

THE PEPPERCORN PRESS

WEEK 7A TERM 1

Respect, Honesty and Resilience

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KEY DATES

MAR 27

School Photos

MAR 31

**Whole School
Assembly**

APR 6

School Fete



Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Thank you to those who could attend our first whole school assembly on Friday. I had the privilege of presenting our Sport Captains with their badges and also announcing I was taking leave for the remainder of the year... Thanks Mrs Anderson who picked me up on that slip of the tongue! I was meant to say leave until the end of the term from Week 8!



We had lots of different sports happening the past weeks and I wish our representatives at the Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival today the best of luck. Please try to keep on top of the notes as they will be coming home a lot this term, especially around sport.

I will be sending home this week an important update note. It will list your contact details and we ask you to update any of these including your emergency contact details. Also, there will be an important part about your work at the moment. This is tied to funding so please ensure you answer this accurately. If you need any assistance or advice please ring the front office- this information is kept completely confidential. Lastly, there will be a permission note for all of the online platforms we use and this must be handed in for your child to utilise them- including ClassDojo. So please ensure these are handed back as soon as possible.

Attendance is a huge focus this year! I understand if your children are unwell, please keep them at home. We are aiming to get to 92% attendance rates overall for the year. We will report on our attendance rates each week. Please ensure you try to book all appointments in school holidays or outside of school time, as well as holidays. If you have any questions about your own child's attendance please speak to your child's teacher.

This week we welcome, Ms Emily Evans who is starting this Thursday as our new PDHPE Teacher. She joins us from an Independent Behavioural School in Gosford and has a range of experiences. We are looking to having her expertise in our team. Mrs Jennifer Cutcliffe will continue teaching our PDHPE teachers this term and will be working in primary from next term.

Principal's Report

This will be my last newsletter for the term so I wish everyone a beautiful Easter with your families and I look forward to Term 2! I promise I'll be back!



Yours in Education,

Allan Johnston

Principal

Every student matters every day.

Every student can succeed.

APCS Attendance Spotlight

Target: Above 92%

Current Attendance (Term 1 Week 5-6): 90.8%

Previous Fortnight: 88.2%

Attendance Shoutout:

Primary (Years 3-6) for best attendance with 94%



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Whole School Assembly

Student of the Month

Congratulations to Jaydeep who was awarded the Student of the Month for February at last Friday's whole school assembly.

Jay's certificate cited:

- Shows school spirit and dedication to our values
- Always willing to try his best and accept challenges
- Seeks assistance and takes on feedback
- Helps others
- Displays resilience at all times
- Works well with others in group activities
- Contributes in class discussions
- SRC Member



SRC

Congratulations to our SRC members who were nominated for the role by their peers earlier in the term and presented at our whole school assembly on Friday.

Stage 2

Fletcher
Scarlett
Lulu
Logan
Annabelle
Ivy

Stage 4

Hamish
Cruze
Summer
Georgia-Kitty
Lachlan
Macey
Alaric

Stage 6

Sinead
Connor
Annelise
Makaela
Phoebe
Summa

Stage 3

Drake
Finn
Grace
Lucy
Poppi
Leo

Stage 5

Kacey
Jordan
Angus
Jaydeep
Nashelle

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Year 1 News

Year 1 has had a very exciting and busy start to 2023.

Year 1 have been working hard in all subject areas and have displayed honesty, resilience and respect every single day.

