Mackenzie River News

Principal’s Messages

Attendance

Current attendance percentages have us sitting at 91.9%, well done everyone for getting to school everyday!

Words of The Week

Each week this term, we will have 3 focus words for our vocabulary development. This week’s words are:

- Attentively — in a way that shows total concentration
- Apparently — as far as one knows or can see
- Aloud — able to be heard; not silent

Next week’s words will be:

- Valuable — having value or worth; very important
- Vulnerable — able to be hurt easily
- Vacant — empty; not occupied

Encourage you children to use these words in sentences and at home in their everyday language. The more extended and complex children’s vocabularies are, the higher the rates for reading success.

Weekly You Can Do It Value

This week’s ‘You Can Do It’ value focus is on resilience. When talking about resilience, it is important to explain to children that it is normal to have negative feelings, and that there is nothing wrong with them. The vital element is to remember that even though we can’t control our feelings, we can control our choices and how we behave. Even if we are feeling sad or angry, we can still choose not to overreact and make good behaviour choices.

Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club—Sign Up

Season 2014/15—Sunday 14th September, 2014, 11am to 2pm

Age Groups:

- Nippers—5-14 years
- Seniors—15 years upwards, including Masters

For further information, please contact the Club Secretary:

Keran Maguire - 0488035135

CLUB FEES:

- $200—Family
- $75—Active
- $85—Associate

Date Claimers

24th August: ICPA Sports Camp
27th August: Wombat Stew
12th September P&C Meeting
Reading Strategies — Parent Pipeline

This term in reading we are focusing on learning specific strategies for decoding texts when they are hard to read, and strategies for comprehension. Each week I will share some information on the strategy so that the children can practice these strategies at home. While they may seem very simple, it is important that even the older students remember these strategies as a useful tool to draw on when stuck on a word.

This week’s strategy: Stretchy Snake

It often requires a lot of patience to listen to beginning readers as they learn to decode and sound out words. Beginning readers usually learn their sounds in isolation and as a result sound choppy when they try to put these sounds together to make words. Taking the individual letter sounds and blending them together can be a first step to becoming a reader for many children. As with any other task, to improve in reading a person must have increased exposure and practice, practice, practice. Your child is working on the accuracy strategy of blending sounds. The following ideas provide you with suggestions on how you can assist your child in becoming a better reader.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. When reading and blending sounds together, encourage your child to listen for a familiar word.
2. Give your child a rubber band and have them take it between two hands. Write down a simple word for your child to read (3 letter words such as bat, dog, and cap). Have your child pull the band apart a bit with each sound in the word. This will have your child stretching out both the band and the word. When finished with all of the sounds, say the word together while bringing hands together.
3. When reading, tell your child, “Say each letter as you stretch them out, then put them together and say it fast.” Demonstrate what this sounds like for your child.
4. If your child is having difficulty blending sounds and still sounds choppy, encourage your child to sing as they sound out the word. It is almost impossible to make a word sound choppy when you are singing.

Thank you for your continued support at home!
Clarke Creek Interschool Sport

Last week we went to visit Clarke Creek State School for an interschool sport day. The lower school students played a range of games including netball, relays, and volleyball. The upper school students play a game of touch football and netball. I am proud to say that our students played excellently as a team in both sports. We hope to continue the interschool sport days with Clarke Creek in the future.

Leah Mullane
(Acting Principal)

Other Messages

Sale by Tender

Duaringa State School has the following item for tender

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- Tenders must be in writing and in a sealed envelope marked “CONFIDENTIAL” - OFFER FOR ELECTRIC KILN.
- Tender close at 4pm on Thursday 28th August 2014
- Please see the office if you wish to view item before tenders close.
- delivery charges to be borne by buyer
- items offered on an ‘as is’ basis
- Department of Education, Training and Employment reserves the right not to accept the tender
- No warranties implied or given.
Student of the Week:
Cater Wight—For showing confidence in class
Jayden Pressey—For getting along well with others.

Spelling Awards:
Week 4: Grady & Jake
Week 5: Grady, Cameron, Carter, Jake, Miranda and Lachlan!

School Leaders:
Sara Schottelius & Lachlan Frankish

Project 600 Participants:
Jake Phillis & Miranda Luck