From the Principal’s Desk...

Dear School Community,

Another NAPLAN Season has come and gone and our students have once again done themselves proud. I can confidently say that our four Grade 3 and Grade 5 students prepared thoroughly over the beginning of Term 2 and equipped themselves very well with positive attitudes. Congratulations.

Dookie played host to our Goorambat and District School Sports Association Cross Country event again in 2015. Students from Dookie, Broken Creek, Longwood, Tungamah, Devenish, Australian Christian College and Currawa based themselves at the Dookie Park and took it in turns to run 800 metres (5/6/7yo), 2 kilometres (8/9yo) and 3 kilometres (10/11/12yo) along the Dookie Rail Trail. Students were walked in their distance groups from the Park to the other side of the Road Crossing at the east of the Township and completed an ‘up-and-back-again’ course. Students collected counters at the halfway mark to ensure that the full distance was travelled. All of our attending students completed the course and enjoyed a BluEarth Student Wellbeing Game Session back at Dookie Primary School after the event was completed.

Congratulations must go to Dookie Primary School for hosting an even better event in 2015 and ordering perfect weather in stark contrast to last year!

Our excursion to Reedy Swamp in Shepparton was amazing. Our students learnt about Entomology (studying insects), waste management, identifying birds by their calls, indigenous land use, creating recycled art works and plenty about our local turtles – the Eastern Long-necked Turtle, the Murray River Turtle and the Broad-shell Turtle. All of the activities provided were very informative, hands-on and fun. Students attended with Grade 5 and 6 students from St Luke’s and Tallygaroopna Primary Schools. The excursion was designed for senior students but after working with Bonny before, she invited our whole school to attend and she was not disappointed. Our students once again represented the school beautifully and many comments were made about their science knowledge and behaviour. Well done.

Students have now undertaken three interactive Kids Helpline sessions via our Polycom video conferencing unit. Our three sessions have included an introductory session to Kids Helpline and sessions on the importance of Friendships and on building Resilience. These sessions have been very worthwhile and it is reassuring for students and teachers alike! To see and hear social workers delivering the same messages to our students hopefully reinforces their importance and continues to build our children’s health and wellbeing.

Please make sure you check out all of the great photos attached to this newsletter and if you haven’t paid for swimming or your camp deposits yet, could you please do so as soon as possible? There is a letter attached to this newsletter indicating final camp costs. Also, could parents please let me know which of you will be attending - this is obviously very important for room allocation.

Thanks for Reading,

Adam Cleary - Principal.
CALENDAR

JUNE
- Mon 1st - Life Education Van at Dookie Primary School
- Fri 5th - Curriculum Day
- Mon 8th - Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- 15th - 19th - Swimming
- Tues 16th - Alpha Production
- Fri 26th - Pre camp visit to Undera PS
- Fri 26th - Last day of term 2

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP - MT HOTHAM
Please read the attached letter outlining the final costs for the camp. We still have a couple of families who haven’t paid the deposit as yet and we would appreciate this being paid before the end of the week.

HOT DOG/DIM SIM LUNCHES
Student lunches will be run each Wednesday. This week we will be offering Dim Sims and Veggie burgers.
Costs are: 50c per dim sim and $2.50 for a Veggie burger.

SWIMMING
Our swimming program will be run from Monday, June 15th to Friday, June 19th. Swimming times will be 10:30am to 11:30am so we will be leaving the school at around 9:30am. Cost for the program is $75 per student. Don’t forget that payment is due in before swimming starts - if payment is not received then the student will not be able to swim.

MUSIC
Next week Helen Rankin will be splitting her music sessions. She will be taking Hannah Mae and Fletcher (Ukuleles), Dhruv and Cate (Piano) and the vocals group at Dookie Primary School on Monday, June 1st during our Life Education Van visit. The remainder of the students will see Helen on Wednesday, June 3rd during the afternoon at Currawa.

TRACKY DAK DAY
The students ran a ‘Tracky Dak’ fundraiser last Friday and raised $37 for TLC. TLC make up care packages for children having surgery.

Scientist of the Week
May 18th
Hannah for preparing a great science fact about light for her news presentation.

Scientist of the Week
May 25th
Dhruv for contributing really well to science discussion and for his collaboration with others.

DOOKIE CHILDREN’S CENTRE PIE DRIVE
Dookie Children’s Centre is running a Pie Drive through Higgins Bakery. We have attached an order form for those who are interested in supporting this. We would like all orders and money returned to the school by Friday, June 12th.

FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACT
Scorpions glow a bright blue-green colour under ultraviolet light.

Primary Connections
Linking science with literacy