Dear Parents and Friends,

Student Progress Reports

Teachers are currently busy completing assessments and gathering information in order to complete the Semester 1 reports that go home at the end of this term. As a result of our desire to provide parents and carers with as much information as possible, there have been some changes made to the report format. The main learning targets in each curriculum area for Semester 1 have been identified and students rated as having achieved this target or continuing to work towards it. A general comment, as well as teacher remarks on literacy and numeracy are included as well. The school P&C reviewed these changes at their last meeting and are thanked for their support of the changes being made.

Protocols

It has come to the attention of the school that some parents are concerned that their children have been reprimanded by other parents whilst in the school or at school events. All parents are respectfully reminded that it is the role of teachers to speak to students if concerns regarding actions or behaviours need to be addressed. It is also important that teachers are aware of such issues in order ensure ongoing monitoring. If any issues do arise, parents are encouraged to contact the school directly.

Excursion Deposits

The feedback the school has received regarding the planned excursions for Stage 2 to Borambola and Stage 3 to Sydney has been exceptionally positive. Many families have already paid the $50 deposit requested to secure a place for their children and, indeed, some have already commenced making regular payments. Thank you.

Parents are now requested to pay the $50 deposit by the end of week 8 (if not done so already) so that numbers can be secured at each destination.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Tomorrow, our year 6 students are travelling to Albury to participate in this renowned leadership program. Parents and carers are reminded that it is an early start and that students need to be at school at 6.30am!

Thank you to Mrs Blacker and Mrs Bermingham for organising this opportunity for our students.

Cross Country Carnival

The weather was magnificent for a run through the gums trees adjacent to the Edward River last Friday; the venue for our annual cross country carnival. Huge thanks to Mrs Young for her organisation, to all the teachers for their enthusiasm and to all those parents who were able to join us and offer support for the students. What was particularly impressive to observers was the support and encouragement that the students offered to one another. The sportsmanship demonstrated was very commendable!

Congratulations to all students who tried hard and competed well. Our training at school had positive affects on everyone’s fitness with many students surprising themselves with their results. Well done to the following students who are the 2015 age champions and runner up.

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The top 4 place getters in each age group will represent Edward School at the District cross country this Thursday 28th May. Good luck everyone!
Aspire Me, Sports Camp

Congratulations to Sophie East and Arizona Buckley on representing our school so well at this camp last week. The letter included in this newsletter is from Julie Swecz, Principal, Mathoura PS and is worth sharing.

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd May, forty-two students from fifteen Deniliquin District Schools participated in the inaugural Aspire Me Sports Camp. The Deniliquin Sports Complex provided a fantastic venue. Students were engaged in gymnastics, basketball, netball, indoor cricket, indoor soccer and indoor hockey. Also on the agenda were Muay Thai, dodgeball, dance and Zumba. A cyber-safety/anti-bullying information session and being an appreciative audience for some very talented young singer/dancers completed the camp.

Aspire Me Camps are conducted in drama and art under the organisational skills of Gayle Andriske (principal of Berrigan Public School) and Catherine Peach (acting principal Barham Public School). The Director of Public Schools Deniliquin, Vicki Kempston is acknowledged for her inspiration and support of the camps ... and for sleeping over.

I must pass on my appreciation to the following for giving our students a unique opportunity:-

- John Arthur - manager of Deniliquin Sports Complex. John’s unbelievable energy and contacts made this camp possible.
- Peter Hupfield
- Allana Moore
- Rachel Bucholtz
- Rachel Phyllis Campbell
- Chloe and Bella Condor
- Katrina Ives

The students who participated received high praise for their behaviour and endeavours from all coaches. I can thoroughly concur with this. Everything was positive with children giving “everything a go”. They were without exception a credit to their schools and parents.

Talking of parents, many thanks to you all for supporting and transporting of participants. You may have come from the local schools of Deniliquin North, Deniliquin South or Edward or a little (or a lot) further afiel- Moulamein, Mulwala, Oaklands Central, Toolebuc, Balranald Central, Barham, Berrigan, Carrathool, Finley, Jerilderie, Mowama and Mathoura. THANK YOU! Ditto to their principals and teachers! A big thank you to Mathoura’s SAM Allison McKeen and SAO Deb McKendray for their thorough organisational skills; huge job.

