



**9 DEC**  
**Year 6 Graduation**

**11 DEC**  
**Whole School  
Assembly**

**14 DEC**  
**Presentation Day**

**16 DEC**  
**Lake Talbot  
Excursion  
&  
Infants Excursion**

# THE PEPPERCORN PRESS

## WEEK 9B TERM 4

*Respect, Honesty and Resilience*

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## Principal's Report

It is so hard to believe that this is my very last Principal's Report for the newsletter at Aria Park Central School. I had a lovely farewell dinner on Saturday night with the staff and as we get closer to the end of the year, the reality of my plan to leave is sinking in. I know without a doubt that I am going to miss the Aria Park students, staff and families but I'm so grateful that I have had the opportunity to work



here as I've learnt so much and have really appreciated and enjoyed teaching and leading the school. This year was an opportunity for me to step away from the teaching role after 27 years and I have been able to realise that I can still have a positive influence in students' education even though I'm not in the classroom.

My final words to you all are "We did it!!". I think our whole school community should celebrate that we have made it through this turbulent year. The saying "there is no I in team" is used a lot but it really felt like we all rallied this year and everyone supported each other, communicated effectively and remained positive and focussed on the continuation of learning.

It is great news that parents are able to attend our presentation assemblies next Monday and I look forward to saying a final farewell to you all there. Reports will also be sent home with students on Monday afternoon.

I wish you all the very best for a relaxing, enjoyable and less restrictive Christmas.

**Victoria Jenkins**

**Relieving Principal**

*7 December 2020*



**Education**

# Presentation Day 2020

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, our presentation day will be an invitation only event. Numbers will be limited to include parents and pre-school aged siblings to enable us to adhere to current NSW Health regulations.

The ceremony will be held on Aria Park Central School grounds under the large COLA area and will be divided into three events:

**Infants: 9.30am to 10.30am**

**Primary: 11am to 12.00pm**

**Secondary: 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

An invitation will go out to parents this week and all attendees ***must*** reply by this Friday 11 December.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office.

## Parent and Carer Survey – Invitation to Participate

We would like to invite parents and carers to participate in a survey as part of the *Rural and Regional Education Research Project*.



The study is being led by Professor Kim Beswick (UNSW School of Education) and Professor Adrian Piccoli (UNSW Gonski Institute for Education) and conducted by researchers from UNSW, the University of Canberra, and Social Ventures Australia (SVA). The research is funded by the NSW Department of Education.

This research aims to to conduct robust high-quality research in partnership with the NSW Department of Education to better understand rural and regional school settings and to build a stronger evidence base to inform tailored support to schools.

As a parent or carer of a child currently enrolled at Aria Park Central School, you are being invited to participate in a survey. The survey will ask you questions about your children's education experience and the local community and will take 20-30 minutes to complete.

Participation is voluntary and all responses will be kept confidential.

If after reading this you would like to participate, please follow the below web address:

[https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_71xxIEhZ5JVDS6N](https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_71xxIEhZ5JVDS6N)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the research team at [megangriffiths@unsw.edu.au](mailto:megangriffiths@unsw.edu.au).

### CANTEEN ROSTER

**Friday 11 December:** No canteen

**Monday 14 December:** K O'Shea & L Prentice

# School News

## **Whole School Assembly**

We will be holding our final Whole School Assembly for 2020 this Friday via Zoom at 12pm. Our 2021 School Captains will be announced, we will see a performance from Year 3 and Year 5/6 and our final Student of the Month award will be presented.

Zoom details below:

Topic: APCS Whole School assembly Term 4 Week 9

Time: Dec 11, 2020 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64592543307?](https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64592543307?pwd=aTJVdENaZEU5VjdTUzc3SjFZL3Rqdz09)

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Meeting ID: 645 9254 3307

Passcode: 921233

## **Lake Talbot**

On Wednesday 16 December all students from Years 5-12 are invited to attend our annual Lake Talbot excursion. Lake Talbot is a Water Park located in Narranderra. Students will be transported by Priest's buses and should have received a permission note today. The note will also be available on SchoolStream. Students will be required to wear school uniform and a hat and pack swimmers and a rash shirt/t-shirt. The cost of this excursion will be \$10. Additional requirements are listed on the permission note.

*Miss Horne*

# School News

## PBL

In PBL this week, and for the rest of the term, we are focussing on “Kindness”.

### Library Closure

The Arianh Park Central School library has now closed for borrowing. Please return all loans to the library, Front Office or your class teacher as soon as possible.

