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WEEK 8B TERM 1

Respect, Responsibility and Resilience

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KEY DATES

MAR 19
CSU Explorer Day

MAR 21
Harmony Day -
Students can wear
orange to school

MAR 27
RAP Study Day

MAR 28
Easter Hat Parade

MAR 29
Good Friday
(Public Holiday)



Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our students who have completed their NAPLAN tests today. Students who were absent will be caught up during the testing window period. This significant milestone marks not only your dedication to your studies but also your commitment to achieving your personal best. The purpose of these tests is to assess students' literacy and numeracy skills and provide valuable insights into their academic progress for both you and our teachers. Your hard work and perseverance throughout this testing period have truly been commendable. We recognise the effort you have put forth, and we are immensely proud of each one of you. Remember, these tests are just one measure of your abilities, and they do not define your worth. Your diverse talents, creativity, and character are what truly make you shine. Continue to embrace learning with enthusiasm and determination and may your success in these tests be a stepping stone towards even greater accomplishments in the future. Results are due around August to schools, and we will keep you informed.



At last week's Parent's and Caregivers Committee meeting I presented the results from the parent survey from last year, what we have already changed and what we are planning on changing based on the feedback. The executive appreciated the respectful responses from parents, and we look to seek feedback again towards the end of the year.

What was the feedback?	What we are doing
Communication	We now have three clear avenues for communication: -Facebook (used more for celebrations and whole school reminders) -School Bytes (used for our newsletter, permission notes, reminders and information) -Seesaw (used by primary classes to provide individual class information and reminders)
Behaviour	New behaviour strategy across the NSW Department came into effect Day One Term 1. We implemented our behaviour expectations last term and our positive behaviour rewards this term. This has had a very positive affect on student behaviour across the school already. We will evaluate this on a termly basis for this year.

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Uniform	We are still having some supply issues. Once this is resolved (by end of the term) there will be an expectation that students wear uniform on a daily basis. We will have a pool of uniforms available for students to access from Term 2.
Student Leadership	We have made Student Representative Council. meetings during class time and have completed a whole review of the structure of our SRC. There are now clear guidelines and expectations of student leaders. Our Sport Captains will now be elected at the end of Term 4 of each year so they are able to serve for the full year.
Numbers falling	Our student numbers are actually the highest they have been since 2006 especially in Secondary. Our numbers are collected at the beginning of the year and that is what counts for our staffing entitlement for the year. If numbers rise the principal puts an adjustment in, if numbers decline it would only affect the following year. We are meeting with Year 6 and Year 5 parents early to discuss their ideas for their student's transition into our High School.

Also, based on feedback we have streamlined our Strategic Improvement Plan into three key focuses for the next three years. These are:

Strategic Direction 1: Student growth and attainment

Strategic Direction 2: Partnerships and transitions

Strategic Direction 3: Attendance and wellbeing

We are committed to excellence through these three key areas across our school and I look forward to reporting on our progress throughout the remainder of our 2023-2026 Strategic Improvement Plan.

We are also opening a compliment and concern form up that can be used at any point during the year. We still encourage you to call directly but if you wish to raise anything or pass on a compliment please fill it in here: <https://forms.office.com/r/YagCBFsmzm>

Have a wonderful and productive week.

Yours in Education,

Allan Johnston

Principal

Every student matters every day.