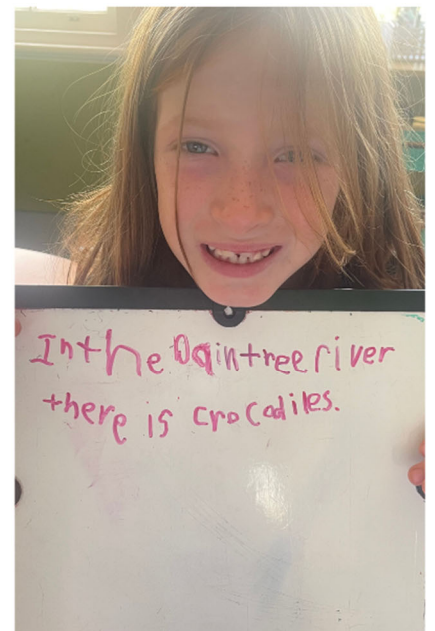
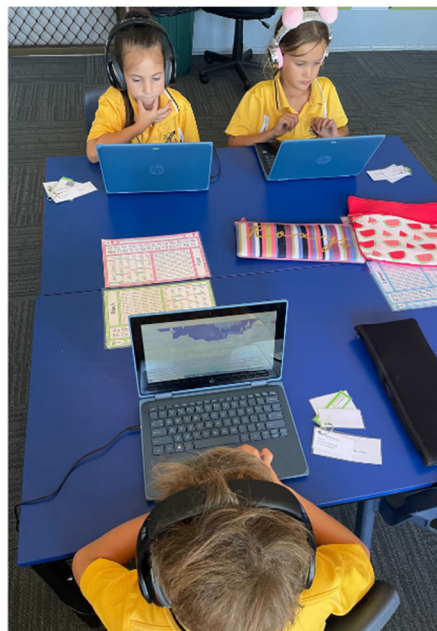
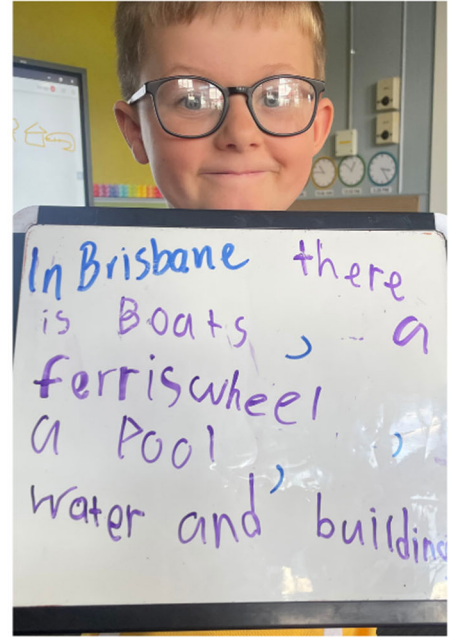
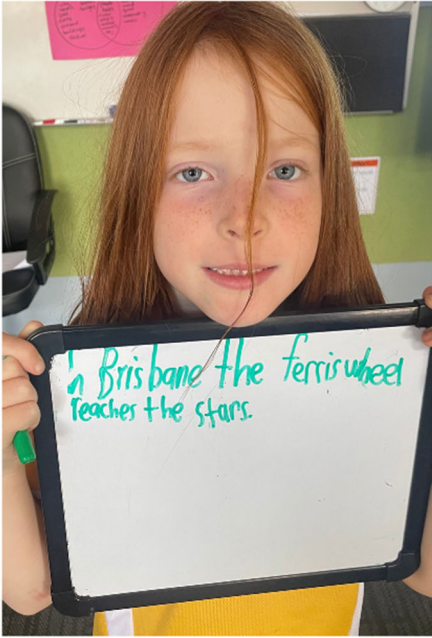
In English, Year 1 have been working with the InitialLit program and our stage writing program to become successful readers and writers. We have been revising sounds and tricky words, which we might see or need in our reading or writing. We have studied the use of noun groups, prepositional phrases as well as how to compare contexts and build characters. Year 1 have been successfully planning, composing and publishing writing pieces.

In Mathematics, Year 1 have learnt and revised various concepts including the value of numbers, addition and subtraction strategies, 2D shapes and patterns. We have learnt what a super mathematician may need in their tool kit to develop the skills required to build on our learning and grow.

Year 1 have been working along side Year 2 for Science, History, Creative Arts and Health. We have been active learners in the classroom whilst learning about safe and unsafe situations, the living world around us and the differences between the past, present and future.

Miss Greenlees





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Maths News

This term with Stage Four, we have been completing work involving integers. Integers are whole numbers, both positive and negative, including zero. They can be represented on a number line and can be added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided. Integers are often used in Mathematics to represent quantities such as counts, distances, temperatures, and more.

With Stage Five, we have been working on number theory. Number theory is a branch of Mathematics that studies the properties and relationships of numbers, particularly integers. Topics in number theory include prime numbers, divisibility, modular arithmetic, and more. It has practical applications in cryptography and computer science.

In Advanced Mathematics, differential calculus is being studied. Differential calculus is a branch of calculus that studies how functions change. It involves the calculation of derivatives, which are used to find slopes, rates of change, and optimisation. Differential calculus is used in many fields, including physics, engineering, economics, and more.

Rates and ratios are being completed by Year 12 Standard Mathematics. Rates and ratios are used to compare quantities. A ratio is a comparison of two or more quantities, while a rate is a ratio that involves a change in time. For example, kilometre per hour is a rate that measures how far you can travel in a given amount of time. Rates and ratios are used in a wide range of applications, from finance to science to everyday life.

