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6	29 May Miss Warden L3	30 May 9:30am Playgroup	31 May	1 June Ms Lacey/ Ms Fritze Principal Network Meeting	2 June Sport Canteen Library	3 June <u>POST- PONED</u> P&C Bush Dance	4 June
7	5 June Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Workshops at SPS	6 June	7 June	8 June 4pm P&C Meeting	9 June Pirate Day Sport Canteen Library 2:30pm Assembly	10 June	11 June
8	12 June Queen's Birthday	13 June 9:30am Playgroup	14 June	15 June	16 June Sport Canteen Library	17 June	18 June
9	19 June Miss Warden L3	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June Sport Canteen Library 2:30pm Assembly	24 June	25 June
10	26 June	27 June 9:30am Playgroup	28 June	29 June CWA International Day- Nepal Semester 1 Reports home	30 June Jump Rope for Heart Sport Canteen Library	1 July	2 July
1	17 July TERM 3 Staff Development Day	18 July First Day for Students	19 July	20 July Scripture Art 2pm	21 July NAIDOC Day Sport Canteen Library	22 July	23 July
2	24 July	25 July	26 July	27 July Small Schools' Meeting Willow Tree PS, Ms Lacey	28 July Sport Canteen Library	29 July	30 July
3	31 July Regional launch Ed Week Tamworth	1 August	2 August	3 August Visit Ms Ruythe Dufty, Director Public Schools NSW	4 August Sport Canteen Library	5 August	6 August

Education Week

Ms Lacey's Message.....

We have certainly had an extremely busy past fortnight with the highlight been our visit from author John Heffernan. Our students and staff were very fortunate to be able to have the time to listen to and work with such a talented author. Our students in years 4 to 6 were also able to learn from John in the writing workshop. Being able to offer our students opportunities as such is something that we are very fortunate to be able to do and we look forward to being able to work with other small schools in the future to bring more quality learning opportunities to our students.

During the past week we also had a visit from the Life Education Van. Healthy Harold has been spreading his message to school children for over 35 years. The philosophy behind Life Education is the belief that all children deserve to lead safe and healthy lives. By placing preventive education at the core of their work they are able to assist to instil in children the confidence to make safer and healthier choices now and in the future. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day along with our visitors from Carroll PS.

Last Thursday I joined the principals from Willow Tree PS, Curlewis PS, Woolamin PS and Carroll PS to come together to begin organising the Small Schools' Conference for 2018. This forms part of an invaluable learning opportunity for our staff providing them a variety of learning forums over two days. I am excited to be a part of the organising committee for this conference as it enables me input into the opportunities provided during the conference.

Next week we look forward to our students being able to participate in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Workshops to be held at school.



Small Schools' Art Show

On the weekend of the 20th and 21st May the Small Schools' Art Show was held at Currabubula PS. This is an amazing showcase of small schools and the art work on display was excellent. Well done to all our students who each entered to pieces of art work.

A special congratulations goes to Braxton Woodward in Kindergarten for being awarded first place in the portrait section for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. What a great achievement!

Congratulations also to Sophie Hook in Year 1 for being awarded a Highly Commended in the same section. A fantastic effort!

Cross Country

Well done to all students for their participation in the cross country which was held at Carroll PS on Thursday 18th May. Congratulations to Shannon Colley in Year 6 for qualifying to go onto zone level. An amazing effort Shannon!

HealthWise Visit

Our students were fortunate to have a visit from the nurses from HealthWise on Wednesday 17th May. All students participated in a healthy eating workshop and made yummy wraps which they enjoyed for lunch. The students in Years 5 and 6 then participated in a puberty workshop. We are extremely fortunate to have the wonderful services of HealthWise who are happy to visit us at school to deliver these excellent programs.





Noticeboard



P&C News



Bush Dance POSTPONED

The P&C Bush Dance @ Somerton War Memorial Hall on Saturday 3 June has been postponed until later in the year. Watch this space.

