Yesterday all of the students of the Wagga Community of Small Schools met at Kapooka for a visiting author day. Unfortunately our visiting author Phil Kettle was unable to come since his mum was ill but we were so lucky that another author was in Wagga for a few days and had a spot free. Patricia Bernard is an author from Sydney and we have lots of her books in our library. As you can see in the picture above—she even signed our copies for us.

Patricia ran a workshop for the Year 4-6 students. She had a lot of practical advice on how to be an author. She spoke to us about choosing a magical middle name that has a lot of power like: Patricia Fabulous Bernard which sends positive messages to our brain about what we are capable of achieving. For the rest of the day we had Bill from Blueearth come and run a healthy session and we moved through literacy groups where we had teachers from all the schools read us new books and we got to do some fun activities about them.
It has been a very busy week at school. I am very proud of the efforts of the Primary students who have been working hard on their speeches for tomorrow’s semi-final at 9:25am in the library. We will be joined next Tuesday by finalists from all of the other Community of Small Schools for the final at 12pm.

Congratulations to everyone for participating in Crazy Hair Day last Friday. The pictures look amazing. The money the students donated will be sent off to the Crazy Hair Day foundation to help find a cure for cancer.

Yesterday’s Visiting Author Day was a huge success. Read more on the front cover of our bulletin.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of people in our community tonight when they join us for the Young at Heart Film Festival to celebrate Senior’s Week. Please join us at 7:30pm in the library.

P&C Fundraisers. Next week will be a huge week for our P&C. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and donated food for these events. Thank you to the organisers Carmen and Di and their band of happy helpers. If you are able to help at the Clearing Sale or State Election and haven’t let Carmen or Di know please do so this week.

Parent—Teacher Interviews for Term 1 will be held in the last week of term. We are just finalising the dates.

We continue to be grateful to the Crossroads Hotel for its ongoing support of our school. Each month we run Lucky Numbers at the hotel. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Lucky Numbers by buying or selling tickets.

In the coming weeks Lucky Numbers will be run by:

27th March — Bruckner Family
10th April — Burkinshaw Family

Check us out online: www.collingull-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au
What have we been learning in class?

From the Infants Classroom – With Mrs Koschel
Mrs K has been unwell this week so K-2 have been lucky enough to have Mrs Schneider and Mrs Brett come in to teach them. It was lovely to see how well the whole class has progressed with their writing this term and I enjoyed seeing them out the playground doing their descriptive writing about the playground. I’m sure Mrs K will be impressed too. Everyone enjoyed their excursion to Kapooka and had fun mixing with students from the other 4 schools in our Community of Schools and learning from other teachers. Thanks to the K-2’s who helped finish off planting some lovely flowers in our garden so the place will look lovely come election day next week. The Infants have their assembly item tomorrow so I look forward to seeing that,

From the Primary Classroom – With Miss Post & Mrs Brett:
This week our focus has been on writing our speeches for the Community of Small Schools Public Speaking Competition. We did find some time to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a bit of fun art and green food. It was challenging but we tried to speak in an Irish accent all day. Miss Post taught the whole maths lesson in an Irish accent which was very funny. In maths we have been continuing to work on our addition and subtraction strategies to see the correlation of how they work together. For cooking we made some delicious treats of risotto, pesto pasta and a zucchini bake. It was delicious. In the garden we pulled out the last of our tomato plants and are getting ready to prepare the soil for a new crop. We started planting some beautiful flowers to brighten up the place for when we have special visitors in our school next week when they come to vote. The visiting author day was a lot of fun and we enjoyed getting some hints on how to be a writer. Hopefully we will get time next week to start writing the one we planned yesterday.

100 Year Centenary of Gallipoli
Thank you to those people who have contacted the school to offer to come and speak to us about their families connection to our armed services. We will schedule a time soon for this to happen. We are looking to honour the Collingullie contribution to protecting our country.

Primary Public Speaking Competition

Tomorrow our Primary students will present their speeches on Multiculturalism. If you would like to come and hear them they will be at the end of our normal assembly at 9:25am in the library. The Grand Final, of the Community of Small Schools’ Public Speaking Competition will be held on Tuesday 24th March at 12:00pm.