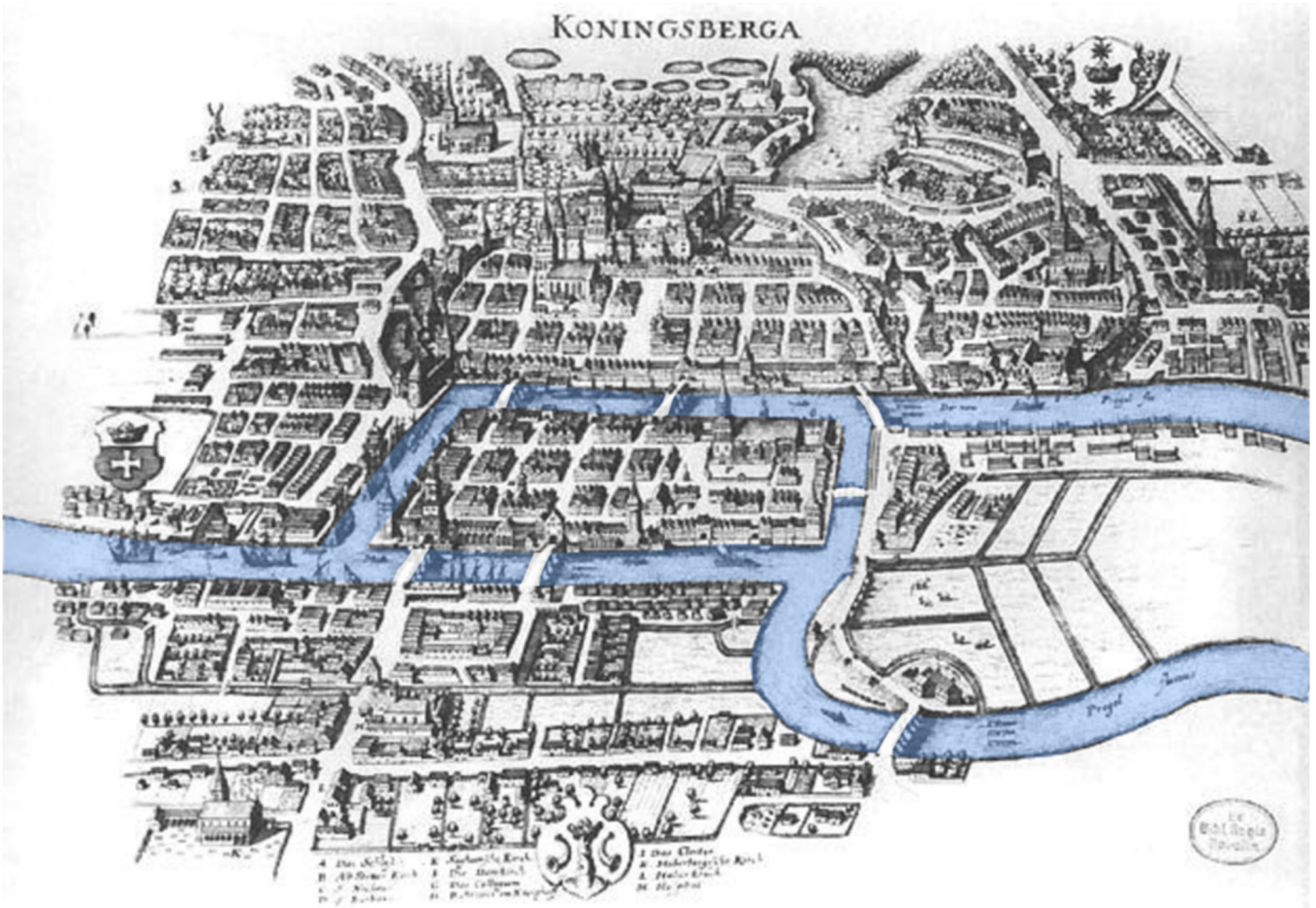
Finally, Year 11 Standard Mathematics are learning about formulas and equations. Formulas and equations are both mathematical expressions that relate one or more variables or quantities.

A formula is a mathematical relationship that expresses a general rule or principle. It may involve one or more variables and constants and typically describes a relationship between them. Formulas are often used to calculate a specific value of a variable based on the value of one or more other variables, as well as any constant values that may be involved.

An equation, on the other hand, is a statement that two expressions are equal. Equations usually involve an equal sign ($=$) and can include

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variables, constants, and mathematical operations. Equations are often used to solve problems by finding the value of a variable that makes the equation true.



The Seven Bridges of Königsberg is a historically notable problem in mathematics. Its negative resolution by Leonhard Euler in 1736 laid the foundations of graph theory and prefigured the idea of topology.