APCS Compliments and Concerns
Form 2024

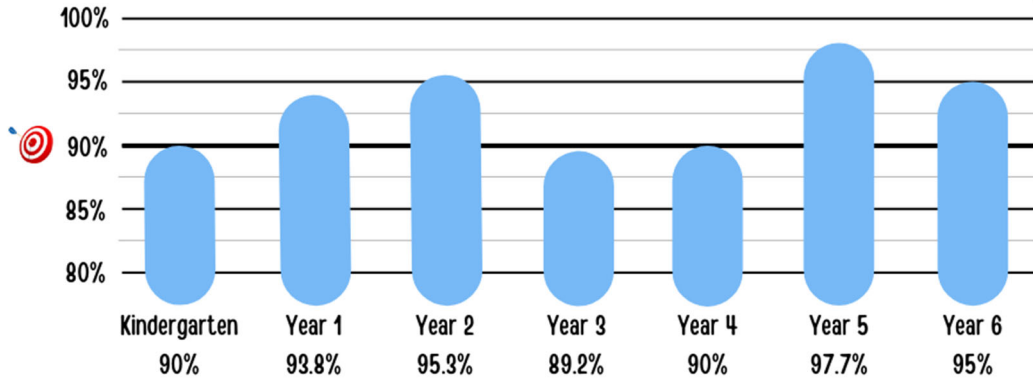




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Whole school 90.3%

Our aim is 90%



Unexplained absences - Our aim is 0 - We can do it!

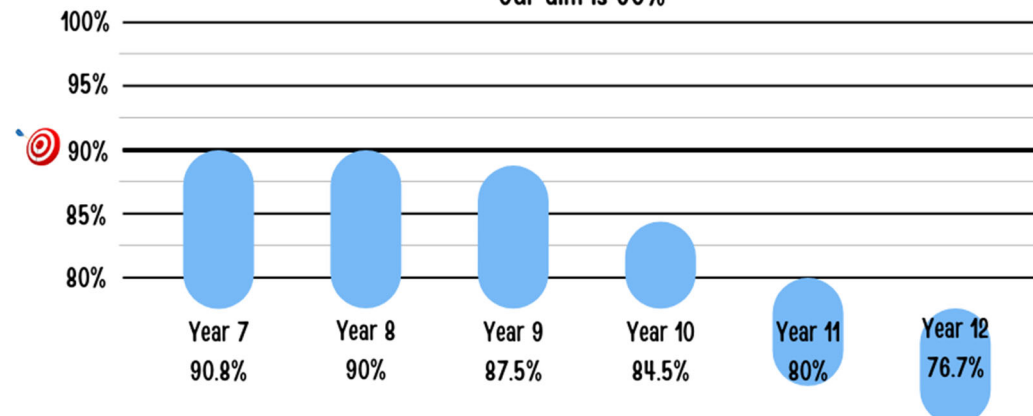
	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Unexplained absences	0	0	1	6	1	1	2



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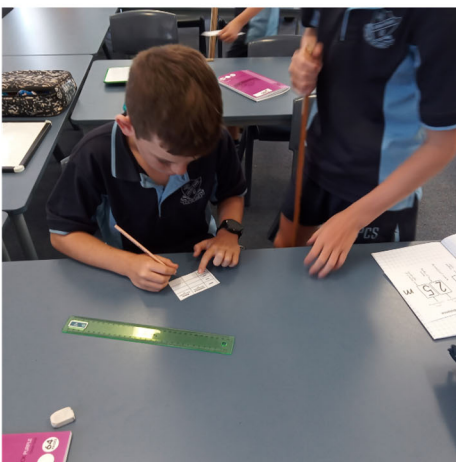
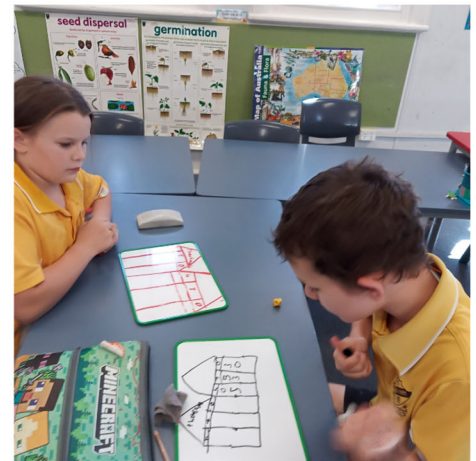
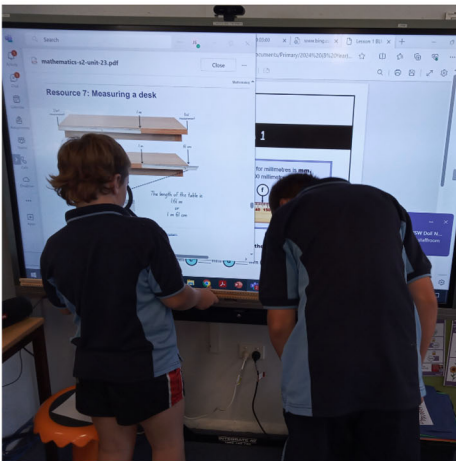
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Unexplained absences	2	1	6	7	1	10

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Year 4 News

Year 4 - Warrugaldhaany have been busy in maths lessons! Students have been working well in small groups, measuring the length of both very small and very large things. The biggest challenge so far, has been measuring the length of the classroom (or maybe it was the act of assembling the trundle wheel to do it!). Accurately measuring and converting between units of measurement has been our focus this week. The students are enjoying the hands-on activities and having fun while learning.

