Principal’s Report

We had a very busy week last week, with the Small Schools Swimming carnival on Monday and then I was away at the Riverina Principal’s Conference in Albury on the Wednesday and Thursday. This week we will be enjoying a wonderful week at school, full of fabulous learning in our classrooms. On Thursday afternoon this week staff will begin undertaking training for the implementation of the new National Curriculum documents. This training will occur three times each term for the remainder of the year, as well as individual online training.

I am very pleased to see all the students at our school following the rules and playing cooperatively with others. Brooke Anderson has received her Student of the Week award this week for displaying outstanding skills in leadership and inclusivity.

Week 4 Awards

Student of the Week
Brooke Anderson - Inviting and encouraging all students to participate in playground activities.

Achievement Awards
Dallas Brown - For making an outstanding effort to return his homework activities.
Liam Banfield - for trying his best with handwriting

School Council Nominations

The AGM for the School Council will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 6:30pm. Prior to the meeting I call for nominations for two positions of ‘Parent Representative’ and two positions of ‘Community Representative’ to join School Council. A nomination form is attached to the newsletter with further information. If you would like additional information about School Council and the role of School Council within the school, please contact me at school or leave a message with Michele and I will be in touch with you throughout the week.

Complaints Handling

At the Principal’s conference last week we were asked to remind parents about the complaints handling process.

How can I make a complaint? - A guide for parents and carers.
It is best to discuss your concerns with your child's teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.
If you are not happy with the result, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the Principal.
You may bring a friend or relative to be your support. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that - just ask beforehand.
If your complaint is about the Principal you will need to contact the School Education Director in your area. Ask the school office staff at your school for their name and number.
If your complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, we may ask you to put it in writing. It is important that you include specific details of the situation and tell us what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint. We can help you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.
Alternatively a complaint form may also be used. Complete the form and send it to the Principal, or the School Education Director in your area. If there is anything you would like to discuss with me please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Parent and Community Helpers Needed

Our school has recently begun running a program called MULTILit (Making Up Lost Time In Literacy). The program assists students who are experiencing difficulty grasping reading strategies to improve their reading.

To successfully run the program we need parents and/or community members who are willing to volunteer to come to school and read with students for one hour each day.

If you are interested and able to assist, even if it is only for one hour each week, I will be holding a training and information afternoon at school this Wednesday 27th February from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

If you have questions about the program, please contact me at school.

Without parent and/or community helpers this program cannot be fully implemented. I hope to see as many people as possible at the information and training session next Wednesday.

K-2 Class News

All students books will be sent home on Friday this week to be covered. Please return all books to school on Monday so they can be used in the classroom.

Last week in the classroom Kindergarten students began learning single sounds. They learnt ‘t’ and ‘i’ sounds and these are revised both in the classroom and for homework throughout this week.

Our sound focus letters for Kindergarten this week are ‘p’ and ‘n’. Students in Years 1 & 2 are learning spelling words focussed around the ‘t’ sound this week.

Our Maths program for the week is focussed around number identification and counting forwards and backwards to 20 for Kindergarten students and using number charts to assist with addition and subtraction for Year 1 & 2 students.

Our Science unit this term is titled ‘Growing Up’. Students will be learning about how living things change as they grow. I would like to ask all students to bring in some photos of themselves, showing how they have changed as they have grown, in preparation for next week’s lesson.

In HSIE this term our unit of learning is titled ‘Families Past and Present: Stories and Histories’. This week we will be learning about oral histories.

Year 3-6 Class News

All students books will be sent home on Friday this week to be covered. Please return all books to school on Monday so they can be used in the classroom.

Years 3-6 have had an exciting week which included attending the Small Schools Swimming carnival at the Griffith Aquatic Centre.

Last week in English we were looking at examples of different explanations and discussing the language features. We have also been reading explanations in reading groups and drawing diagrams to explain the information presented in these explanations.

In Maths students have been learning different ways to calculate addition and subtraction sums in their heads. This skill will enable them to work through everyday calculations without relying on a calculator.

Last week in Science we looked at a freshwater food chain. Students have been learning how living things depend on other living things to survive. All students agreed with me that the European Carp should be at the bottom of the fresh water food chain!

This week we will be researching and creating our own food chains.

Last week in technology Year 3-6 students learnt some tricks including shortcuts to printing and Google searching which they can use when searching the internet. K-2 students participated in some keyboard and mouse practice.

Students have been making great use of the sports shed equipment this week. Students have been designing and creating amazing obstacle courses on the oval. This has given students the opportunity to work together co-ordinating the operation of these courses. I am looking forward to another great week with 3-6!

