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STOCK REPORT

A message from Mr Leary...

Thank you to the Stockinbingal PS community for making me feel welcome as I begin my time as Principal and Year 3-6 teacher at this great small school. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Webber for her outstanding commitment and contribution as relieving Principal throughout Semester One. Thank you also to Mrs Christine Joshua for teaching the 3-6 class.

*It has been an extremely busy and productive start to the term, with both classrooms being engaged in quality learning experiences. On Monday we ventured to the Stockinbingal Bowling Club where we were guests of the **Milvale CWA** for their annual 'country or study' presentation. Students in both classes had to work diligently to get their projects completed and the ladies were suitably impressed with the quality of learning we presented. Each student confidently shared their project with the audience, with some of the Stage 3 students presenting detailed PowerPoint presentations.*



Georgia, Chelsea, Markus, Axle, Noah and Aidan proudly present their CWA projects

Special guest speaker, Mrs Clarke, who has lived in Papua New Guinea for a number of years, then shared her experiences of the country. The students were able to examine a number of traditional artefacts, before sharing some beautiful home

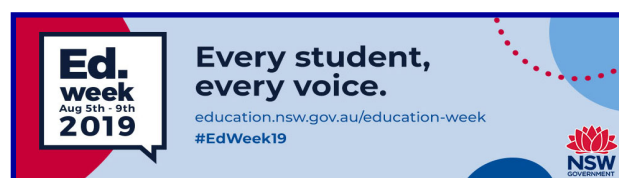
cooking with the ladies. Aidan and Jaxon, who demonstrated excellent listening and engagement throughout the presentation, presented Mrs Clarke and Mrs Byrne with small gifts on behalf of our school.

Moggy has been busy in the school playground, working on a number of projects to further enhance the school environment and promote school pride and student engagement. The vegetable gardens are in full bloom with fresh produce not far off. The gardens near the classrooms will be freshly mulched and new plants added to fill the bare patches. We are also looking to add some concrete edging around the gardens to further beautify the area. A row of ornamental pear trees will be planted up the front path next week and two new flagpoles will be made and installed to enable us to fly the National and Aboriginal flags as well as a new school flag in the coming weeks.

We will have a number of bright playground markings and games painted in the near future and they will not only brighten up the school but also provide valuable learning tools, particularly for students in K-2. Finally, we hope to have a chookyard built to allow us to recycle food waste as well as collect the eggs for different cooking projects.



The alphabet caterpillar will be one of the new playground markings—others will include handball courts, snakes and ladders and a compass to indicate direction



BE Kind ∞ BE Honest ∞ BE Fair

Whilst we have an 'open door' policy at SPS, effective home/school communication is vital and we are continually sourcing ways to ensure that important information is received by everybody. We will continue to send home notes regarding important school events and activities and Mrs Webber will continue to coordinate the Facebook page. This week we signed up to use the 'Skoolbag' communication tool to further streamline our communication procedures.



Skoolbag allows for immediate event alerts to be sent to your phone. You can also send absent notes to school, receive a weekly calendar update and the fortnightly Stock Report. We will add more features once we become familiar with its use. Skoolbag will be set up next week and we will inform you when it can be downloaded.

Also in the coming weeks, I will be sending home a short survey that will enable us to formalise communication procedures between school, home and the wider community. Please keep an eye out for it.

Thank you to the many students who consistently wear **school uniform** each day. Our uniform forms our identity, and we should be proud to wear it, at school, at sporting events and in the wider community. All uniform items can be purchased for very reasonable prices at the office -please call in and see Shelly.



Lily, Chelsea and Georgia proudly wear their school uniform each day

Next week, all public schools celebrate **Education Week**. At SPS, we will be having an open session from 11.30am and we warmly invite everyone to come along and join in our learning activities.

At 1.00pm we will be having a BBQ lunch for our visitors and students. This will be followed by a games afternoon.

Please join us to help celebrate Education Week at our proud public school.

Next **Friday 9 August**, a number of SPS students will be participating in a range of events at the **Cootamundra Zone Athletics Carnival** in Temora. The carnival begins at 9.00am and all students are to be dressed in full sports uniform. **Eligible students should have returned their permission note and \$4.00 carnival levy. If you haven't done so, please return ASAP.** All students are to report to Mr Leary upon arrival.

Student Artworks from Mr Leary's Class



Kindergarten 2020

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten at Stockinbingal PS next year? Or do you know of families who are intending to send their child to our great school? Please let Shelly or myself know ASAP - thank you



Last week SPS was visited by our Asset Services Officer to discuss planned maintenance scheduled for SPS. It was pleasing to hear that we will receive some significant upgrades around the school including: painting, new carpet and vinyl in the admin block, internal painting, new aluminium windows and carpet in Mr Leary's room, internal painting and new carpet in Mrs Webber's room, repainting of the admin ramp and basketball backboards and resurfacing of the basketball court (either asphalt or a synthetic surface). These upgrades are scheduled to be completed this year.



P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 August in Mr Leary's classroom— further details will be sent out next week

We have had a number of students unwell with colds recently. Please remember to send in a **written explanation for your child's absence** when they return to school. Thank you!

Thank you Ellie

Last week we farewelled Ellie as she commences her maternity leave. As in all small schools, it is often a sad time when staff leave, particularly those who make significant contributions to the school. As a former SPS student herself, it was great to chat with Ellie about her time at the school when Mr Godman was Principal. Whilst some things have changed, the fact that **every student is known, valued and cared for** hasn't. In Ellie's absence, Sam will do an outstanding job in the many duties she will perform. Her engagement with the students, particularly in the playground has been very positive.

Brian will continue to work in Mr Leary's room and provide technology support K-6. Mr Godman will return to the school as a teacher, covering Mr Leary's Principal admin day each Wednesday.



Ellie pictured with the students on her last day before commencing leave

Congratulations 'Bingal' Winners!

Week 1



Ziarah Hitchcock



Markus MacFarlane

Week2



Lily Berryman



Chelsea Reid