SAKG Report

We had a wonderful afternoon in the kitchen on Monday. Alex, Logan and Joseph cooked pesto and pasta, Caitlin, Grace, Evie and Issy cooked Zucchini slice, and Layla, Toby, Ally and Anna cooked eggplant and tomato risotto. From the school garden or from my garden, the produce we used were basil, onion, eggplants, tomatoes, zucchinis and eggs from our chookies. The students cooked independently this week with myself and Kirrilee helping when needed. This is making the students thoroughly read the recipes and clean up as they go. They are doing an amazing job and the food is tasting fantastic. We talked about risotto and pesto being from Italy and Italy being in Europe and then led onto talking about continents. While cleaning I got a few students to match the measuring cups together which was a great way to talk about fractions and which is bigger and which is smaller.

This week as requested by the students we will be cooking zucchini soup again as it has become a favourite and it will allow everyone to have a chance at cooking it. The other groups will be cooking onion relish and pesto which will be sold at our election day cake stall.

Next week I will be cooking honey joys and chocolate crackles with the infants which we will sell at the cake stall. A day has yet to be confirmed.

Special lunch this week will be: Beef lasagne with homemade pasta sheets and dessert will be ice cream with caramelised pears and homemade chocolate sauce (since it was such a hit last week).

After talking to a few parents we have decided that the easiest way for parents wanting to pay by term would be have a set amount for the whole term. A note will be sent home next week showing what will be cooked weekly for Term 2 and I will need those that are interested to indicate that you will like to pay for the term. You can either send the payment in with the note or pay by week 2. If your child is away you will be credited and that will be factored in to the next term’s amount. You can still order and pay weekly and I am hoping it will make it easier for everyone.

Thanks, Kim
Mrs Post brought in homemade St. Patrick’s Day cupcakes.

P&C News—Clearing Sale

Thank you to everyone who filled in the Fundraising sheet and let me know where they can help for our fundraising event next Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has pledged to help serve during the day and for their donation of cakes or slices. The P & C appreciates all your help.

The Clearing Sale is being held at “Piney Grove” on the Rock Road on Wednesday 25th March. We will be catering from 7.30am till 4pm. If you haven’t been able to put your name down but on the day can give us a hand please come down. There will always be something for you to help us with or just come down and have a look!

Cheers Carmen

Young at Heart Film Festival —tonight!

Don’t forget that tonight we will be hosting the Young at Heart Film Festival. It starts at 7:30pm in our school library. It is an adults only event because the films have not been classified yet.
Special Lunch Order Form

Monday’s Lunch: Beef lasagne with homemade pasta & ice cream with caramelised pears and homemade chocolate sauce.

Due: Tomorrow: Friday 20 Mar

Family Name: _____________________________________

1 child ($4.50)  □  2 children ($8)  □  3 children ($11)  □  Family size take home pack — ($8)

Total Amount Enclosed $ ___________
A little more information about the show:

360 ALLSTARS is a phenomenal physical performance exploring all forms of rotation. Boasting a stellar cast, including world champion athletes, world class dancers and world renowned musicians, the production connects the street with the elite to deliver a radical urban circus!

A performance like no other, 360 ALLSTARS reinvents the traditional circus by presenting contemporary performance styles instead of conventional circus art forms. Replace acrobats with break dancers, substitute a basketball freestyler in place of a juggler, swap the unicyclist for a BMX flatlander, and exchange the hoop act for a Roue Cyr artist, and you get an exhilarating circus performance like nothing you have seen before! And with live music from award-winning master musicians and “ringmasters”, Gene Peterson and Sam Perry, 360 ALLSTARS is as aurally exciting as it is visually astounding.
Wagga Brothers Juniors Registration Day 2015

Welcoming all new & old players to our registration day for 2015. Come down, have a kick of the footy & grab a free snag. All the coaches will be there so you’ll get to chat with them before the first training run.

When :: Sun February 22nd, 11am-2pm
Where :: Parramore Park
Who :: Ages 6-15 for boys
League Tag girls 10s, 13s & 16s

A Quick Bite …

5 Top Tips for Adding More Dairy into your Child's Diet!

1. Pack a small tub of yoghurt – try a different flavour each week.
2. Pack a frozen low fat milk in addition to the water bottle. It keeps the lunchbox cool and delivers a calcium and protein boost!
3. Slip reduced fat cheese into a sandwich with tuna and corn or sundried tomatoes and avocado.
4. Pack reduced fat cheese in cubes, with sultanas and nuts or seeds as a great energy boosting snack.
5. Mix up a small container of plain yoghurt with honey and cinnamon as a dip, add fruit piece for dipping and ‘voila’ you have a top snack.

For more information visit mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy
Swimming certificates were handed out last week.