There was a lot of excitement building in many local homes last week as students counted down to the ‘best days of the school year’... the Excursion!! Our primary students headed to Borambola camp on Monday with Mrs Foy for a sleepover and many action-packed activities squeezed into two days! The infants’ students, to be sure not to miss out, had a day trip to Wagga with Mrs Conlan for gymnastics fun, Mexican dining and a movie. It seemed that ‘Tuesday must be the day that all the people in Wagga do their shopping because we couldn’t find a car park’?? A lot was to be learned in the big city ;-) Of course our Kids Corner will enlighten you more.

This week we welcomed our prac student, Harriet Condon! Harriet is in her second year placement and will certainly be of great help, and learn lots, in the last term of the year!

Community Cuppa- kicks off ... We have long been talking about broadening our community involvement beyond Kidz Konnect (young families). The ‘Community Cuppa’ concept invites ALL members of our community-young and elderly, families and individuals, stalwarts and new-comers to the community to enjoy a shared morning tea each month. This is a great opportunity for our students to network with our community, and for community members to be free from potential isolation and have a monthly ‘date’ on their calendars 😊 Our inaugural cuppa will be held in conjunction with an orchestral performance by Beecroft PS Wednesday 11th November at Binya PS. Visitors are asked to bring a plate to share (although not necessary) and tea/coffee will be provided. The bar is set very high - I’m not sure we will be able to maintain that level of entertainment each month but, can assure you of great company and great Binya food!!

Melbourne Cup day is fast approaching- next Tuesday! Students will come to school dressed in theme/casual clothes. We will have some afternoon games and activities before the big race 😊 A gold coin donation will go towards the students supporting Leah Boyd’s national carnival.

Home learning this term will consist of Mathletics and Reading Eggs/Express as our online options. We would like to see students progressing through their levels this term. These programs offer an interactive opportunity, with activities geared to personalised goals and achievements. Mentals books are also to be completed each week- returned each Monday for marking. AR (Accelerated Reading) is our home reading focus for Yrs 2-5, with K-1 on home reader levelled books and sight word practice - read and spelling. Concert preparation will provide talking and listening, and students gathering and preparing props and costumes. Students will also be encouraged to research added information about feral animals/birds/fish in our area to contribute to class discussions and project work at school.

Have a great week!
Karen 😊
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What’s on Week 5?

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NSW Athletics Rep, Leah Boyd - NSW PSSA raffle ticket available at the school, Post Office or directly from the Boyd family. All donations will be gratefully accepted 😊

Kid’s Corner - Excursions

Archery

Nice shot!!!
On Monday and Tuesday we went to Borambola for 3/6 excursion.
On Monday we did archery. There were three groups.
First Gus told us how to shoot the bow and what to do before and after shooting-Gus is our instructor.
When it was my go I was a bit nervous but when I shot I got a yellow! The middle of the target!
When we had our last 3 shots for the day, each group had to get 180 points to get their licence. My group got 370 and I was the only one that got an arrow in the yellow target, which is 50 points.

This excursion was awesome, although I have done archery before it was still a good chance to do something different and learn more skills. By Harry

When we went to Wagga Wagga the first thing we did was go to gymnastics. We bounced on really really bouncy trampolines- I did the splits in the air. We did an obstacle course – we jumped onto the mini-trampoline, over a bag and then over a pool noodle, landing in a soft bag so we wouldn’t hurt ourselves. We did another course where we had to lift ourselves up and put our legs out onto the parallel bar.
My favourite was the trapeze – first we had to jump from the trampoline and land in the foam pit, crawl out on a piece of ladder, walk along a long red plank and line up for the trapeze swing. We then had to swing like ‘George of the Jungle’ and land in foam! It was exciting and challenging – I loved it! By Max.

Wow! I felt like I was flying! The trapeze was fun! The infants were so lucky because we got to go on an excursion to Wagga Wagga on Tuesday. We went to Airbourne first- and that is where the trapeze was! First we jumped off a really bouncy trampoline and landed in a pit of foam- I nearly sank! It was really hard to climb through. Then we climbed up a ladder and walked along a plank to take the swing from Mrs Conlan. My tummy swirled. My hands were sweaty. My
legs were shaking… I pushed off hard and swung right out to the middle bar, where I could touch it with my feet. On the last turn I swung out, let go of the trapeze and reached across to the next bar. I felt like I was an acrobat! The excursion was cool- we got to do new things that we haven’t done before. By Millie R

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Have you ever been to Mexico? We have! Not quite Mexico, but a Mexican restaurant. That’s right- Mrs Conlan took K-2 to a restaurant for lunch! We got to order ourselves – nachos, tacos, burritos… how could we choose out of all these delicious foods?! I ordered nachos chips and dip, Max and Millie had tacos with meat and cheese and Mrs Conlan had nachos! They were all scrumptious. A quick photo in front of the Mexican face mask and then we were off to the movies… which is a different story. By Emily

Rock climbing
Where am I? Where’s the rock? How high am I? Blindfolded- can’t see a thing! Higher and higher. When we were at Borambola on our excursion we did rock climbing- it was my favourite part. I was so frightened when I got to the top-10 metres!! The second time I went…blindfolded!!! It was hilarious because you couldn’t see a thing! Perhaps it was a good thing because you couldn’t see just how high up you were.

