Dear community members,

Welcome to week 5.

I hope all the Mums were spoilt rotten and enjoyed Mothers Day with their families. Our mums are very special in our lives and I am a firm believer that the day is a true celebration and acknowledgement of the significant contributions they make to our lives. I was fortunate to share the day with my wife and children and my 87 year old mother. Very lucky indeed.

Last week our grade 3-4's went to Camp Curumbene with the other students from our cluster. It was a great camp and our students certainly had a great time completing the indoor rock climbing wall, flying fox, canoeing, orienteering, initiative activities and archery. The weather was very nice and it was a very exciting, yet tiring camp for all. The students have written a little personal reflection of their camp further in this newsletter.

This week is NAPLAN week for all grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students nationwide. It is a simple snapshot of where each child sits on a national average. It assesses reading, writing and numeracy. It does not measure a students persistence, commitment, compassion towards others, nor does it measure a student’s kind nature, honesty and team skills which are the true character traits we as a society value.

Thanks for the great work selling all the Cadbury chocolates. If you have already sold yours, please send the money to school with your child.

I hope you have all had a chance to reflect on the Red R fundraising opportunity the school has been offered. If you are able to assist the school by volunteering to attend one or more of the training events, please return the form sent home last week. I will then pass this information onto Jess.

Thanks for reading,

Brendan Kenna
Acting Principal.
**CALENDAR**

**MAY**
- Mon 9th - Sporting Schools: cancelled
- Tues 10 - Thurs 12—NAPLAN
- Mon 16th - First Aid with Dookie PS
- Tues 17th - Sporting Schools: Netball
- Wed 18th—Music tuition with Helen
- Fri 20th - Cross Country at Dookie
- Tues 24th - Sporting Schools: Netball

**MUSIC TUITION**
Helen Rankin will be in next Wednesday (May 18) for music tuition due to the cross country being run on the Friday.

**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 hot dogs and vegie burgers will be available.

**TABLE TENNIS TABLES**
We have at last got one of the table tennis tables together and ready for use. The students think it’s great having these to play on!!

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**
Our student Leadership Team of Ted, Oscar, Maisie and Gabi were asked to complete a presentation on how they will use their personal traits to demonstrate leadership at Currawa Primary School.

They also had to show how they will demonstrate leadership in alignment with our School Core Values of Teamwork, Curiosity and Enthusiasm.

All students provided some clear examples of actions they have already done at school as well as things they will do in the future to help others develop their own leadership.

Examples such as helping others in the yard who may be feeling lonely, working together at cluster days, being honest, always trying their best, doing the right thing at school and at home were highlighted.

Their presentations were very well compiled and I was proud of the examples sited.

They all demonstrated clear leadership in the manner they completed their presentations.

Well done kids.
At Camp Curumbene

The 1st day at Camp Curumbene we got put into groups and we chose a cabin. The cabin that I picked had 6 bunk beds and 1 double bed and we had to put our sleeping bag on the bed and our pillows.

Our 1st activity was the flying fox and the first time I did it. It felt scary because you walk off the tower and it feels like you are going to fall off but you don’t, and it feels nice from the air going through your hair.

On the 2nd day we did archery, and I got 10 bulls eyes. Archery is really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really easy for me, and canoeing and we also did canoeing.

We had to do a race and I won the race and I did not get a prize and I was sad!

We also did indoor rock climbing with Mr Kenna. It was really fun because we had to challenge ourselves. We started on the small rocks close to the ground and then had to put a harness on that was attached to Mr Kenna. It was a challenge and I had to touch the roof.

We also did orienteering around the camp grounds.

And on the 3rd day we did abseiling and the initiatives course. For the abseiling on the first time I did it I was scared, but I did not cry and I was the only one that did not cry!

And for the initiative course there was a race between the whole entire camp and my group won and we got a chocolate. And it was so hard.

By Leo.

Camp Curumbene

The grade 3 and 4 students went to Camp Curumbene but to get there we all had to go to Congupna to get on the bus. It was 45 min to get to camp and I saw: Jessica (sparkle bunny), Zoe, Alicia, Grace, Taylor and Taylor (Minnie).

There was: Abseiling, Flying Fox, Archery, Low Rope Course, Canoeing, Indoor Climbing, Orienteering and a working together course. Somethings were challenging for people like if you are sacred of heights they will help you overcome your fear however it was still fun if you have a fear.

It was a great camp.

By Jessica

Camp Curumbene

The Camp For Grade Threes’ And Fours’

On Wednesday I had to get up super early to go to camp. There was an endless list of exciting things to do, but the real highlight was on the last day when Mr Cleary decided to go on the flying fox. It was hilarious to watch. He hurled himself off the platform put his hands in the air and screeched! As I said it was hilarious and the real highlight of the camp.

Recount written by Hannah.
My main highlight at Camp Curumbene

Sadly, Friday the 6/5/2016 was the last day at Camp Curumbene. We were going to do abseiling and I had never done abseiling before. I was so excited and a bit nervous. For safety you have to wear a harness and a helmet. We did abseiling off a 5 metre high tower, I had 2 turns. I felt a bit scared a quarter of the way I had some tears running down me. After that it felt magical. When I got to the bottom I felt better. I really wanted to have another go. So that was my main highlight at camp.

By Dhairya

Camp Curumbene.

The staff are nice. Their names are Ian, Kate, Dave, Charles and Nicki. They have a dog and her name is Freyer. The girls cabins were number 7, 8 and 9. The boys cabins were 2, 3 and 4. The teacher’s cabins were number 6. We had breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and then dinner and supper each day. The activities were canoeing, abseiling, flying fox, indoor rock climbing, low ropes course, orienteering and archery. Lights out were just after supper so we were ready for the next day. I loved the camp.

By Becky

School Camp

The grade 3 and 4 students went to Camp Curumbene. We had to wait for 45 minutes but when we got there it was awesome. First we did a team activity and we succeeded the coarse. We also did abseiling and I did not cry. It was amazing but some students from other schools cried but I don’t blame them. Then we did the flying fox that was awesome!!!!!! I went upside down. After that we did archery. I loved it. I got 6 bulls eyes.

By Fletch