodation at the Lumeah Lodge. We were very excited to see our rooms and unpack our luggage after which we had a quick two course dinner. We concluded our very busy day by watching The Emoji movie at the movies at Belconnen. A definite highlight of the movies were our super cool reclining chairs!

Our second day was just as busy! We all woke up early Thursday morning, had some breakfast and set off to The Royal Australian Mint, followed by the National Museum of Australia, where 3/4 were lucky enough to have Bethany and Jennifer Webb's uncle Michael be our tour guide and enlighten us with wonderful facts about the museum. After a quick lunch, we headed to Parliament House. The students were extremely well behaved and loved learning about how our country runs. Finally, we headed to The Museum of Australian Democracy, where we had plenty of wonderful, hands on experiences to undertake and loved participating in a mock discussion in the House of Representatives. We then had a quick dinner before heading to Questacon. Questacon was one of our most favourite activities on our trip. We loved running around with our friends and learning about science and the world around us.

Our final day came around very quickly. We packed up and hopped on the bus, bound for The Australian Institute of Sport. We had so much fun 'having a go' at lots of different sports and viewing the Institute, not to mention the amazing facts we learnt about many different athletes in Australia. Before we headed home we had one more stop, The Dinosaur Museum! What a fantastic experience to learn how long-ago dinosaurs walked on the earth and view all of the different dinosaurs.

Finally, we headed back to school and arrived back home in record time! We finished our trip off with some movies on the bus with 47, happy, but tired students.

A big thank you to Joel Fairman for coming with us on our trip. We loved having you come along with us.

Last of all Mrs Jenkins, Miss Pollard, Mr Harrison and Jamie would like to thank all of the students for a wonderful few days away. It is such a pleasure to take away a well-mannered group of students.

(see collages)

Mrs Jenkins, Miss Pollard, Mr Harrison

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from APCS recently undertook an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs, with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributes funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent Online Payments (POP)

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website (<u>http://www.ariahpark-</u> <u>c.schools.nsw.edu.au/</u>) by selecting:

<u>\$ Make a payment.</u>

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the <u>\$ Make a payment</u> you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number HOWEVER, these are not used at our school, so please leave this blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the school's Parent Online Payment (POP) process please contact the School Administration Office. **Please note:**

School uniform payments and P&C membership fees should be paid direct to the P&C.

The P&C payment details are:

BSB – 032 738 **Account Number:** 120021 Please ensure you leave your initial and surname as a reference when making a payment to the P&C.

Melissa Bell

Relieving School Administration Manager

Scholastic Book Club – LOOP Registration

Scholastic Book Club have an online ordering system called LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment) platform. APCS has now registered for this system and you will be able to order online from Issue 8. You can access LOOP either via the web address or via a downloadable App. Which are available in both Android and iPhone formats. (Please see the information sheet below.)

When registering you will need to type your child's name, then select our school and their year group. There is also a gift button you can select, so if you are ordering for a special occasion your child will not be handed the books.

Mrs Jennings Librarian



Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions

We work hard to create a school community that is safe, respectful and supports successful learning. We try to resolve issues as quickly as we can, so that our students can learn in an environment where families and teachers work together to achieve the best outcomes.

If you have a complaint, compliment or suggestion about any aspect of our school, please contact us. We value your feedback and are committed to dealing with issues thoroughly and fairly. You can also let us know if you have any suggestions or if you think we're doing something well.

You can make a complaint about:

- any aspect of the services we provide
- any decision, including those about enrolment
- any practice, policy or procedure
- staff behaviour or conduct.

Making a complaint

Most problems can be resolved by talking about them, so start by contacting your child's teacher, or by talking to school office staff or the year advisor. You can raise your complaint directly in person, by email, over the telephone or by letter if you prefer. Make a time to meet with the teacher or phone the school and ask for an appointment. It helps us to resolve complaints if you are able to provide clear information about what happened and what you would like us to do, and if you are respectful and reasonable in the way you approach the situation.

For some matters it may be appropriate to talk to a more senior person, such as the school principal. If you aren't sure who to raise your concerns with, the school administration staff can provide you with the correct contact details.

To help us to resolve your complaint, we may ask you to put it in writing. You can also use our online form, which is on the <u>Department of Education</u> website. This widget is easy to use – by clicking on the sad face, smiley face or light bulb you can provide details of your complaint, compliment or suggestion, and your feedback will be sent to the right place for action.

You can also use our <u>Complaints and compliments form (PDF 80KB</u>). You will need to print out this form, fill it in and submit it to the school.

What are the possible results of my complaint?

When responding to a complaint, we may do one or more of the following:

- take action to fix the matter or improve the situation
- apologise
- provide an explanation
- acknowledge that the situation could have been handled better or differently
- undertake to review the department's policies in light of the complaint.

Sometimes, we may not be able to change what has happened or the complaint manager will decide that the original decision was appropriate in the circumstances. Whatever the outcome, the complaint manager will give you clear reasons for their decision. This may be in a meeting, by telephone or by email.

More information?

