Dear community members,

Thankyou to everyone for their efforts attending the ANZAC Day Ceremony in Dookie last Monday, 25th of April. A special thankyou to Kellie Keele and Pam Rogers for ensuring the wreath arrived. A special mention to our terrific student leaders in Ted and Oscar for presenting the wreath and to Maisie and Gabi for their excellent reading. Well done to the entire school community for their attendance at the ceremony. “Lest we forget”.

**Grade 3-4 CAMP:**
Our grade 3-4’s head off on their camp this Wednesday, May 4th. A reminder to parents that they are required to take their children to Congupna PS as outlined in previous information sent out. A friendly reminder to any families who have outstanding accounts to please finalise. Final Camp payments were due last Friday, 29th of April.

**NAPLAN:**
Next week is NAPLAN week for all grade 3 and 5 students commencing on May 10th. Language Conventions and Writing will be on May 10th, Reading on May 11th and Numeracy on May 12th. A catch up day is on May 13th for any students who were absent during the week.

**STUDENT FIRST AID TRAINING:**
I have organised for our students to participate in First Aid training on 16th of May with the Dookie PS students. This will be another excellent example of us leading the way in our Partnering Agreement.

**RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS PD:**
On Friday, May 20th, our students will participate in a “Responsible Pet Owners” session here at school. We will have a visit from one of the specially trained dogs so it should be very exciting.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:**
Our School Council meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, 3rd of May, commencing at 6pm. Scott Watson, the Department Senior Advisor will make a short presentation regarding the Principal recruitment process. As previously mentioned, I will continue as the Acting Principal throughout this term and will certainly be submitting an application for the ongoing role.

**CADBURY FUND RAISING CHOCOLATES:**
School Council have requested each family sell 1 box of chocolates. The chocolates were sent home with students last Thursday, 28th April. Please be aware that there are 50 items in each box. The All Stars Box sell for $2 and all other boxes sell for $1. Thankyou for your assistance.

**MOTHERS DAY:**
On behalf of the students and staff we would like to wish all our Mums a very Special Happy Mothers Day on Sunday. The students have promised to make Mums a special breakfast AND DO THE DISHES.

**RED R FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY:**
A reminder from Jess about the unique fund raising opportunity for our school. The school has paperwork that needs to be completed, along with a voluntary Police Check. The training courses for this year are: 1st May, 12th June, 7th August, 11th September and 13th November. Each participant is provided with $100 that can be donated back to the school.

There are 4 more programs: If half of our families volunteered for two Sundays throughout the year and the other half volunteered for the other 2 Sundays then we would raise $2000 for 2 days. It would take a lot of BBQ’s or chocolate drives to achieve this potential.

Jess has requested the Volunteer Police Check (takes 10 days to process) and paperwork be completed and returned to the school so it is all completed well in advance.

I have included a checklist for families to consider volunteering their time for 2 Sundays. You could do it with your partner to increase our fund raising capacity if you like and the day is quite enjoyable.

Thanks for reading,
Brendan Kenna
Acting Principal.
CALENDAR

MAY
- Mon 2nd - Sporting Schools: Golf
- Tues 3rd - School Council meeting
- Wed 4th to Fri 6th - Grade 3/4 Camp
- Mon 9th - Sporting Schools: Golf
- Tues 10 - Thurs 12—NAPLAN
- Mon 16th - First Aid with Dookie PS
- Tues 17th - Sporting Schools: Netball
- Fri 20th - Responsible Pet Owners
- Tues 24th - Sporting Schools: Netball

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
Congratulations to Maisie, Ted, Gabi and Oscar who form our Student Leadership Team for 2016. This week, each student will be required to state how they will demonstrate their leadership based on the School Core Values of Teamwork, Curiosity and Enthusiasm. We are very proud of the manner in which they represent our school, most recently at the ANZAC Day Ceremony held at Dookie. Well done team. Keep up the high standard.

HOT LUNCHES
Reminder that the student hot lunches are on every Thursday - hot dogs @ $2.50, vegie burgers @ $2.50 and dim sims 50c each. This week dim sims and vegie burgers will be available.

CLUSTER DAY - TALLIS WINERY
On Tuesday, 19th of April, our students, along with some other cluster schools attended Tallis Winery to participate in a Cultural Awareness Day. The students participated in a talk conducted by Greta and Hilda who showed students various tools used when hunting and building equipment such as clothing, grinding seeds and building shelters.

Students were also invited to try Kangaroo hamburgers as well as other indigenous foods during lunch.

Laine showed us how to identify animal scats and their markings and our new skills were put to the test when children had to look at the scat and match it to the correct animal and marking.

We also participated in a walk to the top of the hill at Tallis Winery and were given a talk by Neville Atkinson who shared some of the various ways the Koori culture nurtured the land and their occupation of this area. We were also given a history of Dookie by Gaye who had many facts to share with the students.

It was a great day enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thanks to Pam for coming along and helping out with one of the groups.
Life Education Van
- with Dookie Primary School

Happy Birthday
- Charles