Week 5, Term 4    Monday 2nd November 2015

Dear Parents,

We have had a number of celebrations and wonderful community events in the past weeks: Cowpasture Concert, Grandparents Day, Spring Fair and K-2 BBQ. The success of these events is testament to the commitment of students, staff, parents and community partners in working together to create opportunities for our students.

This week’s “Banner Kid” is Dominic who is consistently respectful and responsible. He can always be depended upon! Well done Dominic!

Miss Sue Bush  (Principal)

Prefects Profile

Years 5 and 6 have been fundraising for the Year 6 farewell. We had a Games afternoon last Friday with a variety of games. We raised $431. Thank you children for your support and participating in the games. We all had fun!

Your 2015 prefects

P&C Fundraiser

The P&C will be selling spider drinks and ice cream sundaes at lunchtime on Wednesday 11th November.
Spider drinks: $1
Ice cream sundaes: $2

Happy Birthday to the following children this week ...

Logan C, Michael C, Dante, Lisa, Isabella

Coming up this week......

WEEK BEGINNING – 2/11/2015

Monday: Learn to Swim starts 1.15pm
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Kinder Orientation
Thursday:
Friday:
Prefect Elections

It is that time of year again where we ask students in Year 5 to nominate themselves for a role in 2016’s prefect student body.

If elected, students will need to be good role models for other students, organise and run school assemblies, attend leadership days and assist with other school duties.

Nomination forms have been returned to Mr Harvey and the first round of voting will occur this Friday. The second round of voting for the positions will occur on Friday 20th November. Good luck everyone!

Congratulations!

The Cowpasture Community of Schools was presented with an award last week at the Department of Education Ultimo Operational Directorate Network Awards. This is wonderful recognition of the quality programs and opportunities for students and staff at our seven local schools. This includes Gala days, concert, chess competition, debating competition, enrichment days, activities for Aboriginal students, leadership day, combined school development day and sharing of teaching practices across our schools.

Classroom Capers

KB - It's fact time!

This term Kindergarten is learning all about facts. Kindergarten know that facts give us information! This week Kindergarten wrote about something that we were all very interested in.... the Tyrannosaurus Rex!

Did you know!

The t-rex has sharp teeth. By Aiden

The t-rex has sharp claws. By Marcus

K/1H – Writing

K/1H has been talking about living things and writing reports on them. Here are a few we have written so far on rabbits.

Rabbits by Miranda

Rabbits are animals. They are fury and they have big ears. They eat carrots and lettuce. Wild rabbits live in the bush. Rabbits make good pets.
1/2O Animal Reports!

The Students in class 1/2O are learning about mini beasts. We found out some facts about snails. We found and observed snails in the playground and discovered more facts from YouTube videos and information sites on the Internet. We wrote down some of the facts we learnt about snails in a report.

Snails are so slimy and they leave a slimy track. They breathe and the track is green. They have a big foot under them. Some snail shells are different colours.

By Lani

Snails are gastropods. They live all around the world, but not in cold countries. These animals leave a slimy mucus behind them. The Helix Aspersa has a hard shell. Snails have bad eyesight. They have four tentacles. The big pair has two black spots that are the eyes. Snails eat plants and that means they are herbivores. Snails move on one big foot.

By Yehiya

Garden snails have a hard shell. They have slimy mucus on their body. Snails eat lettuce and leaves. They have four tentacles. They have a mouth and a big foot. They live near rocks and they are found in the garden.

By Anastacia

Snails leave a slimy trail with their foot. Snails have a hard spiral shell. Snails have four tentacles. Snails live in the garden.

By Cooper

Snails are a type of gastropod. They have four tentacles and the big ones help them see. The little ones do other things. They have thousands of teeth to bite. They have a spiral shell to protect themselves from other animals. They have a foot to move them around. They use their muscle to move them. They leave slime when they move. They have one lung to breathe in the air. Snails live in gardens. They eat green gooey stuff.

By Andy

Rabbits by Amy
Rabbits are animals. They have long ears and two front teeth. They eat carrots, lettuce and vegetables. Rabbits live in burrows and other rabbits live in pens. Rabbits are good for kids.

Rabbits by Daniella
Rabbits are animals. Some rabbits can be different colours like brown and white. They have floppy ears and a little tail. They eat rabbit food and grass and carrots. I would like a rabbit for a pet.

Rabbits by Benji
Rabbits are animals. They have fur. They eat carrots. I like rabbits because they are pets.

Rabbits by Ryan
Rabbits are animals. They have fur and long ears. They eat carrots. They live in the bush. Rabbits are good pets. Rabbits are good to play with.

Rabbits by Nassab
Rabbits are animals. They have long triangular shaped ears. They eat carrots and lettuce. Pet rabbits live in a cage. They are good for pets and good to cook.
2/3P Art

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

We had lots of fun making Frankenstein.
We discussed Picasso's style of painting
portraits. We combined a side profile and a front
on profile of Frankenstein's face.

by James

3/4D Life Cycles

3/4D have been studying life cycles and created these for
different animals or plants.

by Monique
In English, 4/5K have been learning about audience. We learnt about how information is presented in a variety of ways for different purposes and audiences. In groups, we created information reports for a specific student in 5/6H. Here are some of our information reports. We hope you enjoy them much as 5/6H did!

by Cooper, Massimo & James

4/5K - Audience

Do you like our artwork? Jack, Domenic, Roy

by Lara

by Kenny

by Jayde

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**Minecraft**

*by Maree & Anthony C*

Minecraft is an open world game.

