2017 Student Enrolments Are Now being taken.

If you have a child / children enrolling in 2017 or you know of family or friends who are planning on enrolling their child/children. Please come in and see Francesca in our office asap.

PRINCIPAL COMMENTS – Paul Jorgensen

This is a busy time of the year for students, staff and our school community members. So getting dates for activities that suit everyone is very difficult. As mentioned in previous newsletters we are currently looking at some changes to our whole school assemblies and a few other things.

For next week we will still have our assembly on Monday morning (7th November) however the following week we will have our assembly at 2.15pm on Friday 18th November. This will also be followed by a short working bee looking at a few small
jobs around the school, general clean-up etc. This will involve all our students as well as staff and anyone else that may have the time to spend an hour at our school. We aim to finish by the time the second bus leaves. It would be great to see our students working alongside staff and parents as we aim to improve the pride in our school.

We also invite parents of students in our senior grades in particular but all parents are invited to a short discussion on our classes for 2017. We will be having the current year 3 to 6 students involved with parents in a discussion about how classes are organised, we will look at our staffing for 2017 and our current thoughts around classes for next year. Considerable thought always goes into this each year as we aim to provide the best structures that will enable the best learning environment for children. This meeting will take place on Friday 11th November at 12.00pm. This will follow morning recess after our Remembrance day ceremony and Civics and Citizenship awards.

Our Remembrance Day activity will involve the whole school and begin at 10.45am and will be followed by the Civics and Citizenship awards. We invite all interested School Community members to our school for this activity. This is always an important part of our school as we recognise the efforts of our service men and women and remember those that are no longer with us. This time is also used to recognise the students at our school that regularly and consistently display the values of our school.

We will be selling Remembrance Day Merchandise on behalf of the RSL. The items are priced as follows: 50c for small poppy badges, $2 for larger poppy badges, $3 for wrist bands and $4 for Poppy Bag Tags

**The Lion King- Kids: Tickets**

We would like to remind parents that the Hazelwood North Primary School Production for 2016 will be Disney’s ‘The Lion King (Kids)’. This will be performed at the Lowanna Secondary College Auditorium on Thursday 10th November. There will be an open Dress Rehearsal at 12.30pm and one evening performance starting at 6.30pm

**Entry to the Dress Rehearsal is by gold coin donation.**

**The ticket price is $10 per seat.** Young children may enter for free if they will be seated on an adult’s lap.

**Tickets are selling fast** so make sure you come into the office and collect your tickets.
F/1W Preview

School musical week has arrived!!!! I know the students are looking forward to the performance and they have been showing responsibility through listening and concentrating on learning their dance moves. Please ensure permission forms are handed in if not already done so.

Please ensure your child’s costume is in a labelled bag, with their name also on each item of clothing.

This week we will be looking at the following topics;

**Maths** – Chance and probability; what is the chance of events happening, for example; likely, unlikely. We will continuing to work on counting sequences such as counting by 2s, 5s, 10s. The grade 1s have been learning to count by 10s and 5s from different numbers.

**Reading** – we will be continuing to look at information reports and learning about the reading strategies of; Using text features – eg titles, headings, captions, graphic features and using pictures, illustrations and diagrams.

What do these reading strategies mean?

*Using pictures, illustrations and diagrams* – readers increase their vocabulary by paying attention to pictures, illustrations and diagrams. They use the context of the story, their background knowledge of what is being read, at at times infer to gain meaning of the word and text. Illustrations give clues about the meaning of words and text. Paying attention to the pictures may concern the meaning of words.

*Using text features* – eg titles, headings, captions, graphic features – non-fiction text contain common features such as titles, headings and subheadings, indexes, diagrams, maps etc. Readers recognise and use these features to help them understand what they are reading.

**Spelling** – the foundation students will be continuing with spelling simple 3 letter words (consonant/vowel/consonant words) such as hat, mat, big and revising the letters of the alphabet. The grade 1 students will be looking at ‘oi’ and ‘oy’ words.

Thank you again to all the parents, especially Tanya Tutin for helping complete the masks for the Lion King production. Your help is much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday night.

