This week is Food Allergy Week and the theme is “Be Aware. Show You Care.” Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates. In fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy. Here at Sturt, we work very hard to keep the school a healthy one as part of our Live Life Well @ School program. Our canteen is a healthy canteen and Mrs Klimpsch, our canteen operator ensures that a number of food allergies are catered for each and every day of the year. (Congratulations to Mrs Klimpsch for her outstanding radio interview on on-line ordering. How lucky we are to have her.)

On Wednesday, our students came to school in red, white and blue mufti clothes as they raised funds for the Nepal Earthquake victims. As a multicultural school we have a number of students who have family members or friends who have been affected by the disaster, so our SRC organised the mufti day to raise awareness and give support. Thank you to all who supported this cause and to the SRC and Miss Wood for their organisation.

Tonight, we have five of our senior students competing in the Wagga Rotary Public Speaking Final. This followed an in-school competition with all participants to be recognised by Rotary for their efforts. Public Speaking is one of our Engagement and Enrichment activities to build student leadership and confidence. Another opportunity to build student leadership will be the GRIP Leadership course at CSU next Tuesday. Twenty senior students are fortunate enough to have this opportunity to hear about the skills of effective leadership. Thank you to Mrs Rhonda Seaman for co-ordinating both these events.

We wish our Dance Group the best of luck tomorrow as they compete in the Wagga Dance Eisteddfod. This group have been trained by Miss Rose and Mrs Gooden and have already had the honour of being selected for this year’s Riverina Dance Festival to be held in Albury on Friday 5th June.

We also wish our Mortimer Shield teams the best of luck next Tuesday. The Girls League Tag and Boys League teams have been training for this popular event and we know they will represent our school with pride. Thank you to Miss Brasier and Mrs Imrie for organising this event.

Reading is an important component of our learning and all students have been reminded that the Premiers Reading Challenge has begun. It is expected that every student register and begin reading the set books, along with some of their choice. If more information is needed for this event Mrs Nelson, our Teacher Librarian for Term 2, is only too happy to assist. Next Wednesday at 11.00am, our students will once again be involved in the National Simultaneous Storytime. At this time, students across the nation join together in their schools and read the same book. This year it is “The Brothers Quibble”. This has proved to be a popular event and we thank Mrs Nelson and Mrs Livio for leading this session.

Mrs Kerry Barker, Principal

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children from the age of six years. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open. Schools are responsible for maintaining an accurate record of student attendance. A small number of absences may be justified throughout the school year for the following reasons:

- Your child is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.
- Your child has to go to a special religious ceremony.
- Your child is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (eg. a funeral).

If your child is absent from school you are required to notify the school of the reason for their absence. A note indicating your child’s name, class, date of absence and a reason needs to be returned to the school within 5 school days.

If your child is late for school, they need to go to the front office and get a late note. These are absences and need to be explained the same as whole days.

Our school times are: Start 9:15am End 3:15pm

Debbie Imrie
(Learning Support Coordinator)
NARRATIVE WRITING IN DARLING

The students in Darling have been studying the author Colin Thiele. To improve their narrative writing, the students have been replicating Colin Thiele’s writing style. These are some of the opening paragraphs from the students’ narratives. Students have tried to use nouns, verbs, adjectives, comparatives, superlatives and similes.

**MAROONA BEACH**

Tasmin lived in a flash house in New Zealand along the Maroona Beach. His home was surrounded by waves, sand, kiwis and people, along with birds chirping, dogs barking and people surfing. All day and all night waves crashed like lightning striking and the most horrific noise was heard.

The only person who came near Tasmin’s house was Reign who was always at Maroona Beach. She was a regular lifeguard at the beach. Reign had noticed that Tasmin didn’t get out much and didn’t have many visitors. One day Reign whipped up a lasagne and delivered it to Tasmin’s house. Tasmin invited Reign in and they enjoyed their meal. After the meal, Reign pulled out a surprise from her bag. She gave Tasmin some extraordinary kiwi feathers because she knew he had a strong love for kiwis. Kiwis were often around the beach and they were the number one reason Tasmin ever left his house. After that night, Tasmin decided to make a little Kiwi feather artwork on the main wall of the beach so everyone would notice how beautiful and important the birds were.