Mrs Suwabe



School News

Introducing Mrs. Donna Donoghue: Our New Inclusive Education Teacher at Aria Park School



Dear Aria Park School Community,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as your new Inclusive Education Teacher, Mrs. Donna Donoghue! It is with great enthusiasm and dedication that I join the esteemed team here at Aria Park Central School.

In my role, I am deeply committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. At Aria Park Central School, we pride ourselves on providing comprehensive support tailored to each student's individual needs. I am excited to offer both in-class support and withdrawal assistance as necessary, ensuring that every student has the resources and encouragement they require to succeed.

One of the initiatives I am passionate about is the creation of a calming learning space within our school. This nurturing environment will serve as a sanctuary for students to regroup, refocus, and thrive academically and emotionally.

I am genuinely honoured to be a part of the Aria Park Central School community, and I look forward to working collaboratively with students, parents, and staff to cultivate an inclusive culture where every student can flourish.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Donna Donoghue
Inclusive Education Teacher

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Harmony Day

On the 21st March 2024 we will be celebrating Harmony Day at Aria Park Central School, the theme this year is **EVERYONE BELONGS**. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Students can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

The students will participate in a creative competition and the whole school will take a gallery walk, on the day, to each classroom to view the various entries. Students will vote for a 'people's choice award' by selecting their favourite piece. Also, on the day Year 4 will present a song about Harmony Day, prior to presenting participating students with a certificate and the awards for the winning pieces of art or poetry.

Mrs Donoghue



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Agriculture

The school would be very thankful for any donations of old scarifier tynes that would be put on the schools 3 point linkage scarifier. The six tynes we have are losing their spring. Please contact Greg Davey via email at greg.davey2@det.nsw.edu.au or mobile at 0497609706 to discuss possible tyne donations.



Recent Riverina Representative Success

Congratulations to Georgia McCormack who has qualified for State in the 200m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly events. Georgia will now compete at the NSW CHS State Swimming Championships in Sydney in Term 2. What a fantastic achievement!





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Cross Country

On Friday 5th of April, APCS will be holding our annual Cross-Country event. All students K-12 will be attending this event and as per previous years, we will be running the track at the golf course. This event will be open for parents to attend and we hope to see you there cheering on your children.

Students from K-2 will also have the opportunity to participate. Infants students will walk the track, compete in a mini age race, and play some fun activities either at the golf course or the oval. They will also have a chance to cheer on other competitors before heading back to school before lunch.

Students will be placed into their Age groups for this event and will be required to complete the following distances.

- Junior Primary (8,9 & 10 Years) – **2KM**
- Senior Primary (11 & 12 Years) – **3KM**
- Junior Secondary
 - 12 & 13 Years – **3KM**
 - 14 Years – **4KM**
- Senior Secondary
 - 15 Years – **4KM**
 - 16 Year Boys – **6KM**
 - 16 Year Girls – **4KM**
 - 17 Years Boys – **6KM**
 - 17 Years Girls – **4KM**
 - 18 Years boys – **8KM**
 - 18 Years girls – **6KM**

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Below is a proposed timeline for the running of the event. Please note that the **times listed below may vary slightly on the day.**

10:30: Students meet under COLA and proceed to walk to the golf course. Students need to bring a hat.

10:45-11:00: Recess will be down at the course, so students will need to bring food and a water bottle.

11:00: Students walk the Cross Country course (All staff including SLSO's walk with your class unless you are on a checkpoint)

11:45: Students marshalled and issued event details and infants will complete their Mini Age Race.

12:00 Start of the Cross Country event. Infants will run their activities.