Amy and Kelly
1/2S Preview

Wow! Week 6 already! Something very exciting is happening this week. Do you know what it is? That’s right, our school production of ‘The Lion King’!

Reading and Writing

Last week in Reading, we continued to read our class novel for this term, ‘Charlotte’s Web’. We have been looking closely at the characters in the story, analysing their thoughts and actions so that we can work out what kind of a character they are. We discussed Templeton the rat and how we can tell, based on his actions (at this point in the story) that he is not a very nice character.

In Writing, we began to draft our very own informative text about an animal of our choice. Students worked collaboratively to share ideas, and continued to develop their knowledge and understanding of the features of non-fiction texts. This week, we will follow the writing process to create published copies of our information reports.

Mathematics

As last week was a short week, we consolidated our learning of telling the time to the quarter hour. We also engaged in some place value games requiring us to use various strategies to read and add multi-digit numbers. This week in maths, we will be learning about chance and probability, and describing the likelihood of events happening using the language of ‘certain’, ‘likely’, ‘unlikely’ and ‘impossible’. At home, discuss with your child the likelihood of events occurring in their everyday lives, encouraging them to explain their reasoning.

Inquiry

Last week, we learnt about producers and consumers. We continued to work collaboratively to construct our goods and services within our classroom community. It is fantastic to see the amount of curiosity students are showing, and their willingness to try a different way of thinking/doing when something doesn’t quite work out the way we planned. This week, we will learn more about producers and consumers within our local and wider communities.

Our Show and Share topic for this week is: Australian animals.

Miss Stockdale ☺
Language: We will examine the rules and styles of writing a complaint letter. The students will be examining various examples of complaint letters and also looking at Australian Consumer Laws and how they apply particularly to goods and services that our students use: for example, they may have purchased a faulty Ipad from an overseas seller. How do we structure a complaint letter to resolve the faulty purchase? Are there any legal avenues we can follow? Discuss with your child any experiences you may have had with faulty goods and the term “warranty” – what it means.

We continue our persuasive advertising and examining the authorial techniques used in a variety of media advertisements.

Maths: As our inquiry unit is based on finance and business, maths will continue to focus on money and financial matters. We are revising percentages and revisiting chance. The students have been working on 3 Dimensional representation in building and drawing cubed shapes and assigning cost values for each face of their cubed shapes in order to work out the cost of a building. You can practice this at home by giving a value per side or wall in your own home and asking your child to calculate the value of their house. They can research the average cost per square to build a new home then calculate rebuilding your house in today’s dollars.

Maths Mates sheets are available for students to take home from the classroom. Answers are attached to the newsletter for families to correct together at home.

Spelling: The students continue in their targeted word study / spelling groups this term. Ask your child about what spelling strategies and words they are studying and practice these at home both written and orally. We have been focusing on Homophones – words which sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings. We are also revising possessive apostrophes – “John’s dog” John owns the dog.

Inquiry

Our students have been busy completing their cardboard arcade games which they will present and conduct during our Games Expo this week in the Grove leading up to our school production where they will host their games in the foyer before the production actually begins.

Please come and visit our Grove Games Arcade to play the different games. There is a very small charge per game play. The Games Expo will be conducted each morning recess and lunchtime except for Thursday when we will be all at Lowanna College practicing our School Production in readiness for the final show on Thursday night.

Could you please ensure your child reads regularly. The expectation is that students read for at least 20 minutes per day.
Arcade Games Expo!

**Location** The Grove (Gr: 3,4,5,6 Central Area)

**Time:** Morning Recess and Lunchtime: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri

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Thankyou,

The Games Arcade Crew!

**FUNDRAISING for 2016**

Profits from Fundraising go towards new IT equipment and a new roof for the Office building.
Thank you for your support.

**LUNCH – HOT DOG - 4th November**

Thanks to all those that ordered goods for Lunch and thanks to those that assisted behind the scenes for this event.

**LION KING**

The Candy Bar at Lion King this year will be run by Lowanna Parents and Friends Club. We will have our Christmas Raffle available for you to purchase tickets, this will be drawn at the end of the year.

Once again I thank everybody for your support of our events throughout the year.