The city of Königsberg in Prussia (now Kaliningrad, Russia) was set on both sides of the Pregel River, and included two large islands—Kneiphof and Lomse—which were connected to each other, and to the two mainland portions of the city, by seven bridges. The problem was to devise a walk through the city that would cross each of those bridges once and only once.

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Secondary Sports Report

It has been a cracker of a start for Secondary students when it comes to representing Aria Park across several sporting codes.

To start off the year, a number of students travelled to Barellan to participate in the Riverina Access Partnership (RAP) Sports Trials. Throughout the day, students got the opportunity to showcase their skills in Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, Touch Football and Lawn Bowls.

Phoebe, Jordan, Lucy B, Hamish, Lucy E, Elsie, Joe, Cooper H, Macey, Matthew, Georgia, Deklan, Henry, and Savannah are all to be commended on their great sportsmanship and in 'playing the game'.

If students were selected for any of those teams, they have been notified and notes will be sent closer to their events. Please find below a timeline of expected dates for these carnivals and the coach that will be there on the day. Some events such as Netball and AFL still need to have trials undertaken to form squads. Students will be given information for when they will take place and nominations have already occurred.

Sport	Location	Coach	Date
Open Boys Cricket	Leeton	Mr. Dennis	Friday, February 24, 2023
Open Girls Cricket	Leeton	Mrs. Drumore	Thursday, March 9th, 2023
Open Boys Basketball	Narrandera	Mr. Hesketh	Wednesday, March 08, 2023
Open Girls Basketball	Narrandera	Mr. Hesketh	Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Swan Shield (U15 Boys + U16 Girls (11's))	Griffith	Mrs. Sloan & Mr. Hesketh	Wednesday, May 24, 2023
U/15 Boys Basketball	Narrandera	Ms. Marquardt	Wednesday, July 26, 2023
U/15 Girls Basketball	Narrandera	Ms. Marquardt	Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Open Boys Touch Football	Wagga	Mrs. Bartholomew	Friday, March 3rd, 2023
Open Girls Touch Football	Wagga	Mrs. Sloan	Friday, March 3rd, 2023
Open Girls Netball	Wagga	Mrs. Bartholomew	Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Under 15(14) Netball	Wagga	Mrs. Sloan	Wednesday, August 09, 2023
Open Boys & Girls Tennis	TBC	Ms. Marquardt	Follow CHS Draw

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We have also had a busy time for several of our students when it comes to trialling for Riverina teams. At the beginning of the year, Macey travelled to Wagga to trial for the Riverina Girls U15s Touch Football. She is to be commended on her efforts and displayed excellent skills throughout the day. Last week Georgia trialled for the Riverina Secondary Girls Basketball team. She performed extremely well and was selected in the team, congratulations Georgia! We would also like to wish our students luck over the coming weeks, as they represent Arian Park at the following events:

- Riverina U15 Boys AFL Trials 17th March
- Riverina Netball Trials 23rd March

Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 24th February, Elsie, Joe, Ruby, Henry, Cooper H, Macey, and Georgia travelled to Barellan to participate in the Zone Swimming Carnival. This year students had the opportunity to race against new challengers, with the introduction of Lockhart Central, Oaklands Central and The Rock Central into our competition.

The day started off a bit chilly with everyone rugging up and braving the cold pool temperatures. As the day progressed, it warmed up making it the ideal swimming conditions.

We saw lots of competition across the different stroke categories, with some great results. Our students were very supportive of each other, especially yelling encouragement across the pool during each other's races.

We would like to congratulate Macey for being awarded the 13 Yrs. Girl Age Champion and Georgia the 16 Yrs. Girls Age Champion on the day.

If students are selected to participate at the Riverina Carnival, this will be taking place on Tuesday 7th March at Leeton Aquatic Centre.

Miss Saffy





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P&C News

Fete News 2023

This year the Fete is going to be held on Thursday the 6th of April.

There will also be an Easter Hat Parade which will take place at 10am for all students, followed by recess and then the Fete activities will begin.

There will be bands to purchase for students on the day. The bands will be \$20 each, if you are buying for 3 students the cost is \$50 and any additional bands after that will be \$10.

The bands allow students to go on the jumping castle and obstacle course, as well as 10 credits for the activity stalls. When students have used their credits, they will be able to buy additional tickets for activities if desired.

When students use their credits at the activity stalls, they have the opportunity to win tickets. There will be a prize stall where they can then trade in their collection of tickets for prizes.

There will also be a cake stall running on the day, as well as a silent auction with many items to bid on and raffles.

Like last year, students will be able to run their own stalls, but this will need to be communicated with teachers prior to the fete and approved.

