COMING EVENTS

Term 2

Week 8
Monday 17-6-13
*Kindy-Reception transition visit 1-9:30-11:30
*8:50 Assembly
*SAKG classes
*User Pays Guitar

Tuesday 18-6-13
*Kerry, our Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW) at school 9-4pm
*Active After School (AAS) Martial Arts

Wednesday 19-6-13
*Christian Options seminar – “Stars”
*Kerry at school 11:30-3:30
*Staff meeting – at Echunga PS
*AAS Badminton

Thursday 20-6-13

Friday 21-6-13
*2:50 Assembly

Week 9

Monday 24-6-13
*Kindy-Reception transition visit 2-8:45-1:45
*8:50 Assembly
*SAKG classes
*User Pays Guitar

Tuesday 25-6-13
*Kerry at school 9-4pm
*AAS Martial Arts
*Staff meeting

Wednesday 26-6-13
*AAS Badminton

Thursday 27-6-13

Friday 28-6-13
*Newsletter -

Term 2 Week 7 Friday 15th June 2013

From behind the principal’s desk............

One of our school aims is to have our students read at home throughout the week. We expect 80% of Reception to Year 2 children to read at least 5 nights a week and 70% of Year 3-7 children to read 3 nights a week. We appreciate that with today’s busy lifestyle that these weekly aims are not easily attained. However, with weekends and over the period of a ten week term we feel that the aims are not impossible....It just might take a little planning!

Improving Reading Levels across the School.

We know that research shows that parental involvement positively affects performance at school. Helping with a child’s literacy can be a daunting prospect for many parents; many play no role at all with over one in five children reporting that no one at home encourages them to read.

Ideas that can help with reading at home-

• Read yourself-this models that reading is a worthwhile activity.
• Make sure your children read every day-some families adopt a reading routine either at bedtime or in the morning.
• Set time to visit the library- again this re-affirms the family commitment to accessing books as an enjoyable experience.
• Read aloud to your children-as your children get older it may be from a magazine or the newspaper.
• Start reading to your children when they are young. It is never too early to begin reading to your children-give books as a gift.

Don’t stop reading to your children as they grow older. You will both enjoy the chance to do something together.

Set aside some time each day for reading aloud. Even 10 minutes a day can have a big impact. Bedtime is a natural reading aloud time. Other busy families read aloud at breakfast or just after dinner.

Read books you enjoy. Your kids will know if you are faking it.

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Sports Day

Congratulations Angas on being the eventual overall winner of our sports day.

Well done Battunga and Davenport for being such great competitors on the day.

Well done everyone on the outstanding sportsmanship that was on display throughout the day.

Thank you parents, grandparents, family friends and whoever else came out to cheer the children on, especially considering the cold, windy conditions.

Final scores:

**Angas – 133**

**Battunga – 131**

**Davenport – 116**

At the end of the Tabloid sports the scores were:

**Angas – 81**

**Davenport – 76**

**Battunga – 74**

The whole school ‘Spoke Relay’ and ‘Under and Over’ events were both won by Angas.

The results of the long distance races:

**R/1/2 - 200m**

- Girls – 1st Chanel, 2nd Tahlia, 3rd Caitlin
- Boys – 1st Jett, 2nd Sam Mc, 3rd Sam F

**3-4 – 400m**

- Girls – 1st Tianna, 2nd Annaleise, 3rd Jaycie
- Boys – 1st Archie R, 2nd Ricky, 3rd Jake

**5/6/7 – 800m**

The results of the Championship sprints:

**Receptions**

- Girls – 1st Hayley, 2nd Carly, 3rd Kimhari
- Boys – 1st Sebastian, 2nd Rhys, 3rd Caleb

**Year 1**

- Girls – 1st Kayli, 2nd Amelie, 3rd Olivia
- Boys – 1st Jett, 2nd Sam Mc, 3rd Dylan

**Year 2**

- Girls – 1st Caitlin, 2nd Tahlia
- Boys – 1st Charley, 2nd Sam F

**Year 3**

- Girls – 1st Jaycie, 2nd Gabby
- Boys – 1st Jesse, 2nd Jaxen

**Year 4**

- Girls – 1st Molly, 2nd Annaleise, 3rd Breeanna
- Boys – 1st Jake, 2nd Jordan, 3rd Cameron

**Year 5**

- Girls – 1st Caitlyn
- Boys – 1st Callum, 2nd Bodhi

**Year 6**

- Girls – 1st Georgia, 2nd Isabelle, 3rd Phoebe
- Boys – 1st Lucas, 2nd Tyson,

**Year 7**

- Girls – 1st Cassidy, 2nd Casey, 3rd Courtne
- Boys – 1st Thomas, 2nd Luke, 3rd Aidan

4 Championship Sprint records were broken on the day:

- Sebastian Scamps – 35m in 9:29s
- Hayley Bolt – 35m in 8:43s
- Kayli Snel – 40m in 8:48s
- Thomas Rowe – 100m 15:79s

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Home Reading
Our home reading data from first term shows that the only class to reach the school aims were the Receptions.
100% of the Reception children read at least 5 nights a week.
67% of the Year 1-2 class read at least 5 nights a week.
65% of the Year 3-4 class read at least 3 nights a week with 3 children reading at least 6 nights a week.
67% of the Year 5-6-7 children read at least 3 nights a week.

The data that we have collected over the years on the relationship between home reading and the children’s comprehension skills generally demonstrates that the more a child reads at home the better their reading skills are. With so much of our curriculum being language and text based it is important that the children have good reading skills in order to be successful learners at school.

With this in mind, I hope that our home reading data demonstrates improvements over the next couple of terms.

Tackle Rugby
Last Wednesday 12 of our Year 6-7 boys and girls combined with students from Echunga primary School to field 2 boys’ teams and 1 girls’ team in the SAPSASA Tackle Rugby competition at Murray Bridge.

The girls’ team were undefeated on the day, winning the competition. They have won the right to play in the state grand final in week 10.

Luke Swinburne and Jake Bentley, after outstanding performances at the carnival, were both invited out to attend the SAPSASA State Rugby trials. Unfortunately Jake couldn’t attend but Luke has made it through to the second stage of selection.
Go Luke!

SAPSASA KO Netball
Unfortunately the school team was defeated by Woodside in the second round of the Small Schools Knock Out Netball Cup.
Thank you Darren for coaching the team.

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Pedal Prix
The Maccy Missiles competed in the first 6 hour Pedal Prix event at Victoria Park on Sunday June 2nd completing 102 laps and finishing in 17th place in our category and 115th out of 191 vehicles.
This was our best ever result in a 6 hour event and with 5 new riders in the team this year an outstanding effort by all concerned.

The mighty Maccy Missiles