Congratulations to Lily McCarten and Phoebe Skillin who have completed their 2015 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. My apologies to Lily who handed in her reading log weeks ago but wasn’t acknowledged in the Newsletter or had her name added to our progress thermometer. Well done girls.

BOOK WEEK
Book Week activities were very successful, with students dressing as their favourite characters for the parade and speaking about the book their character came from. It was fantastic to see all the preschoolers joining in the fun and dressing up as well. The school also sang “Lantern” to entertain the crowd. Year 6 then served morning tea for the students, staff and community. $64 was raised from the morning tea for the SRC cubbyhouse and fairy garden. Everyone enjoyed the Book Fair, purchasing some excellent books and stationery items. A huge thank you to Mrs Wilson for her organisation of all the Book Week activities. Congratulations on a job very well done Nicole!!!!! Amount raised $1196 with 30% commission - $358 worth of books for the library.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Good luck to Alice, Leah, Sammy, Nicole, Lizzie and Lucinda who are competing at the Riverina PSSA Athletics carnival today. We look forward to hearing how they all went.

INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS
On Tuesday, as part of our Instructional Rounds, staff from Beckom PS, Binya PS and Rankins Springs PS will be observing and gathering data on student learning in the classrooms of teachers from both Tallimba PS and Weethalle PS. Their evidence gathering and feedback will be based on our specific focus questions and will guide improvement in our practices and future directions.

Focus Questions -
1. What strategies are students using when they are experiencing difficulties?
2. What evidence is there of students engaging in peer feedback?
3. Are students aware of the lesson learning intentions and success criteria?

On Wednesday, Tallimba and Weethalle staff will reciprocate by doing observations and providing feedback to the teachers from Beckom, Binya and Rankins Springs.

PYJAMA DAY
On Thursday, the SRC will be holding a pyjama day to raise money for the cubbyhouse and fairy garden. For a gold coin donation, students are encouraged
to wear their pyjamas for the day. Slippers for inside would also be a great idea.

Also on Thursday Kylie Burley, AP Learning will be visiting Weethalle PS to support the professional learning of staff and personalised student learning implementation throughout our school. She will be working closely with Miss Tye and Mrs Castle. Mrs Sedola will have Miss Tye's class on Thursday.

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all those students who received awards at last week's assembly. They were very well deserved.
RUGBY LEAGUE SKILLS SESSION

On Friday all students K-6 will be participating in the second rugby league skills session with Andrew Herbert, the Country Rugby League Development Officer.

HOW2LEARN

Attributes of the HOW2Learn superheroes

The superheroes have been created to strengthen understanding of the attributes that highly effective learners display when facing the challenges of learning. Each character has his/her own set of distinctive learning strengths that are reflective of each of the five dispositions of learning.

Staff will be using superheroes to teach the key learning disposition on Higher Order Ways to Learn (HOW2Learn). We are currently using Rezilia, the character representing Self-Regulation habits helping students to manage emotions and to stay connected to their learning.

CLASS NEWS

K-3

Shared Reading - Clinton Gregory’s Secret and Scary Creatures: Dinosaurs.

- How do we know about dinosaurs?
- What happened to dinosaurs?

Writing - This week we will be writing our own narrative as a response to Clinton Gregory’s Secret.

Maths - Time.

Science - This week’s lesson is called ‘Making Models’. Students will represent their understanding of the external features of prehistoric animals.

Creative Arts - This week we will finish off our Dinosaur Silhouettes.

PE and Sport - Throwing and catching.
**Habit Of Mind (HOW2Learn) Award** - This week’s award goes to **Molly McCarten** for her excellent leadership when working in collaborative learning groups.

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**YEAR 4,5,6**

**English/HSIE** - integrated Refugee unit. Students will be looking at the vocabulary and comprehension of migration (forced and voluntary) and refugees summarising and rewriting a day in the life of refugees from various countries around the world. They will be investigating and analysing Australia’s immigration story, using a repeated pattern of questioning and discussing the function of each language feature.

- Who is taking part?
- What happened to them?
- When did it happen?

**Maths** - Students will be revising various aspects of measurement. They will be selecting and applying appropriate problem-solving strategies, including the use of digital technologies, in undertaking investigations. They will be solving numerous word problems, recording and communicating the processes they used to solve them. Students should be able to communicate using the following language: perimeter, area, square centimetre, square metre, dimensions, length, width. They need to be able to convert between metric units.
LEAVE

Brenda is currently on leave. Vicki McKenzie is working in the office.

*Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle*

UPCOMING EVENTS......

Monday 31st August – Riverina Athletics
Thursday 3rd September – SRC Pyjama Day
Friday 11th September – Rankins Springs Round Robin

CANTENE ROSTER

4th September    Simone
11th September   Sarah
18th September   Tia

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely rain which has been falling in the last couple of days. At a previous meeting held in May this year it was decided to have a Pie Drive Fundraiser in the second half of the year. We had decided to order the pies from Condo Bakery and hope you are able to support our fundraiser towards the hosting of the 2016 State ICPA Conference. I have attached order forms for you to fill out and to return to me by either fax: 69661361 or email: mccarten.farms@bigpond.com, by **Friday 11th September**. The pies will be delivered to Rankins Springs on Tuesday 22nd Sept, if you are unable to pick them up alternative arrangements can be made with me. If the money could be deposited into the Rankins Springs Branch of the ICPA Conference account: **BSB: 062-564, ACC: 10261608**, and please use your surname in the Ref Field or send a cheque made out to R/Springs ICPA Conference Account, addressed to Kerrie Johnston, “Longlands”, NARADHAN, NSW 2669.

On a final note we also have another general meeting to discuss the Conference on Monday 31st August, 5pm to be held at the Rankins Springs Hall. We hope you can attend.

Thank you for your support.

Regards

Meegan McCarten

ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

- Bland Shire Movie Night
- NRL Holiday Clinic
- Rankins Springs Pie Drive Order Form
- School Strategic Direction 1 - WPS School Plan