Teachers report

Dear Parents and Community Members

The last two weeks at Numeralla Public School have been very busy for all our students. We farewelled Julia Meloni and wish her all the best in her new school at Robertson in the beautiful Southern Highlands.

Students all attended the Rivers Swimming Carnival in Cooma and achieved some great results. In addition, on Thursday 15th our school was represented at the District Swimming Carnival by Ellanor, Keira, Gracye, Jack, Ruby and Olivia. Everyone swam their best and were great representatives for our school. Their behaviour was to be commended. Ellanor, Gracye, Keira, Ruby and Jack all achieved results that will enable them to go on to Regional. Well done! Olivia achieved a personal best in her freestyle, which was a great achievement. Well done Olivia!

In class, students have been learning about lines of symmetry and have completed some artwork that reflects their understanding. Ms Doyle has taught students how to dance the Nutbush and this was enjoyed by all. Students have also learned what their response should be during a medical emergency.

The school had a furry visitor last Tuesday. A joey had been found when its mother was killed by a car. The students were able to see how much care a joey needs when it is still young enough to be in its mother’s pouch. Students have researched the joey and have written information reports.

We are beginning training for the upcoming cross country to be held at the notorious “Heartbreak Hill” in Nimmitabel. Students are all keen to increase their fitness levels in preparation for the big run.

This Friday saw us begin a new approach to SAKG with our cooking time reduced to lunch only due to our smaller enrolments this year. We will be cooking in only one session for the foreseeable future. Thank-you to those parents who continue to volunteer their valuable time at the school in order to make SAKG happen. Thanks also to Madeleine for her expertise in planning the delicious menus for students to
prepare. The wonderful food was enjoyed by all.

Regards,

Rosemary

SAKG Menu

- mini chicken and leek pot pies
- zucchini and haloumi fritters
- garden salad with homemade dressing
- lunch rolls
- apple and blackberry crumble

UPCOMING EVENTS

February
27 School Clean-up day

March
6 Regional Swimming Carnival
10 School Photos
20 SAKG
26 Cross Country

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Displays
At present there is a display entitled 'School Stories' which has information and fiction books about things that happen at school. Next week I will put up the books we have that can be nominated for the KOALA awards.

Premier's Reading Challenge
This event starts again in March. It would be fantastic if everyone got involved this year. We will have incentives along the way to keep up the enthusiasm. There are lists of 'Easy Reads' to help you get started and I am happy to hear people read any time I am here.
Fiona

COMMUNITY NEWS

WHAT'S ON IN THE REGION?

See the Notice in the glass-fronted board outside the classroom for a full list of district activities.

Keeping COOMA CREEK Clean Day

SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2015

KEEP COOMA CREEK CLEAN DAY: EXPLORE THE COOMA CREEK WALK
Join us to explore the Cooma Creek and learn about why we should Keep Cooma Creek Clean. Discover the history of the creek, who also uses the creek as their home (including platypus, water rats, frogs and ducks) and what we have been doing to help keep the Cooma Creek clean. Suitable to all ages. The walk will be followed by a free BBQ and waste vehicle display.

WHERE: Starts at Norris Park for a leisurely walk to Nijong Oval and back for a BBQ.

WHEN: 10:30am - 12noon

WHO: Everyone is welcome - including friends, family, kids

Cooma Monaro Shire Council

Contact Jenny Johnson 0455 1920

Designed by Tea Blossom Net
SKIPPETT THE WALLABY

Graham was on his way home from work when he found a wallaby on the side of the road near its dead mum. He brought it to school for Ms Doyle to look after. We called it Skippett.

Ms Doyle gave it water with a little sugar and salt for morning tea.

Will’s dad brought in special milk for Skippett’s lunch but she did not drink much.

Uncle James came to pick up Skippett to take it to the vet who could check to see if it was ok. Skippett was not ok. She had broken bones in her leg and body. So we couldn’t keep her. She had to be put to sleep. Skippett was VERY cute!!

By Maddison
Macropod

A macropod is another name for the marsupial family these include Kangaroos, wallabies and tree – kangaroos.

Macropod means big foot. Macropods can vary in colours and size from 90kg to 1/2 a kilo. They all have big feet in common. They use their powerful hind legs, strong tail and big feet to cover large distances in every hop.

A macropod is a name for big feet.

I am not a macropod. My feet aren’t big enough.

A wallaby and a kangaroo are macropods as they have VERY big feet like in this picture
L.A.O.K.O
(Looking After Our Kosciuszko Orphans)
This is a wildlife rescue group of people based in the Snowy Mountains region of N.S.W.
L.A.O.K.O covers a large area from Bredbo in the north and extending south to the Victorian border.
The map below shows the L.A.O.K.O rescue area.

By Gracye
The Habitat of a Red Necked Wallaby

The Red Necked Wallaby is mostly found in southern Queensland, New South Wales and on the islands of Bass Strait and Tasmania.

They live in the eucalypt forests where there are lots of shrubs. Where they live in the bush is always close to rivers and where they feed. They don’t live in mobs like kangaroos. They live alone or with their joey. Soon, where the wallabies live won’t be there at all. Farmers and people from the city all want to come to the peace and quiet out there. That means that there will be lots of logging and they won’t be able to live there at all. Then they will become extinct and no longer exist!

By Ruby
The red necked wallaby is a medium-size macropod marsupial, common in the more temperate and fertile parts of eastern Australia including Tasmania. Red necked wallabies are distinguished by their black nose and paws, white strip on the upper lip, and grizzled medium grey coat with a reddish wash across the shoulders. They can weigh 13.80 to 18.60 kilograms and attain a body length of 90 centimetres, although males are generally bigger than females. Red necked wallabies are very similar in appearance to the black-striped wallaby, the only difference being that red necked wallabies are larger, don’t have a black stripe down their back, and their fur is softer.

By Jack
Joeys

Joeys need looking after 24-7 while they are small. They need to be kept warm and quiet and you need to be with them all the time. Raising a joey can be expensive. They need to be cared for for up to 12 months. As they leave the pouch you need to supervise them several times a day. To keep a kangaroo you need a permit. Joeys may be cute but they become large animals.

By Keira