Miss Gray

School Magazine Orders

The 2012 RSPS School Magazine is still available for purchase. Please contact Michele in the office to place an order so that we can print the correct number of magazines. Thank you.
Schools Clean Up Australia Day
Students will be involved in the annual Schools Clean Up Australia Day this Friday 1st March. Students will need to bring gloves and a plastic bag to school on this day.

All About Apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-english-glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-english-glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership)

When Older Kids Struggle With Reading

Multiplication Times Tables

Sorting Fact from Fiction

Canteen News
Next Monday 4th March, Natalie is on duty.

P & C News
Next meeting is Wednesday 20th March 2013 (Week 8) at 7pm.
Enquiries - Richard, Tammy or Deb.

Uniform Price List
- Sports Shirts: $33
- Jumpers: $22
- Hats: $10
- P & C Shirts: $33
- Sports Shorts: $12
- School Bags: $60
- Library Bags: $10

Volunteers
It would be greatly appreciated if the school could have grandparents, older community members or parents come up to the school either next Monday 4th March or Wednesday 6th March in the afternoon to talk to the K-2 students about their childhood and what it was like growing up. For more information please contact the school, 69661206.

Body Shop Party
Sunday 3rd March starting at 4pm at Anne Roberts house, 300 Boomerang Street. Any enquiries phone Gaye Banfield on 0428179359.

Junior Tennis
Just a reminder about the starting date, Friday 1st March, 2013, however as for the starting time, if this weather keeps up we won’t be starting until around 6.30pm! I will confirm a time with you all verbally beforehand. Now an apology for omitting Lynette & Ellie from my good luck wishes and only mentioning Laandi & Lilly Mac, who were going to High School too. So sorry girls, Andrea is just getting old! So anyway good luck to all of you - Lynette, Ellie, Laandi & Lilly Mac. We will miss you guys but hope you keep playing tennis. Any other probs let me know. Thanks Andrea!

Big ‘0’ Birthday
Our first Big ‘0’ birthday celebration for 2013. Judy Vearing is coming back to celebrate her 70th with all her friends and family. It will be held on Saturday 2nd March at the Griffith Leagues Club starting at 12noon. Everyone is most welcome. Enquiries - Irene Prince 69661324.
Notice to all Rankin’s Springs Residents & surrounding Community
Cancellation of Rankin’s Springs Progress Association Meeting for 25th February, 2013 due to a Town Water Meeting with Director of Water for the Shire – Mr Steven Joyce at 7.30pm at the Rankin’s Springs Hall. It is recommended anyone who has any questions regarding their water supply, quality etc, that you attend this meeting. For any apologies or for further information please contact Julie Groat 69661215.

CWA Update for February 2013
The Rankin’s Springs Branch will hold their Annual CWA International Day on Monday 8th April, 2013, from 11.30am. The country of choice this year is “Morocco”. Bring a shared lunch, Moroccan style if you dare, however anything will be much appreciated!!

Membership are due $37.50. You don’t have to be an active member, but even in spirit, we would love to have you. This is a valuable organisation, supporters are needed, come and have a cuppa anytime, meetings will be short (if possible). Our next meeting will be on Monday 11th March, 2013 at the CWA Rooms from 10.00am. Everyone welcome, you don’t have to be a member to come and see what goes on.

McMaster Cup is again up for grabs and this year a ‘beanie to fit an adult’ is required to be knitted. If there are talented members out there we would love to submit your entry. This happens around November, more info to follow.

Handy Craft day on 2nd March, 2013 in Griffith requires any talented members who sew, dressmaking, knit (not pure wool), embroidery, crochet, anything to enter their item for the world to see (well Griffith for a start anyway!!). Entries can be lodged together from our Branch, or individually, but they have to be in to the CWA Rooms in Griffith before 8.00am on Saturday 2nd March. However the Committee is there to help you get your entry in if you need. You’ve got to be in it to win it! More info you can call Linda Newman. Last but not least, for a bit of fun. Here is a Fruit Cake Recipe with only 3 main ingredients: 1 Packet 750g of mixed fruit, add 600ml of chocolate milk and soak overnight in fridge. Then add 2 cups SR Flour, (optional 1 tsp nutmeg & cinnamon) put into greased tin & cook for around 1 hour on 150 degrees. This was yummy, give it a try, so easy. More information regarding any of these things talk to Kaylene Hudson 69661376 or Val Bell 69621083

Progress Association
The next Progress Meeting has been rescheduled due to the town water meeting and will now be on Monday 11th March, 2013 from 7.30pm at the hall. Any queries talk to Andrea!