It’s all about our students.

Regards
Julie Swecz
Principal Mathoura PS

Paul Kelly Cup

Twenty seven energetic and competitive AFL footballers headed to the Deni Rams oval to compete in the Paul Kelly Cup yesterday. Both boys and girls played with passion and commitment putting their bodies on the line.

The girls had a win over Deni North and Finley and battled hard against Hay and the tall Deni South team. The combination of Taylor Wilkinson in the ruck and Molly Shaw, Georgia McCulloch, Ella Harvey in the centre and small crumber Eliza Bermingham, made sure of the 6 points. The backbone of Mackenzie Emery, Tayissa Nethercote, Ruah Fagiri and Alisha Gardiner worked hard to turnover the ball and to stop any opposition goals being scored.

The boys, similarly, in their games, displayed some fantastic footy skills. They took on Deni South, Deni Small Schools and Finley all with a win. Balranald were a tough opposition and our boys battled hard but unfortunately went down. We gave a stellar performance in the “runner up play off” and were able to win against Hay.

The versatility of the players allowed many position changes. Brock Redden was a formidable ruckman and onballers Hayden Gardiner and Tom Bradley showed great pace to be able to send the ball forward to Aden Bermingham, Will Fagan, Liam Hattwell, Jay McCully and Louis Behsman. Bradley Poka was our top goal scorer for the day. Darcy McManus, Nathan Kelvy, Louis Behsman, Jack Michael and Zach Noonan worked hard down back to minimise the score.

Our students had a great day and represented our school with pride. Many thanks to our the parents, grandparents and relatives who cheered our sides on. Thanks to Kerrie Godfrey for managing the boys team and Carrie Kelvy for taking ALL the jumpers home to wash.

Congratulations Ella!

On Friday, Ella Harvey represented Western Riverina at the Riverina Netball trials in Wagga. After a fantastic display of netball skills in the possible and probable game, Ella was named in the Riverina team. She will compete for Riverina in Tamworth in July. Congratulations, Ella. It makes missing our school cross country worth while!!
Catering
The P&C is catering for a staff training THIS Wednesday afternoon. The numbers for this are larger than expected. All donations can be dropped to the office on Wednesday. Please text Felicity or give your name to Barb in the office.

District Cross Country
As you may be aware there is a chance of rain on Thursday afternoon. Therefore, the day has been brought forward by one hour. Students from Edward school participating in the District Cross Country will be leaving Edward School at 9.00am sharp to walk the course at 9.30am.

Soccer Gala Day
Best wishes and ‘fast feet’ are extended to those girls playing in this special event on Friday. Thank you to Mrs Werner for organising our involvement and we shall look forward to reading their report next week.

Teacher Professional Development
Tomorrow afternoon and evening, staff will be undertaking professional learning activities along with staff from other schools in the area. The training and development sessions focus on assessment to improve student learning, personalised learning in Mathematics, as well as a focus on the Staff Portal toolkit and Microsoft 365. EPS is proud to be hosting this training and huge thanks are extended to the P&C for their support in catering for afternoon tea and dinner for participants.

Book Club Orders
All book club orders for Issue 3 of book club are due this Friday 29th May. Please return your orders to the school office.

Patty Pan Wednesday
Patty pan Wednesday will not be operating this Wednesday (tomorrow) 27th May, as Year 6 will be in Albury at a Leadership conference. Patty pan treats will continue to be available next Wednesday 3rd June.

Canteen Roster
 Tues 26th May
 Wed 27th May
 Thurs 28th May
 Fri 29th May
 Mon 1st June
 Tues 2nd June
 Wed 3rd June

Debbie Gazzara
CANTEEN CLOSED
Sacha Jeffries, Kylie Green
Sacha Jeffries, Sarah Graham
Sacha Jefferies
Sacha Jefferies

Seasons for Growth
A couple of weeks ago, a letter was included in our newsletter outlining this special program which is designed to support students who may be experiencing difficulties with change and loss. It highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. Mrs Strong is eager to commence this program, so if you are interested in having your child participate, an Expression of Interest form is included below. Parents and carers who would like more information are encouraged to contact Mrs Strong at school on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

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District Cross Country - THIS Thursday 28.5.15
Canteen helpers- thank you to these people who have volunteered to help out. If you are at Memorial Park and can give us a hand for 20 minutes, please come to the Rovers canteen.
9.30- Felicity Michael, Alex Glowrey, Linda Harvey, Mick & Richenda Everett.
Helping through the day- Nat Shaw, Missy Bradley, Kylie Cartwright

Seasons for Growth - PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL
I give consent for my child/ren ____________________________________________________________of classes
_________________________________________________to attend the Seasons for Growth Program.

