Principal’s Message

Welcome to the Stock Report for Week 4 Term 3.

Please make time to visit the Wattle Time Art Fair being held in Cootamundra this weekend. It will run from Friday, 8 August till Sunday, 10 August with students work being displayed in the Cootamundra Town Hall. Student works this year were based on the theme of music. Entries from our school were by Angellina Watts, Samuel Matthews, Lilly Large, Zachary Armstrong, Ted Caldwell, Sam Reid and Bianca Butler. All the children had a great time making these artworks and showed a good deal of creative flair.

Please remember that the Book Parade is just two weeks away. Our school will be marching down Parker Street, Cootamundra as part of this parade. Students and teachers will once again dress up as book characters to celebrate children’s literature. Please be thinking of which book characters your child might come as, to make our part of the parade the best yet again.

As part of our celebration of Book Week we will also be having a Read in Day on Tuesday, 19 August. On this day the students rotate around activities that the teachers create, based on books that we read to them. Our Read in will take place between 9 AM and 11 AM and all parents are welcome to join in the fun.

The children have done some excellent work over the last two Mondays and some of that is included in this week’s Stock Report. We often base our Monday work around stories from Behind the News, an ABC program designed to give students a simple understanding of the news that is happening in Australia and around the world.

This week our school had to forward our anticipated enrolments for 2015 to the Department of Education. This allows the department to plan for staffing and make other arrangements for next year. If you know of anybody who may be interested in enrolling their children at our school in 2015 or 2016, get them to contact the school so that we may let them know what we can do for their children and the opportunities that exist at Stockinbingal Public School.
I think you'll be impressed by some of the results.

This week the children created a for, and against debate based on a story about the use of corporal punishment on children and whether it is beneficial or not. They did an excellent job and presented some interesting arguments, some of which we will publish in this report.

**Professional Development**

- Mr Trickett will be attending a Learning Innovations meeting in Sydney on Friday. One of the main focuses of this meeting will be to research the idea of the Hub and Spoke model of school administration being proposed for small schools to determine the benefits for student outcomes. This research will then be forwarded to committees who are currently making decisions in regard to this matter.

Last week students were interested in the metal sculptures created by a 15-year-old boy, so our Monday task was to form groups and work collaboratively to create our own sculptures.
What’s Happening

• P&C meeting Tuesday, 12 August at 7 PM.
• Read in Day Tuesday 19th of August from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM
• Primary Principals Network Meeting for Mr. Trickett, Thursday 21st of August.
• Book Parade in Cootamundra Friday, 22 August. Parade starts at 12:45 PM
• Lesson Study Wednesday, 27 August
• Special Assembly Thursday, 11 September
• Arabin Cup Friday, 12 September
• Riverina Environmental Education Centre school excursion to Wagga Wednesday, 17 September

Have a great weekend.
Colin Trickett
Principal