Principal’s Report

What a wonderful week we had at school last week. We had a busy Friday afternoon cleaning up around the school outskirts for Schools Clean-Up Australia Day. We gathered together a huge amount of rubbish in such a small area, which was very surprising to see.

This week we once again have a week full of learning activities for the students.

On Wednesday this week I will be away from school at a Learning Support Coordinator’s meeting in Griffith.

Please keep in mind that students are not to come to school until 8:30am, unless prior arrangements have been made with myself. Students also need to be collected from school promptly at the end of the school day, unless prior arrangements have been made with myself. These times are set in place to ensure that staff are at school and on duty to supervise students. Any students at school prior to 8:30am and after 3:30pm may not be actively supervised by staff.

Week 5 Awards

Student of the Week
Ryan Kelly - For an outstanding effort to achieve in the classroom, striving to display an ‘I Can Do It” attitude.

Achievement Awards
Tahlia McPherson - For trying extremely hard to learn all the sounds taught so far.

Lilee Holland - For trying her best in her Maths test.

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.

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 Tuesday 5th March 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

Last week in the classroom Kindergarten students completed their first set of sounds to learn. We have now learnt the ‘s’, ‘a’, ‘t’, ‘l’, ‘p’, and ‘n’ sounds. All students will be revising these during this week’s Home Learning activities.

Our sound focus letters for Kindergarten this
This week are ‘c’, ‘k’ and ‘e’. Students in Years 1 & 2 are learning spelling words focussed sounds which they need to revise 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. Students in Years 1 & 2 will also be learning about number combinations that add to 10.

Our Science unit this term is titled ‘Growing Up’. Students will be learning about how living things change as they grow. Thank you to all those who have sent photos in of our class when they were younger.

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

### Year 3-6 Class News

Last week was another busy week for 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 in all learning areas. In science last week we began researching information to write our own food chains. Some animals which children chose to start with include crocodiles, dolphins, sharks and lions. Meg and Owen discovered that crocodiles eat just about anything including rocks!

In HSIE students began exploring Australia before British Colonisation. They found an Aboriginal language map which indicates that before Colonisation there was between 250 – 500 different Aboriginal languages spoken within Australia. Tameka discovered that Rankin’s Springs is situated in the Wiradjuri nation which is one of the largest Aboriginal nations.

Students have been invited by the Federal Member for Riverina, Michael McCormack to participate in the annual ANZAC writing competition. Students can choose to write a poem, essay or short story no longer than 250 words about “ANZAC day in the Riverina”. I would like a member from the local community to come and talk to students about ANZAC day and its significance within the Riverina. If you are willing and able to come and have a chat with the students please contact the school.

Miss Gray

**Good Number Sense**

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


**Essay Planning**

Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.


**Reading With Your Child At Home**

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Removing Head Lice And Nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


Canteen News
Next Monday 11th March, Tammy 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

Community News

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.

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.
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 69661321
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  Thursday 14 March 2013
Merriwagga Hall  3.00 pm  Thursday 21 March 2013
Hillston Ex-serviceman’s Club  7.00 pm  Thursday 21 March 2013

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

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HILLSTON SWANS

Hi All, Thank you to everyone that attended our Junior Rego Day. We have good numbers for Football and Netball. For anyone that missed Rego day please contact the numbers below.

NETBALL

TRAINING FOR ALL GRADES OF NETBALL is at The Stan Peters Oval (behind the Edies Club) on the far side at the Netball Courts. Please wear your training gear, bring a Hat and a water bottle.

THIS TUESDAY ONLY - TODAY
• Under 15’s – Training Starts TODAY  4.30 PM Sorry for the late notice. Training is today and once a consensus is reached with all players a firm day will be set. Any enquires please contact Kristy Tong.

WEDNESDAYS
• SENIORS – A, B, C Grade  - Training has already started 6.30 PM
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THURSDAYS
• Netball, Net Set Go – Training Starts 10th APRIL, 4pm
• Under 10’s – Training Starts 10th APRIL  5 PM

Any Queries regarding football please contact Kristy Tong on 0428 672 786

FOOTBALL

THURSDAYS
• Ausklick training starting soon – To be advised
• Under 12’s, Under 14’s, Under 17’s - Training starts 6th March at the LAFE

Any Queries regarding football please contact Andrew Tong on 0427 279 668
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 school's community and will make recommendations on school policy, income and expenditure and the school's physical plan and facilities, advise and coordinate the activities of individuals and groups who work in a way consistent with the school's aims.”

Three positions need to be filled, comprising:

- Two Community Representatives
- Two Parent Representatives

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

Rankin’s Springs Public School
School Council Nomination

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

Name of parent nominated: ________________________________

Signature of Nominee: ________________________________

Nominated by: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Seconded by: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Rankin’s Springs Public School
School Council Nomination

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

Name of Community Representative nominated: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Nominated by: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Seconded by: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________