Term 2 Week 4

Monday 11th May 2015

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR WEEK 4**

- Tuesday 12th May – NAPLAN for years 3 and 5
- Wednesday 13th May - NAPLAN for years 3 and 5
- Thursday 14th May – NAPLAN for years 3 and 5

**BATHURST 200 OFFICAL CEREMONY**

Last Thursday our Principal Mr. Wood and our School leaders travelled to Bathurst to be special guests at the official ceremony to mark 200 years of Bathurst’s proclamation.

All of our students followed afterwards and attended the Colonial Fair.

**YEAR 4-6 ASSEMBLY**

**COLONIAL FAIR**

Thank you to the parents for helping out at the colonial fair on Thursday last week.

Without your support our students would not have had such a rewarding learning experience.

**THANK YOU**

K/1 students would like to thank our P&C for their donation of new PM readers for their classroom.

Also a big thank you to the parents who have covered those books in record time, getting them into the classroom. The students are now reading them on a daily basis.

**STEWART HOUSE**

Raffle envelopes were sent home for Stewart House. Anyone who would like to donate to this great cause needs to send their envelopes back to the school by Friday.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our athletics carnival is on Thursday 28th May. There are still some ages that will need helpers below is the list if you are able to help please fill out the form attached and send it back to the school:

- 9 year old boys
- 10 year old boys
- 11 year old girls
- 12/13 year old boys

A separate note has gone home about the high jump practise and competition.

P AND C NEWS

A very big thank you to all those who turned up at Rydal Showground on Saturday to help cook lasagne, shepherd pies and curried sausages. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for those 11 families who have offered to make cakes, slices, muffins or biscuits for the bike event next Sunday the 17th of May.

These can be sent to school on Friday 15th May 2015 and placed in the library and will be collected. Alternatively, you can bring your items to Rydal Showground by 9.30am on the 17th May 2015.

If any other volunteers would like to cook and donate morning tea items we welcome your assistance.

Could all food come in disposable containers (preferable), if not, please ensure your containers are marked with your name so they can be returned next week. Thanks also to the people who have offered to help on Sunday. It should be a great day.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen fun day is on Wednesday 20th May, the menu for the day is attached.

SNOW DAY PROCEDURES

As the weather is turning colder, it is vital that parents have their details up to date with the office. These details will be entered into the school mobile phone.

This Wednesday the BOM is predicting snow above 700m (our school is 1150m).

Friday is a catchup NAPLAN day in case it is needed.

CALENDAR

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Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government school

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has engaged ARTD Consultants to undertake a review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is underway and will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers. The review is not being conducted to determine whether SRE or SEE should be offered in NSW public schools.

Why is the review being conducted?

In 2012 the NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No 2, chaired by the Hon Marie Ficarra MLC released a report on the Education Amendment (Ethics Classes Repeal) Bill 2011. The report made a number of recommendations aimed at improving the implementation and delivery of SRE and SEE.

Recommendation 14 of the report requires that 'a future independent review of both ethics classes and SRE be conducted by appropriately qualified early childhood educational reviewers in 2014-2015'.

What are the terms of reference for the review?

The Terms of Reference for the review are consistent with recommendation 14 of the report. The review will examine and provide advice on:

- the nature and extent of SRE and SEE
- DEC Implementation Procedures for SRE and SEE including:
  - parent/carer choice through the enrolment process and opting out
  - approval of SRE and SEE providers by DEC
  - authorisation of volunteer teachers and curriculum by providers
  - development of complaints procedures and protocols
  - SRE and SEE providers’ training structures
  - registration of SRE and SEE associations and committees

new modes and patterns of delivery using technology
pedagogy, relevance and age appropriateness of teaching and learning in SRE across all years K to 10, and teaching and learning in SEE in years K to 6 in a variety of demographics
the need for annual confirmation by parents and carers on SRE choice or opting out, as appropriate.
review of activities and level of supervision for students who do not attend SRE or SEE.

Who is conducting the review?

The review is being undertaken by ARTD Consultants.

How was the external reviewer chosen?

ARTD Consultants was the successful tenderer from a list of pre-qualified evaluators. Details of the process can be found on the NSW eTendering website.

How long will the review take?

It is expected the review will be completed by the end of December 2015.

Are all religious persuasions included in the review?

Yes. All approved providers from all persuasions will be involved in the review.

Are all schools being consulted?

Yes. All school principals will be involved in the review.

Are students involved in the review?

No, individual students will not be involved in the review.

What is included in, and what is excluded from the review?

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What does the review include?

- both SRE and SEE provision in government primary schools
- only SRE in government secondary schools.

What does the review exclude?

- provided as part of the Board of Studies NSW syllabuses
- Comparison of SRE and SEE curriculum
- Review of any activities provided in schools outside the scope of SRE or SEE.

What do I do if I have questions or a complaint about the way the review is conducted?

This research project is conducted in accordance with the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (see http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/e72syn.htm).

If you have questions or concerns associated with your participation in the project, or wish to raise a complaint about the project, it should be directed to the Department’s Leader, Quality Assurance, who can be contacted on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Enquiries@det.nsw.edu.au.

How can I participate in the review?

During Term 2, 2015 a web page will be available to accept contributions to the review from parents, SRE and SEE instructors and other interested parties. All contributions must address the terms of reference.

The ARTD web link is: http://artd.com.au/sre-see-review
CELEBRATING

100 Years of Women in Policing

Come and join us at the

Emergency Services Day

Sunday 24 May 2015
9am to 3pm

Bathurst Showground

Bring your family and friends

- Fun kids activities and interactive displays
- Demonstrations by various emergency services
- Recruitment information

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Light my Fire

Is there a tenor in the House?

William Amer

A Right Loyal mix of light classics, rare and nostalgic, wonderful songs for those who have it all!!!

An afternoon of romantic, humorous and foot tapping music with an Aussie Tribute Singalong, with plenty of audience participation.

Join us on

Sunday 24th May 2pm

at

The Tarana Fire Shed

Admission: $20 Adult; $10 Children

Tickets purchased at the door

Afternoon tea provided by Red Cross members. Proceeds will aid those in Crisis situations.
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CANTENEEN
FUN DAY

Wednesday 20th May
Lunch Time

Place your child’s order on the day

Pluto Pup $2.00
with tomato or bbq sauce

Calamari Rings $3.00
5 pcs with tomato or bbq sauce

Hot Chips $1.50
with gravy, chicken salt,
tomato or bbq sauce

Soft Drink $1.00
lots of flavours available

Pancakes $2.00
2 pancakes served with optional
maple syrup & ice cream

Money raised will go towards the Year 6 gift for the school.