Calendar

What's On

Term 1 Week 8

Friday 22 March  High School EOI forms to be returned
RDA

Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday 26 March  K-6 Easter Assembly 12.30pm

Wednesday 27 March  Easter Hat Parade 11am

Friday 29 March  Good Friday Public Holiday

Term 1 Week 10

Monday 1 April  Easter Monday Holiday

Wednesday 3 April  School Photo Day (full school uniform to be worn)

Friday 5 April  P&C Meeting 1pm
RDA
P&C Disco 3.15pm - 4.15pm P-2 4.30pm - 6pm 3-6

Term 1 Week 11

Thursday 11 April  Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 12 April  ANZAC Day Service 9.30am
Last day of Term 1

Principal's Message

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students who had a fantastic experience at Western Plains Zoo last week. The feedback from staff at the Zoo was very positive and the work the students produced was of a very high standard. Great work Stage 3 students and a big thank you to the staff who attended the excursion.

Like us on Facebook!

Our Facebook page is up and running with many likes from parents. It is a very easy way to keep updated with the latest school news and reminders. It was very handy for parents who had children on the Zoo excursion as I was able to update regularly with progress of the journey home.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held in Term 3 this year. This is a formal opportunity to discuss your child's progress. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher before this time, please make an appointment through the front office.

Technology News

This week we have undergone an upgrade to our server and this should make it easier and faster for the students and staff to integrate technology into lessons. It has been a very busy week and has tested our patience at times, thank you to all that assisted with this process.

We have also had an upgrade to our hall sound system so assemblies and concerts should be much clearer. The bells and music through the PA system has also been updated (no more One Direction) and we will continue to fine tune any bugs over the coming week.

Staff Development Days

At the start of Term 2 there are two staff development days Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April. Students return to school on Wednesday 1 May so please ensure you have made alternative arrangements for students on these days. We will be spending the two days looking at the new syllabus documents.

Mrs Emma Thompson
Principal

Preschool Report

We have been very busy in Preschool. The Preschool visited the “big school” to see the Lazy Town Performance. It was a great show and reinforced our healthy eating and
exercise program.

We had a visit from the lovely Bunnings people to discuss our new gardens. They had lots of great ideas and are coming to plant a flower and vegetable garden next month. We can’t wait!

The Smarties have been learning all about shapes. They are very clever and can name five shapes and they know how many sides each shape has. We are using the interactive whiteboard to consolidate our learning.

The Jellybeans have a big interest in animals. They have been learning all about them. Miss Camilleri and Mrs Gibbs went to Dubbo Zoo and brought back lots of photos to share with the children.

Mrs Sue Finn
Preschool Supervisor

P&C News

Easter Raffle Donations
Please leave any donations for the Easter Raffle at the school office from the 20 March.

Easter Raffle Tickets
The Easter raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27 at the Easter Hat Parade. Please return all raffle tickets (sold and unsold) to the office by Tuesday 26 March. You still have time to purchase more tickets. Please contact the office if you would like more. Good luck to everyone who has purchased a ticket.

April P&C Meeting
Our last P&C meeting for Term 1 will be held on Friday 5 April at 1pm in the community room. It is your opportunity come along and see what is happening in your school community and share your ideas.

Have a happy and safe Easter break, refreshed and ready for a great Term 2.
Regards
P&C Committee

Cake Stall Cake Stall Cake Stall
We will be holding a cake stall at recess on Wednesday 27 March at the Easter Hat Parade. We are asking for donations of cakes/muffins/biscuits for the stall. Please leave any donations at the office on Wednesday morning.
Thank you.

Please label your container so it can be returned to you.

Major fundraising initiative on behalf of the P&C Committee

We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. Family support is most appreciated.

Funds raised will provide additional resources for our students.

Students have received a Billy's Gourmet Cookie Dough order form. An individual prize program has been included for every student/family that sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 55 prizes to choose from such as Barbie, Nerf, Hot Wheels, Razor and much, much, more. If you have misplaced your order form, please see the staff at the front office.

Please take the order form to your family, friends and work colleagues and even take the order form to your child’s sporting activities. Students who sell one or more tubs will be entitled to a prize of their choice and will also receive family discount vouchers for Baskin Robbins, Stefan salon and Pixie Photos valued at $140.

WIN AN IPAD – each student has the chance to win an iPad. At the end of each term a winner will be selected. If one of our students wins the prize our school will also win two (2) ipads. So don’t forget to enter. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the inside of the order form.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please detach the order form with your orders and don’t forget to select a prize! Please return the order form along with your monies to the front office on or before the 6th of May 2013. We will advise a date of when the cookie dough and prizes will be delivered to the school.

Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.

Happy fundraising!
P&C Committee
3/4M in Term one

3-4 M students have been participating in a number of learning experiences throughout Term 1. Maths groups were formed at the beginning of the term and the students are enjoying the variety of activities. The students were excited to use the hands-on resources during their mathematical activities. In the following photos, 3-4 M students are taking part in Maths lessons such as counting, ordering, reading and recording numbers up to four digits and using mental strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In English, students had the opportunity to use Electronic Macquarie Dictionaries to look up the meanings of their spelling words. This activity was enjoyed by all the students and they very quickly mastered the Dictionaries.

Students in year 3-4M have proven themselves to be budding artists as our room is looking wonderful and full of colour with their art displays.

All students enjoyed sharing a cake for Hafsa’s 9th Birthday. Hafsa started with us this year and has settled in very well to life at Riverstone Public School, making many friends.