12:05 – Event 1 – Senior Secondary Boys and Girls

12:15 – Event 2 – Junior Secondary Boys and Girls

12:30 – Event 3 – Senior Primary Boys and Girls

12:45 – Event 4 – Junior Primary Boys and Girls

1:00-1:20 Completion of Cross Country

1:30: Walk back to school for lunch.

2:00: Presentation of award recipients back at school, under the COLA.

If students are successful at this carnival, the next Combined Schools Zone Cross Country will be Friday, Term 2, Week 4. Notes for this will be distributed to students before the end of term.

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Secondary Yearly Excursion

Mr Crouch and Miss Saffy have been busy finalising the yearly excursion for our Secondary students. This year we have decided to head off to Sydney for 3 nights to experience the city lifestyle, alongside students from Barellan and Ardlethan Central Schools.

Students will get to be tourists in the harbour city, where they will explore a range of attractions such as SEALIFE Aquarium, WILD LIFE Zoo Sydney, Madam Tussauds, and Australia Museum, whilst experiencing the range of cultural cuisines that we may not get to experience within our hometowns.

Due to the nature of this excursion, we will be using a range of public transport such as trains, trams, ferries and buses. Therefore, we are asking students to purchase a child/youth opal card before this excursion. You can do this on the following website: <https://www.opal.com.au/en/get-an-opal-card/>

Students will be departing APCS at 1:00 pm on Tuesday 3rd September and arriving back to APCS on Friday 6th September at approx. 2 pm. If you would like to pick your child up from the train station, we will be arriving in Cootamundra at approximately 12:46 pm, please notify the front office.

The cost for this excursion will be \$350 per student. Please contact the front office if any financial assistance is required.

Please ensure you read the School Bytes note. Further information about what to bring will be sent out closer to the date of the excursion.

End of Year Excursion – Payment Plan

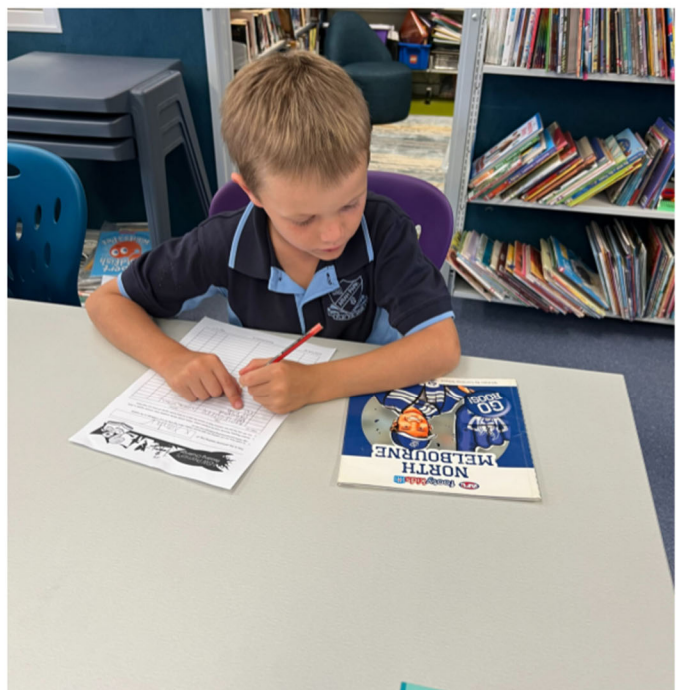
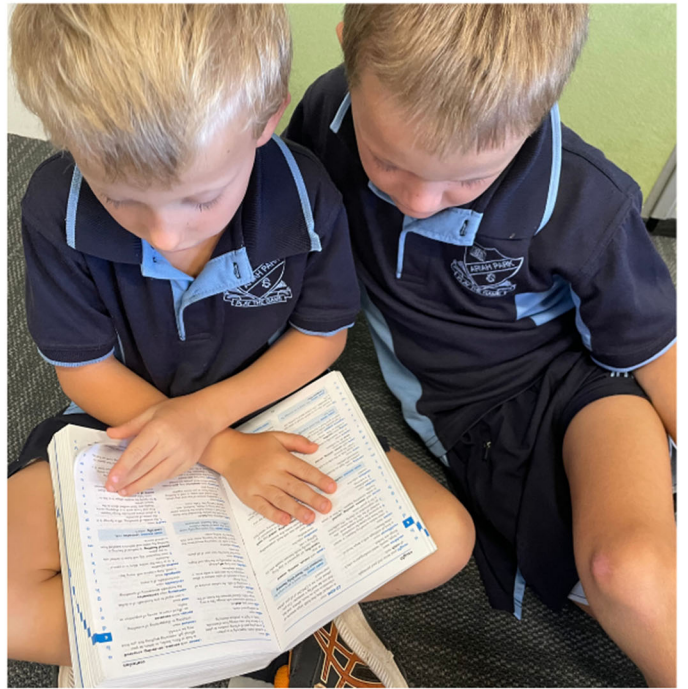
Please contact the Front Office if you have any questions. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the Front Office or made via the School Bytes Parent Portal.

