Well done to everyone who wore hats for our Easter Hat parade. It was very pleasing to see students do their best at the Cross country races.
The Easter break is only for Friday and Monday, school will be as normal on Tuesday and the rest of the week, then we return the following week before we all have a well earned two week break.
School recommences on Wednesday May 1st as staff are being introduced to the new Australia-wide curriculum on Monday and Tuesday.
There will be a performance on Tuesday May 7 (week 2), as usual the school will be covering the cost of the performance.
This is the last week for Active After School Sport for term 1.
Mrs Mirana's little girl Sophia had her first kidney operation on Tuesday. Everything is fine and she is making a great recovery in Adelaide. Mrs Mirana wants to thank you for all your kind thoughts and wishes.

Have a fabulous and relaxing Easter break, see you back at school next Tuesday 2nd April.
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**Calendar of Events**

- Easter Hat Parade – 9am
  - Thursday 28th March
- Cross Country 9:30am
  - Thursday 28th March
- Children’s Choice Lunch-Subway
  - Thursday 28th March
- P & C Meeting 7pm Meeting room
  - Wednesday 10th April
- Reward Day - Fitness Plus
  - Thursday 11th April
Class News

K/1 News

Hope every-one has a very restful Easter—not too much chocolate! Don’t forget, NSW comes back to school on Tuesday for two more weeks. My interviews are scheduled for Thursday, if you haven’t yet brought back your blue slip indicating a time, please do so as soon as possible. If Thursday is not convenient, come and see me and another day can be arranged.

Good luck to every-one at the cross country. We have been training hard and should all finish the course easily. The Easter bonnet parade will be first thing in the morning at assembly, so parents and carers are welcome to stay and watch.

Have a great long weekend, see you all Tuesday.

Louise

1/2 News

Year 1/2 have been getting into the Easter spirit this week! We have made bunny masks and designed beautiful Easter eggs! In English we have read some lovely Easter stories like ‘Hide Easter Bunny Hide!’ In maths we did some measuring of ingredients while cooking our Chocolate Easter Nests - Yum! Thanks to Mrs Zirngast for her help with cooking. Well done on the excellent home reading everybody. We have a special bookmark reward when you reach 25 nights! A reminder that 1/2 Parent/Teacher Meetings are on Wednesday 3rd April - if you haven’t booked in a time please let me know when suits you best. Have a safe and happy Easter weekend everyone!

Thanks, Olivia Doyle.

3/4 Newsletter

Year 3/4 have had another busy week. In Literacy we have written and published some ‘persuasive texts’. The students have been working hard to improve their written skills. They have also been revising Proper Nouns and using them correctly in their writing. In Mathematics we have been looking at Multiplication and skip counting by 4s. The children have also continued to look at the properties of 3D shapes. The children are now publishing their work on their research projects for the Solar System. Our class were very lucky to win the class trophy for the week. Well Done 3/4! Can you please make sure your child wears proper uniform. They certainly do look nice! Thank you for your support.

Everyone is looking forward to the small break over Easter to spend with their families. We hope you have a safe and relaxing time. Thank you to the parents who have organised an interview time with me. These start on the first Tuesday - 23rd of April. Looking forward to meeting some parents. Have a great week.

Mrs Hogarth

Year 5/6

It has been another busy week in 5/6! Everybody seemed to enjoy our visitors from Nararee last week along with the activities that the children participated in. This week we have re-visited persuasive writing and the children had a go at writing their own persuasive text. The student will be graded on their writing by using a matrix and comparing them to work samples from the Board of Studies. This will give the children a good indication of what is expected of them at a Stage 3 level.

In math we have been looking at the relationship of multiplication and division. The children need to continue to work on learning their times tables. At the moment most student are having to rely on a times table grid to work out answer to basic times tables. If you would like a copy of the multiplication grid to have at home please just let me know.

Next Tuesday the children have their speeches due in for their public speaking. This has been an initiative that Mrs Mirana has asked to happen in all classes. For their first speech the children have chosen their topic and the speech needs to go for at least two minutes. The children have been given class time to start their speeches and have been told that their speeches need to be completed at home.