The upcoming P&C Meeting is next Thursday 8 June @ 4pm. All Welcome!



Playgroup

We have had a great fun-filled morning @ Playgroup with lots of mums and little ones attending. Playgroup now meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at the school 9:30am-11:00am.

Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



Pirate Day

Next Friday 9 June, students will be celebrating Pirate Day. All students are welcome to come dressed as pirates and with a gold coin donation to support the Kids Cancer Project. Keep in mind it is also sports day, so joggers will be required.





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-4r2

Another busy two weeks have passed and students are continuing to work hard in the K/1/2 room. This fortnight they have enjoyed many opportunities to partake in activities outside the classroom including a visit to Healthy Harold in the Life Education Van and a visit from author John Heffernan. During these visits, students worked alongside students from Carroll, Currabubula and Attunga Public Schools, providing them with an opportunity to make new friends and learn to work as part of a large group.

These activities were then reflected on in class during writing where students wrote a list of helpful healthy hints that Harold had taught them. After meeting John Heffernan and listening to a true story about a sheep named Hercules they have begun drafting their own narrative about Hercules and his exploits which involve a holiday to the beach and some green undie nibbling.

In maths students have been introduced to the concept of position. Last week they began working with students from the other class to write a list of instructions for an obstacle course, focusing on specific positional language. This concept also links to the geography unit where students are looking closely at the school environment.



4r3-4r6

5W Poetry from the 3-6 classroom

Young and brave Australian soldiers

Slipping on cold wet rocks

At the crack of dawn, 25th April, 1915

The steep and muddy cliffs in Gallipoli

To protect our country

By Annie Hook

Anzacs

Stumbling over the sharp and slippery rocks

The misty pitch black of the morning

Gallipoli in Turkey

To protect us all

By Jacinta Mackenzie

Young and brave soldiers

Arrived by boat

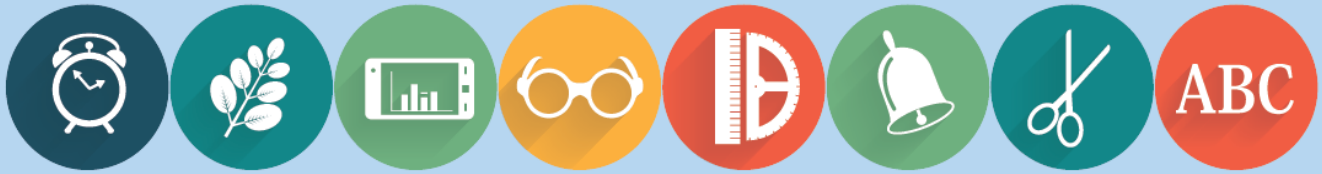
25th April, 1915

Gallipoli

To serve our country

By Benny Markwick





John Heffernan Visit

John Heffernan has written about thirty books for a range of audiences from early readers to young adults, in a range of genre that includes realistic fiction, fantasy, futuristic, and picture books. He also writes for junior readers under the pseudonym "Charlie Carter" (most notably, the Battle Boy series). We were lucky enough to have John visit us here at Somerton PS last week. John engaged the students with his enthusiasm and love of books. Students and staff from Carroll PS, Attunga PS and Currabubula PS also joined us for the day.




Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to swap out sugary lunch box snacks.

Did you know that out of more than 260 kids' packaged snacks available on the market only three scored a top rating of five health stars?*



With plugs like 'real fruit,' and 'no artificial colours or flavours' you could unknowingly be serving six or more teaspoons of sugar in one lunch box snack.

Swap the lunch box sugar with some of these healthy snacks that are tasty and easy to make:

- Veggie sticks with hummus or avocado dip.
- Homemade muesli bars and muffins.
- Plain popcorn, nuts or roasted chickpeas.
- Plain rice crackers.
- Baked pita bread with roast veg dip.
- Stewed apple with cinnamon and sultanas.