I have discussed this with him/her.

Signed: _____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature Child’s Signature
Rockets Literacy Group

I am very lucky to be teaching these enthusiastic learners. With the implementation of the new English syllabus this year, we have been focusing on the concepts of ‘sustainability’ and ‘belonging’.

We have had the opportunity to read and analyse a number of terrific picture books including ‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea’ by Jeanie Baker, Lester and Clyde by James Reece, Sebastian Lives in a Hat by Thelma Catterell, Stellaluna by Janell Cannon and Pigs and Honey by Jeannie Adams. We will soon be studying the poem ‘Black Fella White Fella’ by Neil Murray.

The students have engaged in discussions about the characters and the main messages in the texts. They have been learning to identify and use a range of grammatical features, including using adjectives and interesting verbs to make their writing more engaging, and viewed the reading of a few of the texts on Youtube.

Setting Goals

The Rockets literacy group has been learning about how to assess their learning by using student-friendly, modified statements taken from the Literacy Continuum, which is used by teachers to monitor progress and plan for students’ improvement. Each student has chosen a personal goal (in writing only) that they would like to achieve in the short term. Ask your child what his/her goal is and encourage them to talk about their learning progress.

Diamonds Maths Group

This term, the group has been focusing on developing a range of strategies to help with fast addition. Those strategies are ‘counting on’ from the biggest number, knowing the ‘friends of 10’ and fast recall of doubles e.g. double 6. Last week, the group did lots of activities to develop an understanding of division and the division symbol (÷) was introduced. For the rest of the term, lessons will be about 2D shapes and 3D objects, fractions (1/2) and the language of position. We have just started using Mathletics which we will be doing on Mondays in the computer room.

Science

School Yard Safari  The 1/2 home class has had fun finding small animals in the playground, studying their features and discussing similarities and differences. Recently, the children have been handling worms and garden snails. They read about the animals in article from the internet and compared drawing they had made of the animals with the diagrams found on the net.

Computer Technology

Mrs Young has been teaching Year 1/2 to use a number of computer programs. Recently, the students have investigated the features of Google Maps and how to use a range of features in Microsoft Office Word. They have also learnt to identify the components of a computer. They have shown their creativity using a word art program called Tagxedo.

Makayla Finn’s drawing of a snail
Out of School Hours care

The Out of School Hours (OOSH) Program provides quality, centre based childcare in Deniliquin. OOSH offers both After School Care and Vacation Care in a fully accredited, safe and caring environment. Fun and exciting activities for children are programmed to ensure a variety of choices are made available for children to experience and enjoy including art, craft, cooking, drama, excursions, indoor/outdoor activities and much, much more.

Vacation Care
NSW School Holidays, Monday – Friday, 8am – 6pm
Including Pupil Free Days
Closed Public Holidays

After School Care
NSW School Terms, Monday – Friday, 3pm – 6pm

OOSH is Child Care Benefit (CCB) Approved
Fee reduction through the CCB is available to most families.
For more information call Intereach Family Centre on 03 5890 5260

Intereach Ability Links

Do you have a barrier or disability?
Do you care for someone with a disability?

Ability Links is a new approach to supporting people with a barrier or disability aged 9 to 64 years, and also provides support for families and carers.

Ability Links helps people to understand how every person has a valued role in their community and has the capacity to enjoy a connected life that is meaningful and fulfilling for them.

Our local linkers Wendy and Jenny are based at the Intereach office in Deniliquin, but regularly out and about in the community, and are available to meet at a place of your choice. They assist people to connect to their community by addressing their barriers, discovering their individual passions and planning toward living the life they want to live.

If you or someone you care for lives with a barrier or disability, phone us for a chat. We will support you to explore possibilities, initiate connections and access resources in your community.

Contact your local linker
Wendy Johnston or Jenny Bright
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www.intereach.com.au
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