Have a safe and happy Easter!

Regards
Leanne Hunt

K/1 News

Easter Hat Parade
9am Thursday
28th March (today)
Students to make hats at home and bring them in.
Certificate given to every child that
**Library**

If you haven’t seen our new Library arrangements come in and have a peep. I am pleased to see more people borrowing library books and hope that it continues next term. 

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**OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS**

WOW it has been a busy week. With the Narraweena visit and other exciting activities, we need to put some serious effort into the gardens. Grade 3/4 have been planning new seedlings in the aquaponics this week so they will take off with this beautiful Autumn weather. The 1/2 group have been continuing work on things that are the same and different about animals, doing lots of sorting and classifying. 5/6 will not do Outdoor Ed. this week due to the Easter activities but we will be into our heater after Easter so keep working on those designs!

We will be having a WORKING BEE at the school on Saturday the 6th of April, starting at 10.00am. We will be mulching, weeding and spreading some bark chips if anyone has time that morning to come and give a hand to work in the gardens, please come along. Bring gloves and rakes if you have them. We need as many hands as possible and we will get it done nice and quickly. Please let Mrs Niemann know if you can come!

Mrs Niemann

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**SPINACH AND RICOTTA FILO PARCELS**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 4 large handfuls spinach
- 100g ricotta
- 90g butter (divided)
- 1 egg, beaten

**METHOD**

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees C. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. In a large frying pan, melt one-third of the butter over medium high heat and add spinach. Once spinach is wilted, stir in the ricotta then turn the heat off.
3. Melt the rest of the butter in a small pot. Prepare the filo using two sheets on top of each other for each parcel - brushing each sheet well with melted butter.
4. Divide the spinach mixture between the four lots of filo, placing the mixture in the centre. Fold the filo over the filling to make a square or triangular parcel. Brush the pastry with egg wash.
5. Bake in preheated oven for 10 to 15 minutes. Pastry should be crisp and golden brown.

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**PLANT OF THE WEEK**

"SPINACH"

Spinach is a leafy green vegetable that grows best in cool weather. Usually thought of as being packed with iron, spinach is even higher in vitamins A and C, thiamin, potassium and folic acid. Popeye can’t be wrong! You can use spinach to make a healthy stir-fry. Here is a recipe you can cook quickly with the kids.

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**LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP**

A really busy week in L.E.G.s. We have been reviewing proper nouns like names, days and months. We have been working hard on improving our handwriting and getting stuck right in to our spelling and reading! The students have been working really hard and it is great to see the how much they are improving every week!

We made some “Hot-Cross Scones” this week for Easter! They were delicious and the children enjoyed talking about the tradition of the hot cross buns.

Have a great Easter!

Mrs Niemann and Mrs Cock

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**Website of the Week**

http://www.wordworld.com/

This website has loads of games and apps. Great for Kindergarten to Year 3.

Kids can learn and see how words are formed from letters and the sounds those letters make. Letter by letter, kids build words that transform into the shape of the objects they define. For instance, the letters that make up T-R-U-C-K combine to create a stylish yellow tow truck. Kids can find words to spell, play games that reinforce word recognition, and collect Word Friends. The Word-Friends go on comic adventures and face challenges that can only be resolved when correct words are selected. Though narrow in scope, this site adeptly brings words to life with friendly and familiar pictures.
**Week 9 - Maths Game of the Week**

**You will need:** A pack of cards & some family members.

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*Top it*

Players take turns to flip one card from the deck and place it face up in front of them. Once all players have flipped a card the group decides who has the card with the largest or highest value. The winner of the round collects the other players cards.

**Year 1-2**

*Top it*

Players take turns to flip one card from the deck and place it face up in front of them. Once all players have flipped a card the group decides who has the card with the largest or highest value. The winner of the round collects the other players cards.

