

# URANQUINTY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## BBQ

We had a friendly and relaxed evening last Friday at the Welcome BBQ. The new BBQ which was donated by the 2014 Year 6 proved a winner and many thanks to Brett & Mel Tingle for cooking all the sausages. Thanks also to Theresa MacDonald for making sure the food was ready for the evening. I know the children had a great time and I hope the parents were able to make a few stronger connections and feel a bit more 'at home' in our lovely school setting.



It proved to be a worthwhile day for all the students, who are now planning to stay in contact throughout the year at various times. Our Year Sixes will commence Peer Support groups in two weeks' time, with mixed groups from K-6.

## Eternal Flame

Today our school captains –Caitlin Rodham and Hannah Billett, have represented our school at an official function in Wagga. The RSL have re-lit the Eternal Flame at the Victory Memorial Gardens in Wagga and invited representatives of all the schools to attend the ceremony.

## Behaviour Forum

This Wednesday afternoon at 3:40pm I am holding an open forum for parents to discuss the new Student Wellbeing Policy and Behaviour Code. Please feel free to come along and ask questions about the new documents.

## Wagga PSSA Swimming

This Friday, many of our talented swimmers will compete at the Wagga PSSA Carnival at the Oasis in Wagga. We wish them luck and know they will represent us well. If any of them qualify for the regional carnival, it will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in Albury.

## P&C

The next P&C Meeting will begin with the AGM. All executive positions will be declared vacant and nominations are currently being accepted for these roles. I highly value the efforts of our P&C members and thank them for their time, talents and commitment to improving opportunities for the students in our school. Please think carefully about who you would like to represent you in these roles and



## Yr 6 Leadership Day

Yesterday Miss Fuller and Miss Post lead a leadership day at Collingullie for all the Year Sixes from the Community of Small Schools.

consider recommending someone or letting others know if you are interested in supporting the P&C in any of the executive roles. Even if you do not want to accept a position, please come along to the meetings and hear more about how the P&C operates and how you can help support our school.

## Public Speaking

In the next few weeks our students will be participating in a Public Speaking Competition in class. Two students in each stage (except Kinder) will be chosen to represent our school at the Community of Small Schools Public Speaking Competition which will be held at Collingullie on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March. The stage 2 & 3 students will also go on to represent our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition in Wagga next term.

## Scripture Lessons Recommence

Mr and Mrs Madden will be starting Scripture Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the 4/5/6 classroom.

## Staff Leave

Next week Mrs Forrell will commence two weeks long service leave. Mrs Forrell will be replaced by Ms Fahey, who has relieved for Mrs Forrell many times in the past and understands the routines of the class very well.

## PSSA Levies

All PSSA trials have now increased to \$5. The PSSA has been making a loss of \$4000-\$5000 a year for the last few years but they decided to use their existing funds to cover the costs rather than pass the increase onto families. Now their funds have been expended and they have had to pass the increase on. This means all PSSA events this year will cost \$5.

## Author Day

In week 8, the Community of Small Schools will be meeting together at Kapooka PS for an Author day where students will mix with students from other schools of the same stage and participate in workshop groups with teachers or visiting authors. There will be a cost to cover the bus fare and lunch orders

may be purchased if you choose to do so. More Information will be provided soon.

## Principal's Conference

At the conference last week I received a lot of valuable information which I will be discussing with staff members this week. *How2learn* is still a big commitment within the Wagga schools as we seek to focus on how students learn. An important message we considered last week was that whilst it is easy to *learn* something new, it's not always easy to **do** something new. This is why developing strong learning habits takes time and we will continue challenging students to think deeply about how they are learning and asking them to articulate their thinking processes. Some of the learning habits we are continuing to develop in students are;

*Perseverance, Managing Distractions, Noticing, Collaboration, Imitation, Empathy & listening, Interdependence, Making links, Questioning, Reasoning, Imagining, Planning, Revising, Remembering, Critical thinking and Open mindedness.*

Congratulations to all participants in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival.  
Well Done Age Champions!

-Hannah Billett and Ryan Kemp.











# Kangaroos Junior Rugby League Football Club



## REGISTRATION DAY

Inviting All Players Including Under 6's to Under 15's and girls Leaguetaag –  
Hurry Limited Numbers

**Free Sausage Sizzle and Drinks and all Players Receive Training Shorts and All New  
Players Receive Socks & Shorts**

Registration can also be done online at <http://goo.gl/xtR4YJ>

All New Players Please Bring your Birth Certificate

**This Saturday 28 February at the Plane Bolton  
Park 10am – 1pm**

## THE ROCK CHALLENGE

Invite your family and friends to a fun day

**THE ROCK NATURE RESERVE**

**Sunday 8 March 2015**



Challenge: Climb The Rock Hill (optional)

Venue: The Rock Nature Reserve

Time: 6.30am for 7.00am till 2.00pm

Catering: Breakfast BBQ and Lunch BBQ

Cost: \$20.00 per person Children Under 10 \$10.00

Featuring: "I Climbed The Rock" Certificates, Kenyan music,

sample traditional Kenyan goat meat (nyamachomu)

& complimentary Kenyan beer (Tusker)

Please bring a chair.

RSVP: Yes Please! 2 March 2015 to 0488 757 600

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Background: A group of ten Rotarians will face a mammoth challenge to climb Mount Kenya, the second highest mountain in Africa. It is planned to reach the summit on ANZAC DAY, 25 April 2015. The goal is to raise money through sponsorship and activities with proceeds supporting the health and education of orphan children in Africa and support Legacy Australia. Please help Mt Kenya 2015 by participating in THE ROCK CHALLENGE 2015.

Sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Coolamon, Wagga Wagga Sunrise, Henty

### A Quick Bite ...

Looking for some nutrient  
packed lunchbox snacks for  
your active child?

Try these seven sensational nutrient packed snacks!

1. Nut free trail mix (pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sultanas, dried cranberries, popcorn)
2. Sultana, cheese and rice crackers
3. Hard boiled egg and cherry tomatoes
4. Fruit salad + yoghurt or custard
5. Rice cakes with avocado and cheese
6. Pre-cooked corn cob
7. Hummus + crackers + capsicum slices



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