*Ellen Edis*

### Captains' Speeches

On Wednesday candidates for Secondary and Primary School Captains for 2021 from Year 11 and Year 5 presented their speeches. All students did a fantastic job and presented some excellent speeches outlining qualities of a good leader and the type of leadership that they believe is important. The staff, SRC member and P&C representative have all voted and the captains for 2021 will be announced at the Whole School Assembly this Friday at 12pm via Zoom.

*Mrs Anderson*

### Sausage Sizzle

This Friday 11 December the SRC will be hosting a free BBQ lunch for all students. Please return the order form for each student, or complete the order form on School Stream no later than this **Wednesday morning**.

*SRC*



# School News

## Healthy Living

In Term 4 2020 schools are partnering with Murrumbidgee Local Health District to share a range of Healthy Living Snippets. This week focuses on activity and learning.

Activity stimulates the body and mind. Join your child to get active today with these ideas [tinyurl.com/ruwhnfe](https://tinyurl.com/ruwhnfe)



# School News

## Secondary News

### LOTE—Italian



In LOTE lessons last week students had the opportunity to taste some traditional Italian Christmas treats during one of their Italian lessons.

They tasted some panettone, coconut biscuits and plain biscotti biscuits.

The panettone is a sweet Italian bread and is a Christmas tradition. In Italy Italians like to have it for breakfast with tea and coffee.

Here are some of the student's food comments in relation to the panettone Italian bread, biscotti and coconut biscuits.

*'Panettone had a weird taste and funny texture and maybe it could be used as fertiliser' Will Fairman.*

*'Everyone liked this coconut biscuit! We thought it had the taste of coconut balls and wafers; 'The icing was very rich though'. By food critics Lucy, Elsie, Jimmy and Will.*

*'I absolutely love this! The panettone reminds me of my great grandfather who used to make it for celebrations'. By food critic Myles-Cody.*

*'I love panettone when butter is added'. By food critic Sarah.*

Plain biscotti *'We thought this was alright, but it wasn't our favourite. It was very plain and we felt like we needed water after we ate it. Slightly stale actually!' By food critics Charlotte, Kate, Sarah and Georgia.*

*Ms Gash*





# School News

## **White Card Training**

Today we have fifteen secondary students at Temora Tafe completing the White Card also known as the General Construction Induction Card. This is a great qualification and will enable students to be able to either work or do work experience in a range of construction and labour positions. Most jobs in this field requires this lifelong qualification and we are very lucky to have been able to offer and fund this for our students. We look forward to hearing all about it and seeing our students use this qualification in the future.

*Miss Horne*

## **Work Experience**

This week Stage 5 have ventured off on their Work Experience journey for 2020. We have students working on farms, at a horse riding school, I hospitality field, hairdressing, working with stock feeds, in education and much more! This is a sensational opportunity for our students and I would like to thank Ms de Klerk for her organisation of Work Experience this year.

*Miss Horne*

# School News

## Secondary Excursion

This year has seen a big majority of our excursions cancelled due to the pandemic. At the start of the year, students thought that their excursion would be to the snow, but things changed suddenly. Once we were given the green light to host an excursion, we jumped at the chance to organise something. Our two day excursion was broken into two parts. For some students the first day to Wagga would be the only part of the excursion they would attend, whilst others also chose to participate in the second day of the excursion to Lake Arbortree.

On Thursday, students along with Mr Stevens, Mr Denham, Mrs Fairman and Mrs Drumore, headed to Wagga Wagga for the first leg. The first stop on their adventure was to Laser Tag. Students competed in three rounds. Firstly, students competed individually, having Connor Jones in the first group dominate, whilst in the second round Thomas Denyer overthrew the second group. Next students competed in teams of four. This created more collaboration between students, even though friendly fire occurred. Hayley Derrick, Connor Jones, Ryan Hall and Mr Stevens annihilated Group One, whilst in Group Two, Thomas Denyer, Logan Moore, William Fairman and James O'Hare won the other. In the final round, students played stealth mode in pairs, where Mr Denham, Blake Smith, Thomas O'Dwyer and Scott Gardner trumped overall, whilst the winners in the other group were unconfirmed. Overall, students had a fantastic time at laser tag. They were all keen to look at the score board after every round.