**Year 3-6**

*Top It Multiplication*

Players take turns to flip two cards from the deck and place it face up in front of them and multiply to find the total. The winner of the round is the person with the highest value card.

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**Book of the Week**

*If I were the Easter Bunny*

A little rabbit dreams of being the Easter Bunny; hiding lots and lots of Easter eggs all over the meadow, having tea parties, making Easter bonnets and leading the way in the Easter Parade. It’s certainly a busy job, but full of chocolate fun!

*If I were the Easter Bunny*
The Easter raffle was drawn today (Thursday 28th March) at assembly. Winners will be announced next week.

We are having hot dogs on the last day of school. The prices will be announced next week. Thank you to everyone that supported us by purchasing hot x buns. They have all been delivered and enjoyed.

Don’t forget our next P & C Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 10th April in the new meeting room. We welcome all parents and carers. It would be great to see some new faces.

Thanks, Lauren.

Did you miss Netball Sign Up?

We are still taking registrations for Net-Set-Go, Grade 2/3 and Grade 4/5. This year the Gol Gol Hawks Football/Netball Club are entering two ‘Golly Hawks’ junior netball teams in the Mildura Netball Assoc. Competition played at Mansell Reserve on Saturday mornings starting in Term 2. The ‘Net, Set, Go’ program will again be running at the Gol Gol Courts, and there will be an option to be involved in both* (see the age groups below to see what’s available). All Net-Set-Go, Grade 2/3 and Grade 4/5 starts in Term 2 – Tues 8th May 5pm.

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Parents welcome to get involved – no netball experience required. Email Alana for registration forms.

Any questions contact: Alana Mills (0409503233) at alana.brady@gmail.com, Ang McInerney angkmac@gmail.com

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**App of the Week**

rED writing

The only app currently on itunes that teaches Children how to write letters and numbers using the Australian education approved fonts.

Created and designed with input from Australian teachers and Occupational therapists specialised in early childhood education for children aged 3-7 years and most importantly of all we have taken feedback from the children themselves who are learning to read and write.

rED contains 8 X educational approved handwriting fonts used throughout Australian schools (QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS, WA, SA and NT) to trace and learn.

Your children will learn to write the same way they are taught at school.
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MINIBALL

www.ibabasketball@sportingpulse.net.au

REGISTRATION 2013
20th April 2013

MINIBALL is an introduction and skills-based Basketball Program for primary school aged children. The program is player-centred, fun-focused and affordable to all. It provides opportunities to learn, play with your friends and to develop important social skills in a convenient safe and friendly environment. Miniball caters for ALL, Girls and Boys who are currently attending a primary school from Prep to grade 6.

Date: Saturday 20th April 2013. (Registration day)
Where: Mildura Basketball Stadium in 8th Street (hothouse).
Time: 9.30am Prep – Grade 1:
       10.30am Grade 2 – 6
Cost: $45 per player - Registration
      $5 each week
How to Register?
Attending on registration day.
No online registration’s
For more information contact: Nicole 0434331731
Kel 03 50233897

The Lower Anabranch Sporting & Landcare Group Inc. are holding their Annual Picnic and Sports Day On Saturday 20th April 2013 at 1pm sharp
Starting with the kids running races.
Entry free, Raffle and Lolly guess held.
Afternoon tea supplied including cordial for the kids.
BYO drinks, shared evening BBQ, please bring meat and a salad.
Evening entertainment provided. Coin roll.
A great family day!
All welcome.

FREE fun program for kids 7 - 13 years old to become healthier, fitter and happier!
The Go4Fun Program is an established, evidence-based healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children 7 - 13 years old. All programs are funded by the NSW Department of Health and are FREE of charge to attend. The next programs will be running in School Term 2, 2013.

Places on the Program are being given away on a first come, first served basis.
Contact Anita Cowlishaw on 08 8080 1500 or 0408 872 579 or via email ACowlishaw@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

You can also visit www.mendprogramme.org and click on ‘Join a MEND Program’.
*Please note a parent or carer must accompany each child to every session*