I found it hard to push myself to climb up the top because it is so high up, but I overcame my fears and kept going till I touched the top! Everyone tried and got past their goal.

I loved the rock wall and I got further than I’d hoped. I would love to go again and perhaps my next challenge would be to climb up quicker. By Milly B

The Little Engine That Thought He Could
In 1906 there was a story about a little positive train. He reminds me of when I had to get my archery licence on the excursion. Our team needed 20 points, and it was up to me to go last. So far I had not hit one target- actually I had not even hit the board at all!

I had one arrow left. I let it go. I got red! I got my team their licence! See-with a bit of positive thinking you can get anything done… just like the Little Engine that thought he could! By Leo.

Yum! At Borambola 3-6 went to a cafeteria for each meal. On day 1 we had awesome burgers for lunch and they served mouth-watering lamb roast, potato and vegies for dinner. On the last morning we had pancakes that were almost as good as dad’s at home, with juice
and rice bubbles. Wraps with schnitzel for lunch; it was scrumptious!

The cooks at Borambola are extremely good at their jobs and deserve a lot of thanks and gratitude. I have to say (no offense Borambola cooks) those pancakes just weren’t complete without golden syrup though. **By Sam**

**Rock climbing**

Woah! A 10 metre rock wall? Awesome!

The wall was massive – it was covered with foamy-looking fake rocks of different sizes. We had to try to climb to the top if we could, while choosing the best positions to pull yourself up.

I went 10th. I made it all the way to the top! I think I was the fastest on the rock wall. I had an extra challenge where I had to go blindfolded! I climbed about 7 metres on the wall.

We had lots of different challenging activities at Borambola. It was the best two school days ever! **By Bailey**

Yay! Look at this bunk-bed!

3-6 went to Borambola. I was so worried about the lodges, if they would be big enough? If I was in a room with Milly? And what if there were no bathrooms? Gus, the instructor, told us there were bad possums and they don’t like kids. If you leave wrappers on the ground they would come to your lodge and eat the food! It was so hot Mrs Foy opened our door to let more cool air in, but I could not sleep because I thought they would come in!

There were five bunks and we all slept on the top - Leah, Greer, Milly and I were in all the same room...thank goodness. And just for your peace of mind, there were bathrooms!!! **By Claire**

Rock climbing – it was like a big puzzle; you had to plan your way through a 10 metre high wall! I climbed all the way to the top! I believed I could do it ... if you don’t believe you don’t receive.

Most of the rocks had divots for your fingers and feet. We had 4 people clipped up to a rope, to support, and tighten it as you climb up the wall. To get down you had to make an L shape by sitting with your feet flat against the wall, and hold onto the rope above your head and the support team will walk you in.

I felt light-headed and giddy at times... but it was the best time ever! It was a huge rush of adrenaline. I was so relieved that I had done it! **By Luke**
3-5 went on an excursion to Borambola. We went there for 1 sleep. The girls and I were in room 12. We had 1 bunk-bed each and we also had a spare bunk-bed. The boys were in room 11. Everyone but Harry was at the top of their bunk-bed. Harry was at the bottom of Luke’s bunk-bed. I slept on the top! We all slept in sleeping bags. It was a hot night though so we didn’t exactly need them. It was good sharing a room with the girls. **By Greer**

“Oh”!!!! I am as drenched as a drowning rat!!!!!! On Monday 3-6 went to Borambola, one of my favourite activities was the slip and slide. We put a tarp on the grass then wet it with the sprinklers and smeared dishwashing detergent on it. Everyone had a turn at sliding down on their tummies. It was a hot day so we were thankful to have an activity to help us cool down. We had a great time and would love to do it again, maybe we’ll try it at home. **By Leah**

**P&C NEWS** - meet Monday evenings week 3 and week 8 each term. Next meeting 23rd November at 7pm. All agenda items to president Kirsty Rowston, one week prior to each meeting.

**Summer Sales**
- Ice Blocks 50c
- Sunny Boys $1.00
- Poppers $1.00

*Please note there will be no summer lunch orders.*

**Melbourne Cup Day**
**Tuesday 3rd November**
Gold Coin Donation
Theme/Casual Clothes