Week 6, half way through the term and school life continues to be full of learning opportunities and challenges for our students and staff. Last Wednesday night all staff participated in a First Aid assessment session to complete their First Aid Certification.

Royal Life Saving ran a very thorough session where staff were required to demonstrate the responses and actions required in a variety of scenarios. Feedback from staff was that although the course was very challenging and at times confronting, the learning was invaluable. Another one of those cases where we should never stop learning!

Last Friday Year 5 students presented their Primary School Captain speeches to students, staff and parents. Hayley, Connor, James, Tyler and Shaenaya all presented great speeches which clearly showed that they had spent time thinking about what makes a good School Captain and how they would work towards being a great school captain. The students and their parents should be very proud of their speeches. The two Primary School Captains will be announced at Presentation Night.

Our orientation programs are in full swing with 2015 Kindergarten and Year 7 students finding out what the next stage in their education is all about.

At Monday’s P&C meeting, Troy Carnie as part of the school’s Technology Committee presented plans for the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative which we are looking to implement in 2015. This initiative involves secondary students (in the first phase) bringing in their own laptop or other device to use in the classroom as part of their everyday learning.

The school will still maintain a pool of devices students may borrow if they are unable to bring their own device. The final step before we go ahead with this initiative is a parent survey which will be issued shortly. We hope to have specifications for the BYOD out to families in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions or concerns about BYOD please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is an exciting time in education with lots of changes to ensure that students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. This is what the Melbourne Declaration outlines, a document that is well worth a read if you are interested in the future direction and driving forces of education in Australia.


Be kind, work hard, stay humble, smile often...

Kerrilee Logan
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

K/1/2
Ava Smith
Wonderful improvement in Reading
Brock Strickland
Improvement in Reading at home
James Smith
Consistent effort in HSIE; and
Great work in Spelling

3/4
Caitlin Woodward
Great work in all areas

5/6
Hannah Scarlett
Improved effort in Writing and Editing
Tyler Carnie
Good result in Fractions and Decimals Assessment
Katie Doyle
Improvement in Maths Mentals and Fractions

Summah Menzies
Helping others

Jackson Oxenbridge
An excellent effort in AR

David White
Improved application and results in all areas

Good Sports Award
for a Primary student who displays great sportsmanship qualities

Tyler Carnie
Trying his best to learn new Tennis skills
Isabella Sgroi
Excellent effort in PE activities
Cooper Barlow
Great participation in Cricket

All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend

PRIMARY PARENT ASSEMBLY
Friday 14th November
at 9.15am in the K/1/2 room.
Year 3/4 will be presenting an item
Sam Clemson and Charlie Hawthorne will be hosting.

WANTED
The Canteen is in need of a new fridge.
If there is anyone out there that has one they can donate to the canteen it would be greatly appreciated. If you have one please contact
Melissa Hellings on 0497 869 484
It wasn’t easy leaving Tassie with so much yet unexplored, but old Kalgoorlie Gold was calling, so off we went.

Day 23-25: On the last few days here in Tasmania, K/1/2 went to see Cradle Mountain, a mountain in the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park; a part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. We experienced the light shows over Hobart’s skyline as part of the Dark MOFO Festival. We even made our own light show in the classroom, which was awesome: “Ohhh...Ahhhh!!” Launceston was our last stopover, where we designed our own “Save the Tasmanian Devils” posters, before packing up and heading northwest to the gold town of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Day 26-27: Stepping out at Kalgoorlie-Boulder, on the edge of the Nullarbor Plain, after being in the Tassie Wilderness, was the ultimate culture shock. One extreme to another! After looking around the city and the vast selection of hotels on offer, we all opted to have a drink at the Lookout (something to do with our age) over the “Super Pit”, the largest open pit gold mine in Australia. We took an excursion around the mine, thanks to http://superpit.com.au/, where our junior adventurers, went looking for their own nuggets of gold. We all found what looked like plain old rocks, but after much scrubbing brushing and painting polishing; they sparkled and glittered like any ‘real’ nugget should.

We spent the next night out on the “treeless” Nullarbor plain. We enjoyed looking at the many uniquely decorated trees/bushes along the way that travellers had decorated at random, each with its own theme — Christmas ornaments, underwear, hats/caps, shoes, CDs/DVDs, stuffed animals! The longest straight road in Australia did become a little tiresome though after 146.6km.

The last part of our Kalgoorlie adventure is to go rolling along ‘ribbons of steel’ in the Indian Pacific, where we will have a one night stopover in Perth, the W.A. capital before hightailing it to the Kimberley region in the far north of the state.

