Three weeks into the term and students and staff are certainly busy on a variety of fronts. All grades have a real focus on English and Numeracy at all times. This term is no different and our rooms are certainly humming with quality activities that engage and challenge our students to continue to learn. Many students will have been involved in assessments in the areas of Numeration and Addition and Subtraction. We are trialling a Numeracy Developmental Pathway Assessment tool to ascertain whether it can accurately pinpoint where each child’s learning is at and what they need to learn next. We are excited about the results to date. Staff are also using some different strategies within the classroom to ensure that we are maximising the learning opportunities for all students.

This term we are also conducting a series of activities at each unit level based on Hands-On Technology. Staff have developed a unit of work that requires students to plan, make/do, reflect, improve. This work is part of the Success for Boys action plan that we are implementing this year. This work has developed from the work that we did with Andrew Fuller earlier in the year. The students and staff are enjoying this engaging style of learning and the outcomes to date are exciting.

We invite parents in to see some of this exciting Numeracy and Hands on Technology work in action.

Our school is currently in full swing as we prepare for the school production set to be played on Thursday 28th August and then again on Friday 29th August. Please ensure that these dates are in the diary/calendar as this will be an event not to be missed. All students in the school will participate. Each grade level will be doing a song/dance, with auditioned students from grades 5/6 playing the lead roles in the play. Please check out the costumes on the windows in the Art room. Well done to the students that have been chosen to play these parts. There will also be a choir to sing some songs and to back other grades with their performances.

Grades have forwarded home information in regard to getting costumes ready for each grade level. Please support the event by ensuring that your child has the correct attire for the show. If your family is having difficulty, please contact the school.

We have had a number of parents that have volunteered their time to assist with preparation for the production either by sewing, making or designing. Thankyou to these helpers. If you want to assist please let us know and I am sure that we can find a task that needs to be done.

The grade 5/6 students are also training for the Wodonga Lightning Premiership on Friday 8th August. Our students will be competing in Minkey, Netball and Football. This is always an excellent event with quality opposition and good sporting behaviour on show throughout. We thank the parents that are assisting with training/coaching in the lead up to and on the day.

Headlice

We have had a number of students with headlice during the past few days. Please ensure that you are regularly checking and treating when necessary, to ensure that we restrict further infestation. We will be having our regular whole school check on Monday 10th August. This will be after assembly. If you can assist please let us know at the office, or stay on the day. On the job training is offered for any newcomers.

Regards Ross
P-2 Cake Stall

On Thursday the 7th of August P-2 will be holding their annual cake stall at lunch time and recess. Cakes will vary in price from 20c to $1-00. All money raised will go towards the sponsorship of Akona.

RUTHERGLEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

DVD ORDERS

A reminder to all families that orders for DVD's need to be in by this Friday the 1st of August.

ART ROOM

Thank you for the art supplies. We do not need anymore egg cartons or plates.

Please note that anyone who holds a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Health Card (as of 14th July) is entitled to claim the 2nd instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance. Please call at the office, produce your card and complete the form.

PARENTS WHO claimed at the beginning of the year need not re-apply for the 2nd instalment.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Captain, Sports Captains and SRC Photos are currently on display in the office. All photos are $15-00 each, if you are interested please write your name on the order form. Orders will be required by next Friday the 1st of August.

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1973 All classes except Prep
1974 Grade 1
1975 Grade 2 and Grade 4
1976 Prep and Grade 3
1977 Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 4
1978 Grade 2 and Grade 5
1979 Grade 5 and Grade 6

WORKING WITH PARENTS CHECK

A reminder to all parents that it is a requirement that all parents working within the school need to have completed a Working With Children's Check. Working With Children's Checks are completed at the post office at no charge to volunteers. If you intend to participate/help at the school please complete the check as soon as possible. Unfortunately no parent can work in classrooms until it has been completed.

CANTEEN NEWS.....

Available this term from the canteen: homemade soups Monday and Wednesday for $1-50. On Wednesdays you can also have freshly cooked noodles with stir through sauce for $2-50 and on Thursdays nachos for $1-50. Please note that there are a few small changes in the prices. Attached is the roster for the canteen. If anybody is available to assist on the days where a volunteer is needed please contact the office. This Friday's canteen helper is Sheryl Gaston.

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WALKING SCHOOL BUS

A volunteer is required for the Ready Street bus route on the Walking School Bus. If you are available please see the office.
Term 3 Highlights
- Wodonga Winter Sports
- Zone Golf
- Active After Schools—Bowls

Our sports captains check out some bowls in preparation for Active After Schools Lawn Bowls. Bowls started this Monday. Children meet at the shed at school for fruit, then make their way down to the bowling greens for a fun filled time. They will be picked up from there at 4.45pm. A huge thanks to the Bowls Club for helping out.

Active After Schools
Lawn Bowls
Monday Nights!

Go Go Golf

Callum Dunstan, Caleb Barras and Melissa Coghill practise their swings in preparation for Zone Golf next week. We wish them all the best. Missing from the picture is Alex Haw.

Callum, Caleb and Alex will be competing in Wangaratta on Monday, while Melissa will be competing in Wodonga on Wednesday.
4R’s

P-2 Congratulations to Joshua Jones for his reciprocity. Josh was awarded for helping Mitchell from Room 5 when he was hurt. Joshua was nominated by Helen Clohessy.

3\4 Well done to Tyneaka Roach for winning the award in the 3\4 area. Tyneaka won her award for her resourcefulness in the area of making links. Tyneaka was nominated by Julie Bowers for using a buddy conference to help edit in Letter Links.

5\6 A great effort by Sarah Arnold who was awarded for her reciprocity in the category of independence. Sarah won her award because she wanted to play netball for the sports carnival but she changed to hockey so somebody didn’t have to miss out.

S.T.O.T.W.

Make sure you take your green bags when you go shopping. They are soon going to charge people for using plastic bags.
School Production— Robin of Sherwood

Meet some of the cast for the School Production to be held on August 28th and 29th.

Some of the choir rehearsing their songs.

The props workers hard at it. Thanks to Rosetta Holmes for her assistance.
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RUTHERGLEN SCOUTS
Come and join the Rutherglen Scouts. The Scouts meet at the Scout Hall in High Street, Rutherglen.
Boys and Girls can join in Wednesdays from 6.30 to 8.30.
Contact Viv Burnett on (03) 57261581.

TUTORING
Tutoring available for primary students in all year levels by a fully qualified teacher. After school, evening or weekends.
Please phone Karryn on 60 327387 or 60 328899.

LEVEL 1 FIRST AID
If anyone is interested in doing a basic emergency life support course (HLTFA201A) similar to the old Level 1 First Aid, could you please contact Mary or Karin at the office.
This will be an all day course held at Rutherglen Primary School.
Cost: $110-00
Date: To be advised

RUTHERGLEN UNITED CRICKET CLUB
We are looking for boys or girls who will be under 12 on September 1st this year who would like to play under 12 cricket in the Wangaratta competition in the coming season. We need extra players aged 9, 10 or 11 years old so we can field 2 teams. Anyone interested call Darren Simpson on 60 327044.

RUTHERGLEN INDOOR SOCCER
Commences this Friday at the Rutherglen Community Centre for all Primary School age students commencing at 4.00pm. Cost is just $4-00 per person per session.
Coming soon Under 12 basketball, and for the adults mixed netball, mixed basketball and mixed volleyball.
For more information phone Wayne on 0439 494027 or at work on 0260 268461.

30 minute back and shoulder relaxation massage. Including aromatic candles, essential oils and relaxing music $25-00.
Indigo North Health Services. Bookings Deanna on 0260 327761.