One long, ghastly night, a group of troublemakers came running along the beach trying to catch a kiwi. They noticed the artwork and knocked it off the wall. They started to kick it around and all the feathers flew off and some stuck in the sand. Reign heard the terrifying noises and ran like a gunshot with her whistle and surfboard.

When she arrived at the beach, she saw Tasmin’s beautiful artwork torn into pieces. She was as angry as a shark caught in a shark net. She shoed the group away and grabbed as many of the feathers as she could find. Before sunrise Reign had rebuilt the monument.

By Makaylee Year 6

**SEAGULLS**

Big Bob lived in a beach hut. His home was surrounded by drift wood and smooth shells. Along the beach were seagulls and blue bottles. All day and all night the waves crashed loudly and the seagulls squawked constantly.

There was also an old lady named Maggie who walked up and down the beach feeding the seagulls stale bread.

One day Big Bob was sick so Maggie visited him and gave him some hot, homemade soup. Big Bob was so grateful that he went to the store and bought all the bread so that Maggie could feed the seagulls whenever she wanted.

The next day, three teenagers came to the beach and scared away all the seagulls. Big Bob tried everything to get the seagulls back but it didn’t work.

When Maggie came to the beach she looked around and saw that there were no seagulls. She was devastated. She walked out to the middle of the beach and sprinkled some bread onto the smooth, soft sand. Big Bob could see seagulls flying in the air and then they all landed around Maggie. The birds ate it up as fast as bullets.

The next day Big Bob and Maggie came outside and watched all the sea gulls flying around as the waves crashed against the rocks. Big Bob put up a NO TRESPASSING sign at the front of the beach so they would never be bothered again.

By Todd Year 6

**FERN**

Billy lived in a small bungalow deep in the Canadian forest. His home was surrounded by thick, dense forest and mile high pine trees. All day and all night he smelt the refreshing, calming smell of damp pine trees.

The only other person in the vicinity was Tim. He had a camp just up from the waterfall that was a feeding ground for deer. Of course Billy didn’t like Tim, because he was a hunter.

One day Billy woke up to gunshots and ran hurriedly to Tim’s camp. Streams of tears flooded from his eyes when he saw a puddle of blood, then falling streams turning red as roses and gently flowing away. Billy’s face went red with anger and disgust.

The little baby deer was only just breathing. Shot in the leg, Billy ripped off his dressing gown and ran home, holding the deer close to his heart.

By Todd Year 6

**ANNA SAVES THE DAY**

Anna lived on a farm near Wagga Wagga. Her home was built close to an open bush. Her house was surrounded by snakes all summer long. All day and all night she could hear the trees blowing like the wild sea.

The only other person who came over to Anna’s house was her friend Tom. He lived 70 metres away from Anna’s farm. They would always go into the bush together looking for animals they hadn’t seen before. One day it got so hot that they had to build a little shelter for themselves.

A few days later, Tom and Anna took a craft box over to the shelter. The box had string, an Australian flag, scissors, a stapler and two clips. Anna and Tom decided to look for some extremely long sticks to make an Australian flag pole. They got working and constructed a pole to hang the flag from. They dug a round hole and positioned the pole into the ground. They put the flag pole up and there it was, a homemade flag, you could see a mile away.

One extremely cold night, Anna heard a group of teenage boys stomping very loudly through the bush.

By Imogene Year 5
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Lincoln Banksia

For his outstanding effort and attitude towards his learning.

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**SPORTS REPORT**

- Ruby, Jeremy and Sam are representing Wagga PSSA in their chosen sports of Touch & Netball.
- Good luck to our students competing in the Cross Country, Mortimer Shield, Athletics, Boys Softball & Netball next week.
- Makaylee, Sam & Jeremy are Representing Riverina in their chosen sports of Hockey & Aussie Rules. Well done to these students.
- Congratulations to Macauley, Jeremy & Riley (reserve) who have been selected to represent Riverina in Rugby Union.