We’ll keep you posted.
Rowan of Rin book review.

Rowan of Rin is a fantasy and fiction novel written by the famous children's and adult author Emily Rodda. It is a great read for all children nine and over.

Rowan, keeper of the Bukshah, is the main character in this inspiring novel. If I was to describe Rowan initially, I would say that he is a nervous, shy, fainthearted young boy with hidden determination. As the story progresses, Rowan gradually becomes stronger, more caring and slowly his courage begins to grow. By the end of the book, it is clear that Rowan has transformed from helpless weakling to a gallant hero. Rowan did many things right throughout his adventure. One of the first things was when he slowly made his way up the treacherous mountain, conquering each terrifying challenge that he faced. The second accomplishment Rowan achieved was when he saved Strong John from dying a slow, painful and lonely death up the mountain in the snow. If I was asked if I could identify anything with Rowan, I would say that I can relate to his sense of insecurity and his worry about failing because I often experience these two feelings when learning new things at school or in the playground playing with other kids.

Another character in the book is a young woman named Broden. At the start of the book, Broden is a stubborn, bossy, cold, hard and feelingless lady. But by the end of the book, it is obvious that Broden has become much softer, less bossy and has realised that even she has feelings.

Two other characters I’d like to mention are practically one. Their names are Val and Ellis. They’re twins. These two both thought they were wise, strong and brave and could do anything they wanted. But as they volunteered to be part of the group that was to go up the mountain, the mountain was planning to take them down a few notched. As they started their dangerous trek, Ellis was first to becomes a victim to the cunning mountain. Val journeyed on but didn’t last long. Her want for Ellis grew too strong. She felt useless without Ellis. Because Val and Ellis were twins, they relied on each other and tended to shut anyone else out! However, towards the end of the book, Val and Ellis realise that it’s better to be nice to people, welcome people and learn to be their friends because there is much to be gained from friendship.

From what I’ve read, Rin sounds like a lovely place. From freshly sown fields to luscious streams and orchard. Rin is positioned in a green valley below a huge, dark mountain that casts a shadow over the remote town. The town isn’t large, but it is big enough to be called cosy. A large cobble-stoned courtyard is the heart of the town and the brick homes that surround it, truly make the little town complete. In the town of Rin, all the people relied on the water that flows down the mountain. In the story, the water stops flowing down the stream which causes havoc in the town. People are running out of water, the Bukshah’s (an animal cross of a cow and a yak) pool is getting dangerously low and the crops are dying out. This really makes the story exciting because it leaves the reader wondering if the townspeople will regain their precious water or will they have to leave the town because it soon becomes so dry?

The novel made it clear that the moral of the story was: no matter how small you are, you can always achieve big things. Rowan proved this by becoming Rins hero. This story clearly is about self-discovery and finding out what one is capable of and did I forget to mention courage. Courage plays a key role in this story. This book taught me to be brave and to always have a go, just like Rowan. If I was to state a major problem in the story, I would say that the water that stopped was the problem and when Rowan got the water to flow again, that was how it was solved.

What happened in the story? You are probably asking this question. Well, here is a short summary of Rowan of Rin. It all started when the water stopped winding its way down the mountain to Rin below. A young woman named Marlie went along with a young man named Strong John and Rowan to the wise lady that lived just beyond the orchard. Her name was Sheba. She is just about the oldest most wrinkliest woman you’d ever meet. When she sits by the fire her eyes shine from the reflection of the dancing flames. All people fear Sheba. But, as I was saying, Marlie, Strong John and Rowan headed off to Sheba’s, seeking advice on how to get back their water. After a long chat, Sheba throws a stick at Rowan and yells at them to get out. Rowan takes the stick home but soon discovers the stick is actually a map that can only be seen when the map is in Rowan’s hands. A little later Rin forms a group of the strongest, bravest six to go up the mountain. When the people of Rin hear that Rowan was going as
well, they all looked sceptically at each other. The group soon start out on their adventure.

Before each challenge that the mountain throws at them, the map provides them with a confusing riddle as a clue. The first challenge that they come up against is a forest full of spiders, the size of a full grown man’s hand. At the end of the path through the spider infested forest is a huge web door that they had to make their way through. This challenge was when Ellis leaves since he’s always had a childhood fear of spiders. They go on a little further but Val leaves since she feels useless without her twin Ellis.

The next challenge was a thick muddy swamp where they all had hallucinations of things they loved. This is where Broden leaves as she has hallucinations of her childhood friend Minna who died as a young girl.