- For more information about complaints, compliments and suggestions about schools, visit our <u>Schools - guide for parents, carers and students</u> or our <u>Complaints Handling</u> <u>Policy</u> and procedures.
- To make a complaint about a school principal or about a broader function of the department, you can use our online form on the <u>Department of Education</u> website, or email us at decinfo@det.nsw.edu.au.
- Department of Education employees can make a complaint about fellow employees through Employee performance and conduct (staff only).

RAP GRADUATION











Ariah Park Community News

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



Ariah Park Swimming Club

PO Box 20, ARIAH PARK NSW 2665

Meeting Reminder:

There is a meeting Monday afternoon at 4pm about the carnival and race nights. If you can't get there that early, don't stress. Someone can fill you in !!

Try Before You Buy:

Try before you buy has now finished. If you are planning to continue with swim club, you need to see Suse to register.

Training:

- Please be patient with the coaches over the coming weeks as they continue to work out the groups. The first group starts at 4:00pm to approx. 4:30pm and the 2nd group starts at 4:30pm 5:30pm.
- Please make sure you are ready to start 5 mins before training and you have your cap, goggles, flippers and water bottles ready to start.
- Thank you to Alison, Lucy, Gemma and Shelby for helping last week.

Thinking of you:

Our thoughts are with Debbie and John and we wish them well for Johns speedy recovery.

CarniVal:

→ There will be a list of jobs for the carnival left at the pool, please have a look and put your name down for a job. There are things that you can help with even if you aren't attending the carnival. This is a major fundraiser for the club so it's important everyone supports it.

Important diary dates:

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 9 th December	Local Club carnival

Entry Cards for Thursday Club Nights:

Don't forget to submit your entry cards for race nights by Wednesday. You will find paper entry cards in the swim club box that is located in the canteen at the pool or you can email the entry card. Entry cards need to be emailed to Toni's address this week: <u>the.mccormacks@bigpond.com</u>

Week 2	
Event No.	Stroke
1.	100m Medley
2.	200m Medley
3.	12m Freestyle
4.	25m Freestyle
5.	50m Freestyle
6.	100m Freestyle
7.	12m Breaststroke
8.	25m Breaststroke
9.	50m Breaststroke
10.	100m Breaststroke
11.	12m Freestyle
12.	25m Freestyle
13.	Relays mixed age
	teams

This week's race program for Thursday night 23rd November is:



See you at the pool !!!

Wanted: Submissions to the Ariah Park Advisory Committee

Annual Submissions to the Ariah Park Advisory Committee close at 5.00p.m. on the 11th December, 2017 with Chairman, Tim Sanders, 1 Ashton Street, Ariah Park.

If your organisation, whether it be school, pre-school, community or sporting, is seeking Federasl, State or Council financial assistance in the future, your project or submission needs to be included in Council's Community Strategic Plans.

The Ariah Park Advisory Committee is a Section 355 Committee of Council, and is the main link between the Ariah Park and District community and the Temora Shire Council.

After the December meeting of the Advisory Committee, they will be passing on these recommendations to the Council by January, 2018, so they can be included in the Community Strategic Plans, and considered for inclusion in Council's 4 year Delivery Plan, and its 2018/19 Operational Plan or Budget.

On the 22nd November, a Provide first aid course will be running at Mirrool Hall in place ITAV. *All participants who have put their name forward previously for the course have been registered*. If you are one of the participants, West Wyalong TAFE will forward the link for the theory component to you. If you are registered for the course and have not received the link please contact 1300 823 374 TAFE NSW West Wyalong. PLEASE NOTE: Julie will be there in the morning to help set up and drop off food and will leave shortly after. Please make alternative arrangements for child care if needed. There is no ITAV on the 22nd November, a Provide first aid course will be running in its place. The course will run from 10:00am sharp to 2:30pm with a half hour lunch break. Food will be provided by French Hot Bake Bakery in West Wyalong. Location: Mirrool Hall. The course will be given by Melissa Ryan of West Wyalong Tafe. The course is being funded by NSW Department of Industry and will be free for participants.

Kate Spackman

Ph: (02) 69722795



Secondary Excursion Instalment Payment

Enclosed please find the following payment for the Secondary Excursion:

Enclosed (please √)	Due by	Details	Amount
	Initial \$50.00 as an expression of	Only need to pay this if you	\$50
	interest	didn't pay the initial deposit.	
	03/11/17	Instalment 1	\$50
	06/11/17	Instalment 2	\$50
	13/11/17	Instalment 3	\$50
	20/11/17	Instalment 4	\$50
	27/11/17	Instalment 5	\$100
	27/11/17	Full payment due	
	TOTAL		\$350.00

<u>OR</u>

□ I have made an online (POP) payment.

My receipt number is:

Date of payment:

Parent/Guardian

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Date

----- Please return payments by the due dates ------

Address:	1 Harrison Street, Ariah Park NSW 2665		
	PO Box 56, Ariah Park NSW 2665	Principal:	Justin Dunn
Principal's E	mail: justin.dunn@det.nsw.edu.au	Phone:	02 6974 1105
Website: ww	w.ariahpark-c.schools.nsw.edu.au	Mobile:	0488 741 329
Newsletter A	dvertising: ariahpark-c.admin@det.nsw.edu.au	Fax:	02 6974 1017