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**THE OUTBACK**

By Samantha Year 5

Phoebe lived just out of Tennant Creek in the outback. Her home was surrounded by dry trees and leaves. There was a half burnt down house close by. All day and all night you could hear the strong wind like the sound of thunder.

The only other person who lived near Phoebe was Cold Cooked Tom. He lived in the half burnt down house next to Phoebe’s property. Cold Cooked Tom got his name because he lived in the burnt down house. In winter the house was as cold as snow and in summer it was like being cooked in a frying pan.

One day Cold Cooked Tom brought his broken hose to Phoebe’s front door because it was summer and he feared there could be a bushfire. When she opened the door Cold Cooked Tom was there. She said “How can I help you Cold Cooked Tom?”. Tom replied “Could you help me fix my broken hose just in case of a fire?”. “Sure” replied Phoebe.

One freezing night, a gang of teenagers were walking up to Phoebe’s property near Cold Cooked Tom’s house. Tom woke up when he heard a noise. Then he saw the flame of a lighter. Tom ran up to Phoebe’s house and knocked on the door. He whispered “Phoebe, Phoebe, come quick!”. “What is it, Tom?” replied Phoebe. “There are about six teenagers over there playing with a lighter”. “Where are they?” replied Phoebe. “They are around the corner of my house across from the creek”. “Let’s go up there and have a look at what they’re doing” whispered Cold Cooked Tom. As Tom and Phoebe were walking, all they could see was a flickering flame. When they got there the gang of boys were just laughing and laughing so Cold Cooked Tom yelled, “OI GET OUT OF HERE. THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY”.

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**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

Awarded for Class Achievement

Term 2—Week 4

**HOW 2 Learn Awards**

Awarded for weekly habit or disposition

Term 2—Week 4

**RED CARD AWARDS**

 Behaviour, Participation and Citizenship

Term 2—Week 4

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**Quality Engagement Activity**

This week in QEA-Science we have been blowing up balloons, making cupcakes and exploding sandwich bags. The students explored carbon dioxide through mixing bicarb soda and white vinegar.

Mr Bernie Ward

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**P & C NEWS**

**DISCO—19TH JUNE, 2015**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

6.30-8.00PM

If anyone would like to help organise the disco please contact Marianne on 0408 682 985

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**CLOTHING POOL**

Orders need to be in by Friday 29th May. Orders will take up to 2 weeks after this date for delivery.

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**SPORTS DATES**

**MAY 2015**

Monday 25th
Wagga PSSA Cross Country
Tuesday 26th
Stage 3 Mortimer Shield
Wednesday 27th
Wagga PSSA Athletics
Friday 29th
Boys Softball Knockout
Friday 29th
NSW PSSA Netball Knockout

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**KID’S SAFETY ON THE FARM**

DOWNSIDE HALL—Downside Village Rd
Sunday 31st May 2015, 12.00-3.00pm
RSVP: www.facebook.com/downsidehall
tractonnorth@bigpond.com or 0427 200 599

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**STAGE 1 ROBOTICS**

The Stage 1 Robotics students have been demonstrating the How2Learn strategy of Resilience this term. Although at times they felt like giving up they stayed connected to their learning and showed great Perseverance when faced with new learning challenges. The inquiry-based lessons challenge students as they build, investigate, problem solve, discuss, and evaluate scientific and design principles in action with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) concepts.'

Mr Bernie Ward

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**WEEK 6 MEAL DEALS**

**MONDAY**

As normal—Soup is Tomato & Basil

**TUESDAY LUNCH**

Spaghetti & Meatballs
$4.00

**WEDNESDAY RECESS**

Cupcake Day—Cupcake and Milo
$2.00

**THURSDAY LUNCH**

Meatball Sub and Icecream Scoop
(Meatballs, tom based sauce & cheese on a hotdog roll)
$4.00

**FRIDAY K-2 SPECIAL LUNCH**

3 Nuggets, tomato sauce, 1/2 toasted cheese sandwich and Jelly
$3.00