From the Principal’s Desk...

Dear School Community,

Term 2 has nearly drawn to a close now and we have all but completed a very eventful and successful Term. Our ‘new look’ School Reports will be distributed on Thursday this week and we plan to meet with our new Camp partners, Undera Primary School, on Friday to enjoy a concert performance and play a fun game of football. It will hopefully prove a very valuable ice-breaker for our students and an opportunity for them to make some new friends before camp.

Our Alpine Camp Information Session provided by Undera Primary School Principal, David Farrell, was very detailed and I think his experience as an Outdoor Education-trained professional shone through. He was able to provide us with a presentation, information booklets, maps, and a slideshow of photos from past years. David is very professional about how he approaches this camp, which is obviously a highlight for his school, and we have undertaken to split costs evenly (apart from ski hire), provide meals for one another, follow a single set of rules for all and participate in some of the ‘traditions’ that have evolved for Undera. Currawa will be linking what we are learning as part of our science-based curriculum with the Alpine natural environment and our hope is that this camp provides a hands-on experience and lasting memory for all involved. I am so excited about this camp that I have just ordered 20 ‘one size fits most’ beanies for use by students at camp and school. These will be available for purchase if you are interested early next Term.

We have participated in a large range of school and science activities in June such as:

* Attending the Life Education Van with Dookie Primary School,
* Completing our annual Swimming Program at Aquamoves in Shepparton,
* Attending the annual Cluster Alpha Performance of Hercules, and
* Receiving a visit from an Optical Mechanic to build on what we have been learning about Light in our science program.

‘The Little School where Science Rules’ can now boast a guiding set of principles for us all to strive towards. After quite a lengthy consultation process that began last year when we completed our School Review, students and teachers have narrowed a selection of over 20 school values down to three. I am very happy to report that not only are our values unique, but similarly to our school motto, are straight from our student’s mouths. Our three new school values are Teamwork, Curiosity and Enthusiasm. I think these three values encapsulate our great little school and I thank you all for your contributions.

After our wonderful excursion to Reedy Swamp with River Connect in Shepparton, the children’s interest in our native turtles inspired Rosalie and I to investigate keeping some at school. After consultation with Graham from Turtles Australia and with Pets on Parade in Shepparton, the school purchased a turtle tank as a home for four Eastern Long-Necked Turtle hatchlings. We plan to name our turtles next Term after they have survived the acclimatisation to their new environment.

Stay tuned for more information regarding our proposed partnership with Dookie Primary School. Principal Troy Woolley and I have consulted with both school councils now and we hope to inform all involved of our progress soon. Currawa will also be participating in a media campaign to promote our school. We are part of a group of 20 smaller Primary Schools promoting the great things we do in our communities. It is called “Local Small Schools: Bigger does not mean better” and includes a landing website (http://www.localsmallschools.com.au/) and television and radio advertising.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal
**CALENDAR**

**JUNE**
- Fri 26th - Pre camp visit to Undera PS
- Fri 26th - Last day of term 2

**JULY**
- Mon 13th - First day of term 3
- Wed 29th - Cluster Science Day
- Wed 29th - School Council meeting

**AUGUST**
- 24th to 28th - Cluster Camp
  (Urban Camp: Grades 3-6)

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**PIANO**
Helen Rankin will be teaching Piano on Wednesday this week.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**
The school will be participating in this program - so start collecting your ‘Earn and Learn’ stickers from Woolworths. Sticker sheets are attached.

**HOT DOG/DIM SIM LUNCHES**
Student lunches will be run each Wednesday. This week we will be offering Hot Dogs and Veggie burgers.
Costs are: $2.50 for a Hot Dog or Veggie burger.

**FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACT**

It rains diamonds on Neptune and Uranus.

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**Scientist of the Week**

**June 1st**

Gabi for her enthusiasm towards exploring our current science topic; light.

**June 15th**

Ted for beginning to work more collaboratively as part of his CLT.

**June 22nd**

Gabi for contributing to class discussion when we had our optical mechanic visit.
Science
Optometrist Visit

Reflecting Light with Mirrors