

Newsletter

Adaminaby Public School

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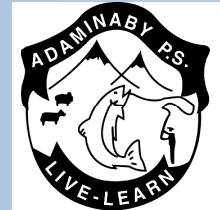
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Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 7th May 2013

Athletics Carnival

Due to some difficulties in securing a free day at the Snowy Oval in Cooma, we decided to change the venue this year. The Athletics Carnival will be held at Nimmitabel School, this Thursday, the 9th May. P&C have kindly offered to cover the cost of using the bus to transport our students to Nimmitabel. Unfortunately the slightly extra distance means quite an early departure. Students need to be at the school by 8:10 for a prompt **8:15am departure**. Students will return by normal home time. Please still return your permission notes, disregarding the private vehicle details, and any cost associated with travelling with another parent. The bus will be of no charge to families, as it is being fully covered by the P&C.

Term 2 Overview

Term 2 will be an exciting term in the classrooms, with teachers using time in the holidays to plan engaging programs to provide unique teaching and learning opportunities for students. Here is an overview of what students will be focusing on this term:

English focus will be on Narratives. We will be looking at authors Pamela Allen and Roald Dahl in the K-2 group and will have a Roald Dahl theme in the 3-6 group. Student's writing will be centred around producing descriptive writing and the structure of a narrative. Grammar focus will be varied throughout the different stage groups but will be influenced by grammar used in narratives and will include use of adjectives, nouns and noun groups, using speech in our writing, correct use of apostrophes and plurals and suffixes. Spelling will be based on a different sound each week. Coming up in the next few weeks
Week 2 **g** as in **gate**, **g** as in **giant** and **j** as in **jam**
Week 3 **h** as in **hand**
Week 4 **l** as in **leg**
Week 5 **u** as in **bus**

Maths will continue to include all strands over the weeks of the term and be giving students opportunities to learn with a hands on approach, as well as practising skills and strategies in their workbooks.

Coming up in the next few weeks is Mass, Time and Money as well as a constant focus on counting and strategies for Numeracy.

Our COGs (Connected Outcome Group) units will cover **HSIE** and **Science and Technology** outcomes and our themes this term are: *Our Needs, Products and Services* and *Global and Social Issues*. We will look at an excursion into Cooma at the end of the term to enhance the learning of these themes, with visit ideas including the post office, police station, fire station, Birdsnest and The Lott foodstore.

Creative Arts Gill will continue with music groups on alternate weeks, focusing on guitar and percussion instruments. Bob has some exciting projects lined up for woodwork on Fridays and visual arts lessons will be influenced by our English and COGs themes.

PDHPE, will include our 15 minute daily fitness and skills sessions and weekly sport. This term we are also having weekly **Peer Support** lessons, with this term's theme being **Relationships – how to be a good friend**.



Education &
Communities

Homework will be set weekly and checked on a Monday. Home Reading is a big part of our homework schedule, with students encouraged to read every night. Please continue to use the Reading Log books to track home reading. These are checked on a Monday. Students who have not completed at least 3 nights of home reading, use their lunch time play period to do some reading. Students in years 1 – 6 are also required this term to complete the set page/s in their maths homework book and the activities on their spelling sheet each week. These are also checked on a Monday.

Library will be Mondays for the k-2 group and Wednesdays for the 3-6 group. Students may also be given time to borrow from the mobile library when it visits on alternate weeks, if requested.

Scripture will remain on Friday mornings.

NAPLAN

Our year 3 students will be sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week.

There is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. This year the dates for these tests are **Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May, and Thursday 16th May.**

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

Semester 1 School Reports

All going to plan, Semester 1 reports are due to be given out on the 21st June, with parent teacher interviews during week 9.



Our Kitchen/Garden program dates this term will be 23rd May, 6th June and 20th June.

Monday Munchies

Munchies are 30 cents for one item and 50 cents for two.

Next up on the roster are:

13 th May	Todkill and Bogatek
20 th May	Hain and Turner

Assembly

Our next assembly will be **17th May**. Future assembly dates throughout the term will be 31st May, 14th June and 28th June

Active After School Sports

This term we have organised Basketball with Sally Connolly. Mr Bogatek will be the supervising teacher and the sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons starting on 14th May and continuing each Tuesday of the term. The sessions will start straight after school and will include a healthy snack. Students need to be picked up from school at 4:30pm. The attached permission note needs to be completed and handed in to participate.

P&C Meeting

There will be a P&C meeting this Wednesday, 8th May in the school library at 5:30pm. All welcome.

Mothers Day Stall

The P&C is once again organising a Mother's Day stall. There will be small gifts for students to buy for their mums. There will be a range of prices, with all gifts being under \$5. Students who would like to purchase a gift need to bring in their money to buy an item at the stall on **Friday**.

Small Schools Fun Day

This term we are travelling to Numeralla to get together with our friends at other small schools. Numeralla is hosting a sport themed day, which will address aspects of our PDHPE syllabus.

They have some exciting workshops lined up including one with some members of the Canberra Raiders, the South Coast Tennis Association and the Monaro District Cricket Association. The Raiders will also be conducting an anti bullying session.

The permission note will be sent home in the coming week.

Harry Nichols Shield

Last Friday Musa Hudson played rugby league in the Harry Nichols Shield. He was the only player representing Adaminaby Public School. Musa had the chance to play 3 games, of which he said his team lost 2 but won 1. As part of his efforts he was presented with some footballs to donate to the school. Thank you Musa!

Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	9 th May	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday-Thursday	14 th -16 th May	NAPLAN
Tuesday	21 st May	District Athletics
Thursday	23 rd May	Kitchen Garden Day
Wednesday	29 th May	Small Schools Fun Day - Numeralla

Recent Notes Handed Out

Note	Return to school by:
Athletics Carnival	Tuesday 7 th May
After School Sports	Monday 13 th May
Monday Munchies Roster	N/A

Monaro High School Musical

Thursday 23rd – Saturday 25th May

'Singing in the Rain' Monaro High School Musical
Cooma Little Theatre, 7.30pm, Thu, Fri & Sat night performances.

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 kids, available from Cooma Visitors Centre (Contact Ph: 64551742)