After jumping back on the bus, students headed to Flip Out, for more adrenaline action. Whilst there, students challenged themselves to perform various tricks using a variety of props and movements. All students has a blast and a couple of noticeable tricks seen throughout the hour were Logan Moore's double front flip into the foam pit and Blake

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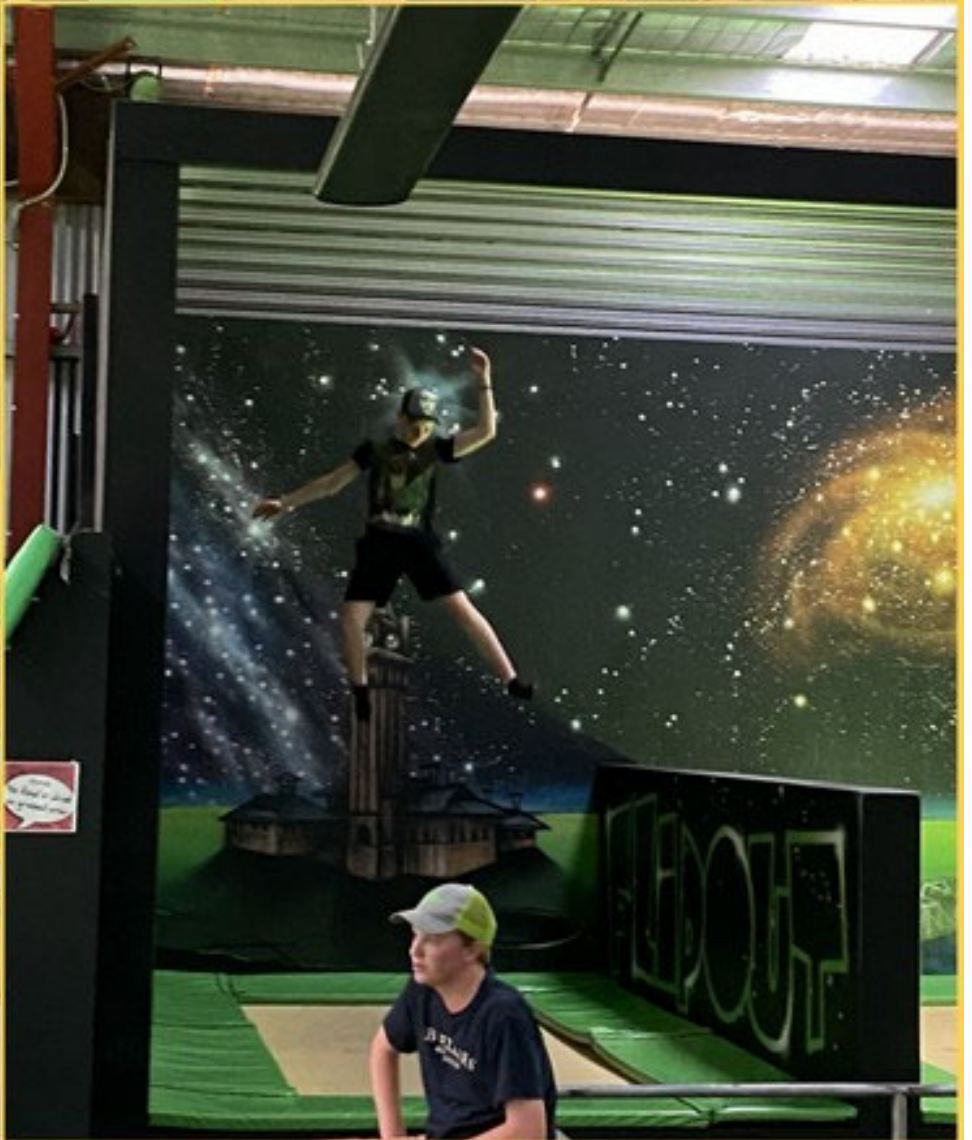
Smith's landing a 2 metre vertical jump onto the pads. To end our day before heading back to school, students went to Bidgee Strawberries and Cream. This was an amazing tour, where students were informed about the hydroponic set up the business uses to grow their strawberries. Also, students got to visit a hollow Aboriginal carving tree, and a African breed of sheep that is able to survive in the Australian climate.

On Friday, Mr Stevens, Mr Denham, Mrs Fairman, Mrs Drumore and Ms Frater took students to Lake Arbortree to participate in various team building activities. From all the comments, students had an amazing time. To start the day, students were provided with breakfast at school. Once they arrived at the Lake, students were broken into groups to participate in an Amazing Race. Each activity was either an individual or group task that required them to use their critical and creative thinking skills. Students participated in activities such as a construction building, leaky pipes, Hungry Hippo, a Comando Net course, an Egg and Spoon Race, Junk in the Truck and a detour activity of either an eating or dance challenge.

Overall, students had a fantastic time and were glad to finally be able to participate in an excursion for the year.