Birds of the Bush
Birds of the Bush is on Wednesday 6th March, 2013 from 7.30pm – hope we see you there.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
SUN MARCH 3RD. Register at ALLAN JAMES PARK FROM 10:30AM on the day. Please wear sensible shoes, a hat, a water bottle & gloves. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THIS COMMUNITY EVENT. All volunteers must complete an official onsite registration form. We will have a BYO EQ / picnic in the park after if you would like to stay. See posters around town- MEL 0488 428 940
CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL
“Promoting our future through diversity”

Community Consultations

Carrathool Shire Council is currently undertaking a series of community consultations as part of the review of the Delivery Plan 2012-16.

This will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and priorities for the future of the Shire and for Council to report back on progress against the plan to date.

Meetings will be held at:

- Goolgowi Ex-serviceman’s Club 7:00 pm Thursday 28 February 2013
- Rankins Springs Hall 7:00 pm Tuesday 5 March 2013
- Carrathool Hall 7:00 pm Tuesday 12 March 2013
- Merriwagga Hall 7:00 pm Tuesday 19 March 2013
- Hillston Ex-serviceman’s Club 7:00 pm Tuesday 26 March 2013

Please take this opportunity to contribute to the vision for your Shire.
Enquiries can be directed to the Goolgowi Office 6965 1900

KEN CROSSELL
GENERAL MANAGER
PO BOX 13 GOOLGOWI NSW 2622
Ph: 02 6965 1900
Fax: 02 6960 1379
Email: kenc@carrathool.org.au

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**Risk Warning**

- **NO PERSON IS PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE UNLESS REGISTERED.**
- **ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THE OFFICIAL ONSITE REGISTRATION FORM.**
- All children 15 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
- Study enclosed footwear, gloves and protective equipment must be worn, (i.e. hat, sunglasses/eye protection, sunscreen and long sleeve), please ensure that you keep yourself well hydrated.
- Some items to be cleaned up may be hazardous (e.g. building materials, asbestos, chemicals). Do not handle any item you are unsure about – please inform your Site Supervisor.
- Some clean up areas may be potentially dangerous (e.g. roadways, cliff edges and river banks). Please ensure you take suitable precautions to ensure your own safety and the safety of those around you.
- Some clean up areas may contain hidden dangers (e.g. venomous snakes and spiders). Please act with caution.
- Do not handle syringes. If you find a syringe, inform your Site Supervisor.

**Adverse Equipment and Assistance are all available from your Site Supervisor.**
RANKIN’S SPRINGS P & C
PRESENTS

AT THE HALL
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2013
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
GAME STARTS AT 7:30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME
School age children are able to participate under adult supervision

Lots of prizes to be won!

Please book your seat with Tammy on 69661521
Rankins Springs P & C Assoc.
Bricks or Pavers Fundraiser

YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL BRICK/PAVER
Your donation of $30 or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a brick/paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed at Rankin’s Springs Public School.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

A unique and lasting record of your support.
Memories & milestones. Celebrate a wedding, new baby, birthday or anniversary. A tribute to someone special.
A memorial to a loved one.

DOUBLE PAVER
Your donation of $55 or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a double paver as a lasting record of your valued support.
The double paver will be permanently installed at Rankin’s Springs Public School for all to see for generations to come.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (64 max)

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cheque or money order to:
Rankins Springs P & C
The Secretary – Tammy Anderson
“Forest Lodge”
Rankins Springs NSW 2669

Contact Name: ..............................................................................................................................................

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Individua l brick/paver □ Double paver □ 3 Bricks/Pavers for $75 □

We also have a special offer of 3 Individual brick/pavers for $75. Use the same spaces as on an Individual paver at the top of the page. If you would like this offer please indicate by placing a tick in the box provided.

For more information please contact Tammy Anderson 69661321, Deb Castle 69661267
or the School 69661206

Rankins Springs P & C needs your support!
Dear Parents and Members of the Community

Nominations for positions on the School Council for the coming 12 months are now being called for. If you wish to discuss what is involved in being a member of the School Council, please contact Claire.

“The School Council will represent the schools community and will make recommendations on school policy, income and expenditure and the schools physical plan and facilities, advise and co-ordinate the activities of individuals and groups who work in a way consistent with the schools aims.”

Three positions need to be filled, comprising:

- Two Community Representative
- Two Parent Representatives

Please return completed nominations to the Principal no later than Friday 8th March, 2013.

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School Council Nomination

Please accept this nomination for Parent Representative on School Council for the coming year.

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