Principal’s Message

Welcome to the Stock Report for Week 5 Term 2 2015.

What's happening in class:
Mr Trickett’s class have had a great week of learning. We started studying our new text ‘Little Brother’, looking at how the author creates a scene using interesting verbs, adjectives and similes. We have also tried to create our own scenes using these descriptive devices. This text is set in Cambodia one of the poorest countries in the world. Students watched a piece on Behind The News which dealt with people living below the poverty line and raising money to send to Cambodia. This has stimulated discussion about what we could do to help, including taking up the challenge of feeding ourselves for a day on only two dollars. Well done Harvey Holt for achieving that challenge on Thursday. It was a very interesting menu.

Students have started planning and creating a new project in Genius Hour, with projects including a shadow puppet performance, a movie, a school promotion video, a miniature skate park and 2 computer games. In maths we have been focusing on multiplication and division and ways of learning our times tables.

Mrs Webber's class have had a busy, but fun week of learning! Dreamtime stories, using money in everyday situations and being more fit and active have been major focuses in our learning this week. Our Dreamtime book for the week was ‘Dunbi the Owl’ and although it is quite a sad story, it is a great source of learning for students, helping them by improving fluency, comprehension and as a starting point for writing, focusing on proper sentences and nouns.

We have started our Premier’s Sporting Challenge, with all student’s showing how active they have been at school and discussing activities they can also do at home.

As well as the Sporting challenge we are also taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge as a class. This week we have read a number of books chosen by the Book Council to be of merit and worthwhile for K-2 students. All students are reminded to borrow regularly from Library on Tuesday and read as much as they can!

Our school visited Wallendbeen Public School and the Town Hall to attend a performance by Picton Strings Orchestra on Friday. It was a very entertaining performance and one of the few times that students would have seen an orchestra playing live. Even if it is not your cup of tea it is a great thing to do to broaden your horizons. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with transport on this day and to Wallendbeen Public School for the invitation to attend.

Cootamundra and District PSSA Cross Country will take place for many students on Monday, 25 May. All students have been provided with information relating to the day. They are to meet Mr Cant at EA Southee School by 9:30 AM. He will have stickers for all students as well as first aid necessities.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week Mr Cant and Mr Blair will be the teachers in charge at our school while Mr Trickett and Mrs Webber are involved with professional learning activities. It will be business as usual for the students with a full programme of learning taking place.

Professional Development
Mr Trickett and Mrs Webber and two teachers from other schools will be travelling to Melbourne on Sunday, 24 May to visit schools on Monday and Tuesday of week 6. We see the development of 21st-century capabilities as integral to student learning. This professional development activity aims to broaden the understanding of all teachers involved, in the processes that engender the teaching and learning of 21st-century capabilities. We will do this through visiting schools who are implementing this practice, observing the practice taking place and discussing with the leadership group the processes by which this pedagogy was developed within the school.
Specific focuses of the visit, will be the creation and use of flexible learning spaces, individual student conferencing, individualised learning and the development of 21st-century capacities.

For Stockinbingal Public School our vision is to develop a conferencing process that works within a small school environment using the best practices observed and the resources used from the schools visited.

It is also our vision to continue developing pedagogy which promotes individual learning and the development of 21st-century capacities. Again we will use best practices observed and resources used from schools visited to enhance our own pedagogy.

We will also look at the use of our learning spaces based on our observations of the target schools and make any changes that are possible and viewed as beneficial.

All of this information will also be shared with the school community and the students for discussion before the implementation process.

We also see the value of a diverse group attending the professional development visit so that we can discuss what we have seen and distil the information. We would also look to share our learning and organise inter school visits to view classroom implementation of the pedagogy observed in a Lesson Study sharing model.

What’s Happening

- Cootamundra and District PSSA Cross Country in Cootamundra on Monday, 25 May.
- Special awards presented on Friday, 29 May
  - Mr Trickett attending a Principals Network Meeting in Temora on Friday, 29 May
  - Archibull launch in Wagga on Tuesday, 2 June.
  - School Athletics Carnival on Friday, 19 June

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Principal