*Miss Saffy*





# School News

## Student Requirements for 2021

### All Secondary Students

#### **Uniform:**

- Closed in leather shoes for all practical subjects
- Bucket hat for Term 1 & 4

#### **Stationery Requirements:**

- Personal USB storage device min 4GB. Can be purchased from the front office for \$5 (see note re Stage 5—Year 9/10 below)
- Calculator (Casio Scientific—can be purchased at school for \$20)
- Writing equipment (red and black or blue pens, grey pencil, scissors, glue, coloured pencils, highlighter, ruler, eraser and sharpener, no liquid paper)

*Note:* **Year 7** will have a stationery starter pack provided by APCS—students will be supplied with what they need to start secondary.

## Year 8 Requirements

*Students should already have:*

- A4 Visual Art Diary
- Min 4GB USB Drive
- Casio Calculator

*Students will need:*

- Zipped A4 Folder (Supplied by school)
- Divider Tabs
- Sheet protectors
- Reinforced hole-punched A4 lined paper
- Hole punch



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## **Stage 5 Requirements**

- USB requirement—it is recommended that Stage 5 students also have a portable hard drive which is kept at home to back up their laptops.
- All students must have their laptop charged (at home) and in working order prior to bringing them to school.
- 1 lever arch folder with subject dividers, lined paper and plastic sleeves
- Container for food in Hospo/Food Tech
- Old shirt (not lose fitting) for Metals/Auto

## **STAGE 6 Requirements**

- Old shirt (not lose fitting) for Metals/Wood/D&T

\*\*Other requirements will be distributed via RAP early in 2020

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## Primary News

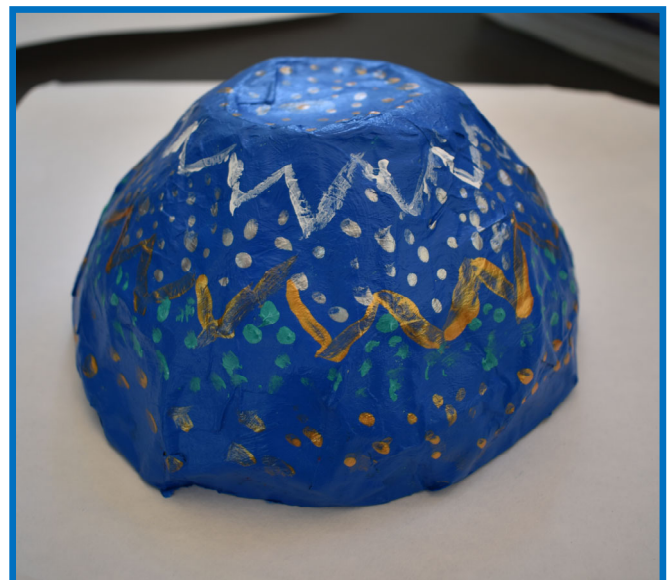
### **Saving the Environment by using recycled paper in Year 3**

Students in Year 3 painted their final coat on their Christmas paper mache. See below decorated bowls with gold and silver paint by Archie Forster, Grace O'Brien, Hannah Maxwell and Lailah Peterson.

The Visual Art room has been revamped recently and has wonderful new furniture with new high back chairs with brightly coloured desks.

Here are some of our art students working in their art studio.

*Ms Gash*



# School News

## **Year 3 Science**

This term in Year 3 Science we have been studying “The Living World”. We have been looking very closely at the life cycle of yabbies and what they need to survive and thrive. The students have very much enjoyed our visits over to Mr Denham’s shed to see all the yabbies and how much they have grown.

*Ms Frater*



## **Infants Excursion**

Infants will be going to Junee and Wagga on Wednesday 16 December. The excursion will be during school hours and students will need recess and a drink bottle as lunch is provided. Please return permission notes no later than this Friday 11 December.

*Miss James*

## **Year 4 Class Party**

Year 4 class party will be held next Monday afternoon (14 December). Please bring a plate to share (no Coke or red drinks please).

*Miss Pearsall*



# School News

## Year 5/6

Year 5/6 have been studying the novel “Wonder”. They are all enjoying listening to the story and are excited to watch the movie to tie the unit up. The theme of the book “Choose Kind” has matched up very well with the December Kindness Calendar we are working through, thanks to Miss McRae.

*Ms Frater*





# School News

## Primary News

Last week students commenced their first week of Intensive Swimming and have their final week this week. The teachers have been very impressed with how hard the students are trying and progressing with every lesson. A reminder for students to bring their swimmers each day as they need to complete 8/10 lessons to complete the program. A rash vest is also a must.

