Welcome to another newsletter. Last week I had the pleasure of the company of our students and parents down in Mildura for swimming week. All of the boys worked really hard during their swimming lessons. Their efforts really paid off with all of them getting ribbons at the combined small schools swimming carnival and we missed out on the handicap trophy by only 0.3%, a great effort for such a small group. We visited many interesting places during the week including the mail sorting centre, Angus Park Shop, Woodsies Gem Shop, Mildura Library, The Art Vault and the RAAF Museum. Thanks to all these venues for their patience and kindness during our visits.

Next Monday, weather permitting, we will have a visit from Jorge, the Flying Padre.

Early in March parents will receive a survey to complete as part of application for Priority Schools Funding. If successful the school receive extra funding to assist student learning. All responses are confidential.

2013 High School packages will also be sent home early next month.

Classroom work in hotting up with students learning about living and non living things in science and communities other than our own in HSIE.

Last week at the Broken Hill principal’s meeting, we spent time looking at ways to improve student outcomes. There are many new strategies being explored, especially in the area of Aboriginal Education and I was lucky enough to participate in the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs.

Please also find attached Expression of Interest for a position at this school.

Enjoy your fortnight
Lynn Starkey
Principal

6th March World Spelling Day
7th March World Maths Day
8th March World Science Day

Toy Library
13th March 2012

Joke of the Week
Q: Why did the grape stop in the middle of the road?
A: Because he ran out of juice.

Q: How do you make a banana milkshake?
A: Jump out and yell, BOO to the banana
2012 Mildura Arts Centre Children’s Theatre Program

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETER RABBIT - Celebrating 110 Years!
Adaptation and Lyrics by Garry Ginivan

Schools performances Friday 22nd June, 9.30am, 11.30am, and 1.30pm
Venue: Mercy Theatre - This performance goes for 55mins, no interval.

Celebrate the 110th Anniversary of Beatrix Potter’s beloved classic with Happy Birthday Peter Rabbit, a mischievous musical about the world’s most loveable bunny.

Published in 1902 by Frederick Warne, The Tale of Peter Rabbit has transported countless children to Mr McGregor’s veggie patch for over a century; it’s set to reach a new generation with this classic stage production that kids will love! Adapted by Australian writer and award-winning producer Garry Ginivan (Possum Magic, My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch) and with an original score by Mark Jones, Happy Birthday Peter Rabbit seamlessly weaves the tales of Peter Rabbit, Benjamin Bunny and Mr Tod, and is designed to delight children and adults alike.

With Beatrix Potter as the Narrator/Storyteller and Peter Rabbit, Cousin Benjamin Bunny, Old Mr Bunny, Tommy Brock, Mr Tod and (a three-metre high!) Mr McGregor – Happy Birthday Peter Rabbit will be one of the highlights of children’s theatre in 2012.

Happy Birthday Peter Rabbit!

I, Bunyip Created by Erth Visual & Physical Inc.

Schools performances: Monday 20th Aug - 1.30pm, Tues 21st Aug. 10am & 1pm
Venue: Mildura Arts Centre Theatre- This performance goes for 55mins, no interval.

Do you know what a Bunyip is? What about a Yawk Yawk or the other fascinating creatures that live in Australia? Would you like to meet them?

Developed in consultation with five different Aboriginal communities I, Bunyip portrays the mystical world of creatures from our Indigenous folklore.

Erth takes you on a journey through the mysterious heart of the Australian landscape with their unique life-like puppets and stunning visual effects. You will meet a host of charming creatures like Nyols, Yawk Yawks and Turongs. You will have the chance to experience freshwater mermaids and mischievous tree-dwelling creatures.
“ROOM FOR ONE MORE”

☐  "Are you a caring person?"
☐  "Do you have space within your family?"
☐  "Do you enjoy a challenge?"
☐  "Are you passionate about your community?"

If you would like more information about caring for a child please contact:

Paul on: 50277600 or 0429436186

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Expressions of interest are being called to fill the following position:

Position: **School Learning Support Officer**
Location: Pooncarie Public School

**Period:** Commencing late term one or early term two 2012 for an ongoing period

**Position Details:** A prospective employee would need to supervise students with severe and/or multiple physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

Duties for this position focus primarily on assisting teachers in the implementation of individual education programs and individual transition programs for students with disabilities who have special needs. This involves assisting teachers in providing opportunities for children with special needs to develop personal, social, domestic and pre-vocational skills. It also involves attending to the personal care needs of children in the areas of movement, hygiene, lifting, health care and delivery of dietary needs. Duties may also include the operation of audio-visual aids, duplicating, issuing of learning materials and minor clerical, duties.

A person fulfilling the role of a School Learning Support Officer would be expected to:

- Have an awareness of the needs of students with disabilities
- Providing assistance in school routines
- Manage the toileting and personal care needs of students, including washing, bathing, showering and changing
- Implement the washing of soiled items of clothing and nappies and in the disposal of used sanitary items
- Administer the direct food preparation and provide intensive assistance to students with eating and drinking procedures
- Provide frequent physical lifting, moving students from one piece of equipment to another, rearranging furniture regularly
- Carry out therapy or nursing type duties
- Administering prescribed medication, keeping medication register
- Maintain physical or electronic equipment used by students
- Ability to work with students with emotional, physical or intellectual disabilities
- Have the ability to work as part of a team in the development and implementation of individual education plans, implementation of an augmentive communication system, and general in-class support of all students

Perform other duties as directed by the supervisor

Applicants not currently employed by the NSW Department of Education & Training will be required to undergo a Declaration and Employment Screening Consent and Proof of Identity.

**Enquiries to:** Lynn Starkey (Principal) on 03 5029 5210

**Application:** Please provide your current details on the form below and provide a brief statement in support of your application relating to this position of no more than two (2) pages with no less than font size 11. Please include the name and contact details for two referees.

**Application to:** Lynn Starkey (Principal)

**Closing Date and Time:** 15/3/12 - 4.00pm
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**VERIFICATION**

This section verifies that your supervisor is prepared to release you for this position if successful (internal applicants only)

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