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NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 5 TERM 2

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Well done to all the year 3 and 5 students who completed the NAPLAN assessments last week.

Everyone seemed to be calm and in a frame of mind where they could give their very best efforts, which we reminded them is all anyone hopes for.

No doubt many of you have read this letter written by some teachers which has apparently gone viral on "facebook." Yet, as we agree, we thought we'd leave this note with you to read to your child around the assessments completed last week.

The people that score these tests (NAPLAN) don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program."

"They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad."

In fact NAPLAN does not assess all the things that make you exceptional and individually successful.

SCHOOL APP available

You can download our APP at the Apple Store or the Google store.



User iPhone/Android App & User Web Portal (<http://www.myauschools.com>)

username: community

password: ladysmithps

We are in the process of getting all correspondence going through this app but if you'd like to go into it and have a look around, you can watch as we start to get permission notes, newsletters, notifications, photos onto this form of communication. The app will be demonstrated at our next P&C meeting and also at our school plan discussion meeting on Wednesday, 10th June.

By the 1st July, all correspondence will be communicated to you through the school website or the school app. If this is inconvenient to you, please let us know and we will make alternative arrangements.

Gaining a Growth Mind Set

Did you realise everybody can learn new and exciting things regardless of how much they know now?

Our brains are amazing and we want your children to know they are amazing too, if they keep trying, looking for better ways to do things and to know that they can master all sorts of things as long as they believe they can do it.

Here are some examples of students trying new ways of solving problems – we learn much more in groups. Look at these students co-operating, learning from each other by planning, adjusting and solving everyday problems.



LIFE EDUCATION VAN—THURSDAY

If you would like your child to attend their session at the Life Education Van as per last week's notice, please return permission note and **\$10.00** by Thursday morning. Thankyou.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY—THURSDAY

If students would like to meet us at the bus stop at 9.00am on Thursday, we will walk around the block to school. All students on the bus can walk with us to stretch their legs, too.

CROSS COUNTRY—MONDAY

We are hosting the carnival and Mr Morris is the convenor.

Students who are not running will attend school as per normal as Miss Cutler and Ms Sturman will be on class. 8 and 9 year old competitors will return to class once they have recovered from their event—Miss Cutler will be waiting for them.

10,11,12 year olds who have chosen not to run will complete their learning with Miss Cutler and Ms Sturman until Mr Morris returns to school. Please remember this is a normal school day. Non competitors may like to buy lunch from the P & C canteen. We will take those children over at lunchtime, so if you would like them to buy lunch just send in their money and we will ensure they get a healthy lunch.

We wish all competitors all the best and hope they are able to run a personal best; we look forward to hearing the results.

Please come down and support your children on this day—a special day for the community as there will be many visitors. The P & C are hoping for sunshine and hungry spectators, as well as your support.

SOCCER—WOOPS, FOOTBALL with a round ball ...



We have started training for the Small Schools' football knockout.

Wagga Wagga football academy are providing a coach for sport sessions and he will start to come at recess time too, soon.

If your child would like to have a go at being in the team this year, please encourage them to bring their shin pads and boots to school on Wednesdays, please.

Year 6 Leadership

Jake and Kieran had the opportunity to attend two leadership days this week and this is what they had to say:-

"Last Monday we went to Collingullie Public School to get together with the school captains from other schools. We then had to make a model or do a PowerPoint presentation showing the assignment we chose, such as drought proofing farming lands or other projects."

"Last Tuesday a number of Year 6 students from around Wagga went to the Environmental Education Centre to learn about science. We learnt how to make a rocket and learnt new games to play. Above all, it was an exciting, fun and mind-boggling day."

CLARIFICATION OF DATE:

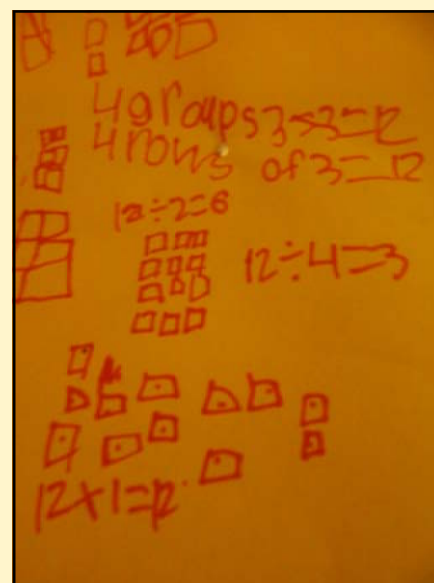
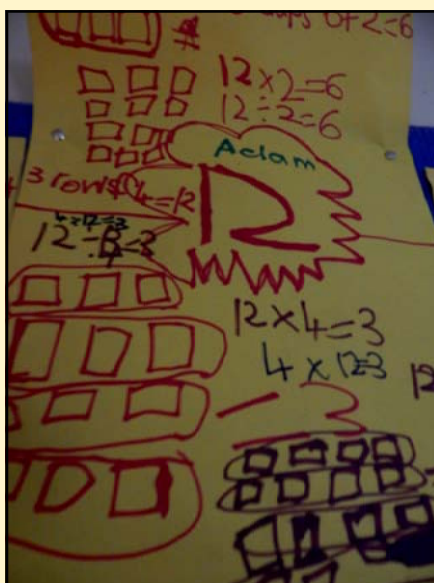
PSSA Athletics Carnival—Wednesday 27/5/15
(for students participating in this carnival)



Work on our new toilet block continues to progress!

When we make a mistake, we try another way ...

K/1/2 have been experimenting with making groups of, dividing into, and fractions. Here are some examples of the learning they did with a chocolate bar. Through experimentation, they built an understanding of how these are related.





This Week's SUPER HEROES ...

K-1 Charlie Clarke—for showing a growth mind set by persevering and using different ways to learn, especially in maths.

2-3 Amelia Kelly—for demonstrating learning with a positive approach to all her learning.

4-6 Charlie Murphy—for perseverance and reasoning skills in Maths.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Indiana Cole—for discovering that there is always something extra to learn and practice.

Jack Stanton—for finding new ways to learn challenging concepts.

Marnie Field—for volunteering to clean up the art room.

Eligh Field—for excellent ideas and focus in art.

Blake Cochrane—for volunteering to clean up the art room.

Thomas Clarke—for showing resilience in writing and for using feedback constructively.

Ruth O'Donovan—for creative writing.



P&C NEWS ...

PSSA Cross Country—Monday 25/5/15—Thank you to everyone who has offered to donate soup, biscuits etc. or to help out on the day—if anyone else has an hour or so to spare on the day and would like to help, please come along.

Next Meeting—Wednesday 3rd June.

i-Phone, i-Pod and i-pad instructions for downloading the School Communications App:-

Lisa Eady has been trialling the School Communications App and has provided the following instructions on how to access it.

- Go to App store.
- Search for Ladysmith Public School App.
- Download
- Login = community Password = ladysmithps
- Allow notifications
- Go to Calendar—click on a relevant date. Click on the item—press save to ical, this will then notify you 2 days before what is coming up.
- Go to notifications, click either on your child's year group or click 'all' to have access to all notifications.

We missed Mrs Maxwell ...

Mrs Maxwell was away Monday and Tuesday—the phone was not always answered, students had to be a whole lot more independent as did the staff. Mrs Maxwell was attending a special conference which will make her working days more exciting, pleasant and rewarding.

We are pleased she is back and we can get this newsletter out to you all.