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Due By	Details	Amount
Week 4, Term 1	Deposit - OVERDUE	\$100
Week 9, Term 1	Instalment 1	\$20
Week 10, Term 1	Instalment 2	\$20
Week 11, Term 1	Instalment 3	\$20
Week 1, Term 2	Instalment 4	\$20
Week 2, Term 2	Instalment 5	\$20
Week 3, Term 2	Instalment 6	\$20
Week 4, Term 2	Instalment 7	\$20
Week 5, Term 2	Instalment 8	\$20
Week 6, Term 2	Instalment 9	\$20
Week 7, Term 2	Instalment 10	\$20
Week 8, Term 2	Instalment 11	\$20
Week 9, Term 2	Instalment 12	\$20
Week 10, Term 2	Final Payment	\$10

Medications

Any child that requires medication whilst on the excursion must have a medications permission form filled in and sent back to the Front Office before going on the excursion. A medication schedule needs to be developed to ensure that each child receives their medication at the correct time. This includes any medication your child takes whether a prescription is required or not. All medication must be provided to Miss Melissa Saffy on the morning of the excursion. If we do not have the correct permission form completed, your child will be unable to take the medication on the excursion. Please contact the Front Office if you require this form.







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P&C News

P&C Levy

Please send your P&C Membership of \$5 (per family) to the front office in an envelope with this slip.

Name:.....

\$5 payment

- ☐ Cash/Cheque (Made out to APCS P&C)
- ☐ Direct Credit (see below)

I require a receipt:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Payments can be made directly into the following P&C Bank Account, please ensure you leave your name as a reference when making this transfer.

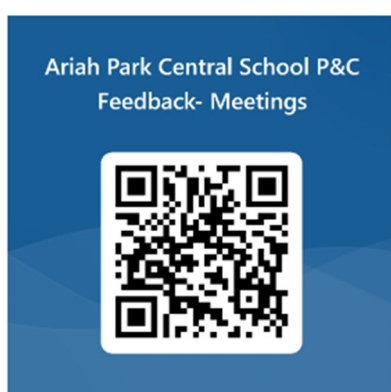
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P&C News

P&C Feedback Survey

Please complete the survey the P&C has created on meeting times based on your feedback from the parent survey. It can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Rg3VUMcL64>



P&C Parent Welfare Officer

Tamara Webb is our friendly P&C Parent Welfare Officer who is able to be contacted with any issues or concerns you have involving our school. Tamara will then convey your concern to the school on your behalf. You are also able to remain anonymous if you wish.

Please feel free to contact Tamara on 0410 679 673.

Calendar

	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22
Week 8B	NAPLAN continues this week	CSU Explorer Day RAP Open Touch Football Riverina Primary Boys Basketball Trials	RAP Open Girls Basketball	Harmony Day— Students can wear orange to school	
	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29
Week 9A		Riverina Primary Boys Cricket Selections	RAP Study Day REROC Youth Leadership Forum	Easter Hat Parade Riverina Secondary Netball Trials Riverina Primary Girls Cricket Trials	Good Friday

Upcoming Calendar Events: Cross Country - 5 April
Whole School Assembly - 12 April

*Please note the school fete will no longer be happening this term.

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