Ms Frater

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Fete Prize donations

Kinder - Colouring/activity books (catering for all ages) and Pop its/ fidgets

Year 1 - Bead/jewellery and stationary sets

Year 2 - Small craft projects – diamond art, sock craft

Year 3/4 - Puzzles, games

Year 5/6 - Sports equipment – frisbee, footy, handballs, hoola hoops, skipping ropes

Secondary - Pens/pencils/textas

You are not expected to spend a lot of money on these items.
Please don't send in slime or lollies.





Parent and carer webinar schedule

2023

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2022. To meet the growing demand, we are expanding the program in 2023 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Term 1

Safer Internet Day (7 February)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Setting your child up for success online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Getting the most out of gaming

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.

Navigating online friendships

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Term 2

National Families Week (15 to 21 May)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Online relationships and consent: sending nudes and sexting

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Setting your child up for success online

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Term 3

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (18 August)

National Child Protection Week (3 to 9 September)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

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Online boundaries and consent

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Getting the most out of gaming

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Term 4

Mental Health Month (October)

Wellbeing and digital technologies

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Getting the most out of gaming

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.

Navigating online friendships

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Subscribe to [eSafetyNews](#) for dates and registration details or visit esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars.

Community News

Redbacks into Grand Final!

The Arian Park Redbacks have advanced to the South West Slopes Junior U13s Grand Final this weekend after a thrilling 44 run win over ARMA Insurance Young at Arian Park on Saturday.

The boys posted an impressive total of 205 off their 30 overs on the back of some superb batting from openers Cooper Herden (71 runs off 40 balls) and Jobe Davey (34 off 37). This was continued by Liam Edis in the middle order (27 off 30 retired) and finished off well by Josh Davies (27 off 30 retired) and Jim Donohue (11 off 18), who both registered their highest ever scores.

The boys began their bowling innings full of confidence, but an astonishing knock of 71 off 30 balls by star Young batsman Noah Platt had the Redbacks nervous early.

Young progressed to 2/120 off 15 overs and looked likely to reel in the colossal target of 206. To their credit though, the boys regrouped at the drinks break and restricted the opposition with tighter bowling and fielding to bundle them out for 161 and book themselves a place in the Grand Final.

There were five separate wicket takers in a great team effort with Leo Furphy, Jim Donohue, Hayden Walsh, Josh Davies, and Cooper Herden all taking a wicket each, as well as 3 crucial run-outs.

The Redbacks will play the Grand Final against the Temora based team- Col Gerard Colts this Saturday morning from 8.30am at Arian Park and will be hoping for lots of local support to help get them across the line.

Community News

Parents of children who are eligible to celebrate the Sacraments in the Catholic Church are invited to an information session on Monday 6th March at 5.30pm in the Catholic Church Hall.

First Reconciliation - Children in Year 3 and above
First Communion - Children in Year 4 and above
Confirmation - Children in Years 5 and 6 and above

If you are unable to attend the information meeting please don't hesitate to contact -

Sr Maureen (ph 0448 257 077) email - Maureen.McDermott@sosj.org.au
or

Maureen O'Brien (ph 0439 998 466) email - glenleigh7@bigpond.com

Looking forward to being with you
Maureen O'Brien

Fr Sijo Jose and Sr Maureen McDermott Rsj

Betric Rocks

Saturday 18th March 2023 4pm-9pm



**Peter Hartwig, Jen Irvine, Craig Giles, Peter Pratt
Daryl & Dize Kemp, Wilf Reid & Tony Nichols,
Phil Moroney, Daniel & Aaron-(Didgeridoo's)**

Betric Hall NSW (Outdoor event)

**\$15 entry (under 16 free) Food & Soft drink available/BYO chair
Camping available Enquiries: 0409 898 656**

Calendar

	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10
Week 7A	Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival @ Leeton	Riverina CHS Swimming Carnival @ Leeton	Secondary Boys RAP Basketball @ Narrandera	Secondary RAP Girls Cricket @ Leeton	Eastern Riverina Primary Boys AFL Trials @ Wagga
		Southern Inland Primary All Schools Girls AFL Trials @ Wagga	Music in the Regions Concert @ APCS		
	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17
Week 8B		Riverina Primary Basketball Trials @ Albury	Secondary Girls RAP Basketball @ Narrandera		Riverina Secondary Boys U15 AFL Trials @ Narrandera

Upcoming Calendar Events: School Photos - March 27 **Please note change of date**

Whole School Assembly - March 31

School Fete - April 6

APCS Cross Country - April 28

APCS Athletics Carnival - May 12

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