Finally, with only four people left they make their way into the mountain through a tunnel. As the tunnel ends they come across a large river of water. Aulln then announces that he can’t swim, so Marlie, Strong John and Rowan swim across to the other side, Aulln stands there watching. But as soon as they get to the other side, Marlie finds out that the rest of the way was through a small, cramped tunnel. She then sain she was claustrophobic. So she swam back to Aulln. Then Strong John yelled over the black, still water, ‘if we are not back in three days, go get help.’ So Aulln and Marlie go and camp outside the mountain.

Strong John and Rowan make their way through the tunnel. After what seems like a few days of painful crawling, Rowan suddenly sees light. They make their way out of the tunnel and rest in a cave. Warmed only by the small fire Rowan managed to make with small twigs and leaves here and there. The last challenge was the dragon. The dragon had a bone wedged in its throat and Rowan managed to get it out. Happy that it could blow fire again, the dragon blew fire non-stop which melted the ice in his cave. Once all the ice was melted, there was enough water to get their river flowing again.

This was a great book. It was inspiring, believable and taught me many good lessons. One of my favourite things about the book was the moral. It had so much meaning. This book had plenty of morals. One was that if you put your mind to it, you can do anything. Another one was that no matter how small you are, you can always achieve big things. There was nothing I didn’t like about the book. It teaches you so many things!! This story was really believable and not confusing. Being a big book reader myself, I’ve read some pretty confusing stories. In terms of this story being predictable, it was, but I think it was meant to be like that, to give you a chance at guessing who would go next. The story had a great ending. Rowan being the hero really ends the story on a happy note.

I definitely recommend this book to all children nine and over. Hopefully you will like this book and listen to what it is teaching you! Five stars!! By Katie D

Remembering the Fallen on Remembrance Day—ACS students and staff paused for a brief service at 11am on the 11th November, to remember and pay respect to all those who have died protecting our country and way of life. The service was led by school captains Clare Crighton and Sheree McDermott and were assisted by Hamish Barnard and Mr Jackson
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Meal and entertainment
more info to follow

Advance Ardlethan in conjunction with ARDLETHAN LIONS CLUB are raising money for the Ardlethan Country Music Festival Talent Quest in April next year.

Our street stall is on 28th November. All donations of saleable goods towards this great event, would be gratefully accepted.

Matthew’s last trip to the area for 2014 Saturday December 7th & Sunday 8th Call Anne for appointment 02 69782166

SWIM-A-THON
Swimming Club will be holding a Swim-a-thon on Friday 12th December commencing at 4.00 pm. All swimmers are encouraged to participate and raise money for our club and have lots of fun at the same time. Pledge forms will be available at Registration Day. More information about the event to follow.
Ardlethan Junior Cricket
This weekend the Ardlethan Smiths play the West Wyalong Johnsons at West Wyalong. A reminder to all players to slip-slop-slap and bring plenty of water. Game starts at 8.30 am.

ARDLETHAN SWIMMING CLUB
Swimming Club has commenced and we invite all interested families to come along and see how much fun our kids have keeping fit in the pool!
- Cost $80.00 *NB Fees this year include Coaching Fees & some operational costs
- Two week trial free for new and potential members
- All swimmers must be confident in the water and able to swim 25m unaided
- Registrations will be completed on line (more info to follow)
- Training will take place Tuesday & Thursday afternoons at 3.45pm
- Time trials will be held every Friday at 4.00 pm

Unfortunately we have not filled the position of President and we are asking all members to please consider taking on this position, contact Kate Hawthorne for more information.

Ardlethan Pre School is currently taking enrolments of 3-5 year olds for 2015.
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JONES BOY’S 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} in the Trophy Kart Australian Titles.

On the 1\textsuperscript{st} of November, Lachie & Brodie Jones travelled to ‘Loveday’, Barmera, Sth Aus to compete in their first Australian titles for Trophy Kart racing. Day 1 saw Brodie in the lead, closely followed by Lachie. Day 2 continued the same until Lachie had a roll in the 5\textsuperscript{th} lap of the finals, leaving him 3\textsuperscript{rd}. Brodie had a spin on the same lap, leaving him 2\textsuperscript{nd}. It was a great weekend of racing with both boy’s excited about being 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} in Australia in their class. Lachie’s roll earnt him the $50.00 hard luck award, which I’m sure, will go towards repairs. That’s it for the boy’s racing now until next year. They will continue to run as 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} next year until the Australian titles come around again.

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