**What is Minecraft?**

Minecraft is a game with endless possibilities where you can let your imagination run wild! You start of placed in a random world where you have no tools, no supplies or equipment. You get to decide how you want to design your world however you like.

In Minecraft you can build and create anything that your heart desires! It is very similar to Lego except Minecraft is an online game and Lego is a toy that you can build free hand. Minecraft helps if you want to design things when you’re older. You can plan out your designs on the app.

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**Gorilla**

*by Cayden and Christa*

WHERE GORILLAS LIVE

There are seven hundred mountain gorillas on the earth. Nearly half live in the rainforest of the Virunga Mountains in Central Africa. Gorillas can climb trees but are usually found on the ground in the communities of up to 30 individuals.

WHAT GORILLAS EAT

What gorillas eat depends on what their habitat provides them. Gorillas are Herbivores. They eat leaves, bamboo and fruit. Gorillas will attack animals and kill them but do not eat them.

HOW GORILLAS PROTECT THEIR YOUNG

The gorilla’s father taught them how to collect food. The mother dies or leaves the park so the Silver Back Gorilla usually looks after them. On the other hand

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**Soccer**

*by Thomas & Enis*

Soccer was around 500–300 B.C. The Chinese People were the first people to play soccer.

Messi

Messi is a forward position when playing soccer. He was born in Rosario Hospital in June 24 1987. He had a medical treatment and Barcelona signed him and pair for the medical bill.

Who won last year Brazil word cup?

The national football team Germany won the Brazil world cup.

Germany beat Argentina 1-0 Germany got money and a trophy.

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**Dancing**

*by Tiannah & Daniella*

Dancing is something that you can do all by your self.

How to Dance

First to do dancing you have to follow the steps and do step by step to get better at it. Girls are not the only ones who can just dance boy can dance like girls. How to do to follow your steps.

You follow your move you follow the music and you follow the grooves.

Who can do it

Who can do it, old, young, boys and girls everyone can do it if they can do it they love it.

DIFFERENT DANCE MOVE

Everyone can do these dance moves they are so easy try it. There are more then one dance move in the world. These are some of the dance moves Box step, Moon walk, Time step, Open turn, Lock step, Kick. Hill toe, walk, and the walk read.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF DANCING

There are more then one dance in the world. These are some dance hip hop, rock and roll, jazz, tap, contempotary and many more.
5/6H Year 6 Fundraising Crazy Hair Stall

Last Friday at the Spring Fair members of Year 5/6 operated a Crazy Hair Stall.

Many children rolled up and allowed our students to turn their hair crazy.

The children worked very hard and managed to raise over $140.00. It was a great effort and they really enjoyed taking part.

It was great to even see some parents brave enough to have their hair transformed. A special thanks to Mr Rigoli who donated $20 as long as the teachers allowed their hair to be done. Oh well, anything for a good cause!

The Spring Fair was a great event, fantastic to see so many ex students and parents enjoying the night.

Mr Harvey and 5/6H

Year 6 Fundraising

Grace and Jade held an ice cream sundae fundraiser for the Year 6 farewell and raised $131. Thank you girls for a terrific effort!
Congratulations to 4/5K and 5/6H on organising a wonderful games afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the different games and raised money for the Year 6 farewell.

This term we have been very busy researching in the library. Students have used a variety of technology and online resources to look at information based on their science unit.

A wiki page has been created for each stage and these pages are accessible via the Library tab on the school website.

- The Stage 1 Wiki is titled *Living Things*.
- The Stage 2 Wiki is titled *Life Cycles*.
- The Stage 3 Wiki is titled *Survival*.

Each week students are set tasks on their wiki. They have researched their topic using *Britannica Online* and *World Book Kids*. Students have been deeply engaged in their research and have recorded their information on iPads in their iBook Learning Journals. Some students have even accessed these online encyclopedias and conducted research from home, which is fantastic!

At the end of each lesson, students revisit the wiki and post a comment outlining their experiences during the task. Students have loved reading comments from their peers and this collaboration has been highly successful.

Here are some of our students in action ...
Visit our wikis to see all the wonderful work we have completed!

Happy reading!

Mrs M. Grasso – Teacher Librarian (Rel)

**Grandparents Day**

A great time was had at our K-2 BBQ evening with spooky games, delicious BBQ dinner and yummy marshmallows toasted on the fire. Thank you to the parents who helped out on the evening.
Spring Fair

Fun at the Fair!

Kids Corner

Q: What goes tick-tock-bow-wow-tick-tock?
A: A watchdog.
By Ropata in 3/4D

Q: What do bulls play for a game?
A: Bullrush.
By Georgia in 1/2O
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**Children (Years 1-6) resume school on Thursday 28th January 2016.**

### Whooping Cough

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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