Students have been revising content taught throughout the year in their Christmas booklets with some excellent Christmas craft also happening. The final Kinder orientation will take place on Wednesday followed by the Year 6 Graduation in the Town Hall on Wednesday night. It will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the Year 6 students completing Primary School. It's hard to believe the year is almost over!

*Mrs Anderson*









# School News

## 2021 Classroom Requirements

### Kindergarten

Students have been provided with the following items in their Kinder Packs:

- Paint Smock
- Library bag
- Scrapbook
- Large pencil case (APCS label) for home reader
- Headphones

### ***Please provide the following:***

- 2 boxes of tissues
- A spare change of clothes in a plastic bag to keep in their school bag
- Broad brimmed hat

*Miss James*

## YEAR 1

- Paint shirt
- 1 red A4 Press button plastic envelope
- 1 blue A4 press button plastic envelope
- 1 display folder
- Headphones with large pencil case or bag to store in
- Tissues
- Large pencil case for home reader
- Library bag
- Scrapbook

*Ms Studholme*

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## YEAR 2

- Paint shirt
- USB on lanyard with students name
- Headphones with large pencil case or bag to store in
- Home reading folder (large pencil case or A4 plastic envelope folder)
- Tissue box
- Folder (A4 plastic envelope folder)
- Library bag
- Scrapbook
- Glue sticks (4)
- Scissors
- Highlighters (1)
- Textas
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Scrapbook x 1
- Year 3 & 4 – Home Reader folder
- Paint smock

*Miss Pearsall*

*Mrs Jennings*

## Year 3/4

- 1 small pencil case approximately 10cm by 8cm
- 1 large pencil case for pencils and textas
- Lead pencils - HB (4)
- Ruler (cm + mm)
- Coloured pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener (enclosed version preferred)

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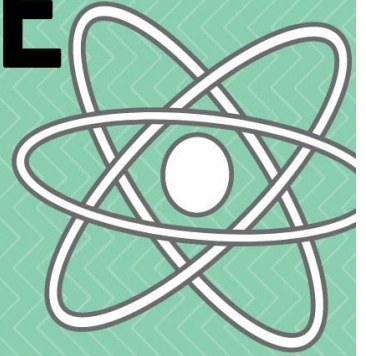
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- Glue sticks (4)
- Scissors
- Highlighters (1)
- Textas
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Scrapbook (1)
- Year 5 & 6 Home Reader folder
- Paint smock
- Geometry set: compass, set square, protractor—please make sure the protractor is see-through
- Calculator

Mrs Anderson





## FOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOP



Where: Platform Y

When: Tuesday 29th of  
December

Time: 2pm-3:30pm

Cost: FREE

Ages: 8+



Call Mel on 0418 357 230 to book  
your spot.



## **T-Town Dance Off!**

**Where: Platform Y**

**When: Monday the  
11th of January**

**Time: 2pm-4pm**

**Ages: 8+**

**Cost: FREE**

**Contact YPC Melissa Carter on 0418  
357 230 to book.**



## Wizard's Whisk Mystery Box Challenge



**Where: Platform Y**

**When: Wednesday the 13th  
and Monday the 18th of  
January**

**Time: 2pm-4pm**

**Cost: FREE**

**Ages: 8+**

Call Mel on 0418 357 230  
to book your spot.





# Community News

## Temora's Gaming Tournament!

Where: Platform Y

When: Friday 15th and Friday  
22nd of January

Time: 2pm-4pm

Available for everyone!

**SUPER  
SMASH BROS.™**  
ULTIMATE

**MARIOKART  
DELUXE**

Call YPC Melissa Carter  
on 0418 357 230 to  
book your spot!



## Ariah Park Swim Club

This week's newsletter will be emailed out  
to Swim Club members.



**Sausage Sizzle**

This Friday 11 December the SRC will be hosting a free BBQ lunch for all students. Please send in an order form for each student, or complete the order form on School Stream no later than this Wednesday morning, 9 December 2020.

**Student Name:**

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# Calendar

	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11
<b>Week 9B</b>	Intensive Swimming	Intensive Swimming	Intensive Swimming	Intensive Swimming	Intensive Swimming
	No Canteen	Secondary SRE	Year 6 Graduation		Whole School Assembly 12pm  No Canteen
	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18
<b>Week 10A</b>	Presentation Day		Infants Excursion	Staff Development Day (No Students)	Staff Development Day (No Students)
			Lake Talbot Excursion		

## Secondary Assessment Schedule

### Due this week:

**HSC:** Biology, SDD

### Due next week:

**HSC:** Ancient History, Business, Food Tech, PDHPE, Visual Arts

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