FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We can teach children right from wrong, but we can’t make their decisions. We can offer children advice but can’t make them take it. Every generation has its challenges growing up and our senior students are no exception to this. I am pleased to announce that the boys in Year 5/6 will start on Friday the first of a three part program called “Rock and Water”. Delivered by the Principal of The Kandeer School - Mr Peter Ellison, “Rock and Water” aims to foster self-esteem, self-control and self-confidence in boys. It teaches boys when to be “rocks” and stand firm in their beliefs; and when to be like “water” and be adaptable and flexible. All schools are dedicated to educating the whole child and this includes values and mental well-being. I am positive that all the boys in Year 5/6 will one day become fine young men – they just need to be given the tools and encouragement to help them get there!

Warm regards, Tracey Southam.

Good luck to the 22 students who have qualified to represent the school at the Zone Cross Carnival at Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre next Thursday 29th May. Please return permission notes promptly if your child is attending.

Home Reading Awards
Congratulations to the following student who has reached a milestone with Home Reading
50 Nights: Josh Bruce

Thank you to the 5/6 students we have been presenting the “Rule of the Week” every morning for students. This week’s rule: Treat other people as we like to be treated.

National Simultaneous Story time – Tomorrow Wednesday 21st May, all classes will be enjoying “Too Many Elephants in this House” by Ursula Dubosarsky. There will be lots of activities around this entertaining book, including an elephant drawing competition. Don’t forget to bring in any elephant soft toys, book, toy or ornament you might have so we can have too many elephants in the school! They will be displayed in the library.

As part of our Literacy Day, Yrs 3/4 & 5/6 will be travelling to the Corowa Town Library to enjoy meeting author and illustrator Craig Smith. The presentation is about: books and pictures, the role of the author, and editor and illustrator. But it is especially about making things up by DRAWING! All students in 3/4 and 5/6 are encouraged to attend.
Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

K/1 News

The students have been enthusiastically building and reflecting on their knowledge of dinosaurs, our topic for Term 2.

Two weeks ago the students planted snowpea seeds in the school’s vegie patch. Unfortunately some of the emerging plants have provided a snack for small creatures. Hopefully some plants will survive, so the students can snack on the snow peas.

Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher.

Above- Thirty students represented the school at the Zone Carnival in Albury yesterday. Students displayed excellent behaviour and participation throughout the carnival. The Regional carnival will be in Albury on 23rd June.

Well done to Josh Sharp – PSSA Albury Touch Footy team – Josh will compete at the Riverina Trials in Albury on 12th June. Pictured right

Below – Kinder/Year 1 class during skills session with Jack Bradley, AFL Development Officer. All classes participated in the program.