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## Term 3 Week 6 2023

### Shane's Scribble



School life continues to be busy, with many events and activities taking place for students across all grades K-6. The following list captures many of the events that have been happening in and across our school over the past 5 weeks.

- SRC participation at the Vietnam Veteran's and Victory in the Pacific commemorations
- Wear Orange in support of anti-bullying and the National Day of Action against bullying
- Green & Gold for the Matilda's Day
- Congratulations to our Senior Boys basketball team who beat Lightning Ridge PS and are now off to the regional final.
- Clay days continue for students.
- Ryan Kinnear and Mr Migheli spent last week at the PSSA State Championships in Nelson Bay.
- Kindergarten's 100 days of school
- Support Unit excursion to see the helicopter 'Huey' as part of the Vietnam Veteran's commemorations.
- K-6P excursion to Thalgarrah
- Sapphire Community of Schools Education Week Awards
- The Super Science Circus Show
- Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Book Week parade – what wonderful dress ups we saw!
- Tyra Wilson participated as part of the PSSA State Netball Championships in Port Macquarie
- Our boy's football (soccer) team defeated Narrabri West PS to progress to the next round.

- Our senior netball team defeated Narrabri PS for the chance to play Coonamble PS in the PSSA knockouts.

I wish to take this moment to celebrate the staff who make the many extra activities that happening in our school. Each of these events has required some additional planning and preparation, but certainly adds value to the educational opportunities of our students. The time outside of working hours, especially where travel and time away from home and family is required, are sacrifices staff undertake to enrich the lives of our students. On behalf of our students and families, I celebrate these ongoing efforts by staff to provide a rich and diverse education for our students.

### Education Week Awards:

The Sapphire Community of School's Education Week awards were held on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> August at the Inverell RSM Club. The ceremony is an opportunity for our collective schools to celebrate the achievements of a student, a staff member, and a member of our wider community. In 2023 we had some wonderful nominations, which required careful consideration to determine our award recipients. Our congratulations go out as follows:

- Outstanding Achievement by a Student – Callum Walls
- Outstanding Achievement by a Staff Member – James Frankham
- Outstanding Achievement by a Community Member – Lyndal Barnes

Each of these people should be proud of their recognition, but it really does take so much more than just three people to make our school the success that it is. There are a large number of students who take up this opportunity and we celebrate these students. Last week however we had two students who have attended reading club 100 times in 2023. Jack Groth of 2A was the first to reach 100 visits, followed closely by Isabelle

### Read, Read, Read:

I love the mantra that the best way to become a better reader is to read, read, read. One of the offerings within our school is the reading club, where staff make themselves available to students before school to listen to and support students with their reading. We have a number of students who make the most of these opportunities. Of particular note are our first two students to have visited reading club 100 times in 2023, Jack Groth of 2A was the first to reach 100 visits, followed closely by Isabelle Laidlaw of 1F.

## Enrolments and planning for 2024:

To ensure our school continues to grow and evolve with a commitment to providing a quality education for all students it is imperative that we manage both the here and now, but also cast an eye toward the future. We continue to welcome enrolment enquiries and applications for all grades K-6. If you know of any families seeking enrolment, please encourage them to reach out so we can factor these changes into our future planning.

Part of our future planning also requires staff to evaluate what we already do to determine what is working well, what are obstacles to our success and what new or different things can we undertake to enhance our school and the provisions of a strong education for our students.

*Until I next write....*

*Shane Fletcher*

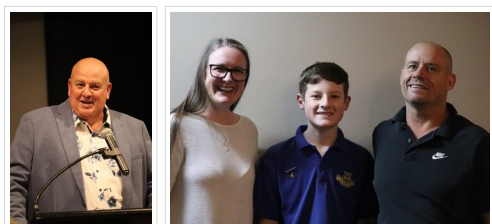
*Relieving Principal*

## Sapphire Community of Schools Award Ceremony

Wednesday 2nd August the Sapphire Community of Schools held the annual Education Week Award Ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of students, staff and community members to public education. The evening was hosted by Ross Hill Public School and we were privileged to have our Director, Educational Leadership, Ms Theresa Miles, as special guest to attend and present the awards.

**Congratulations** to Callum Walls, Mr James Frankham and Mrs Lyndall Barnes, the recipients of this years Ross Hill Public School Education Week awards.

Thank you to Mr Fletcher, Mrs Turner, Mr Alliston and Uncle Kelvin Brown for organising and contributing to make this event the highlight of Education Week 2023.



## New School Bytes Finance System

***We are excited to announce our school transitioned to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 15 August 2023!***

***What this means for you***

- We can advise you that all payments can now resume
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (***Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>***)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as 0SCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

## ***What is the School Bytes portal***

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

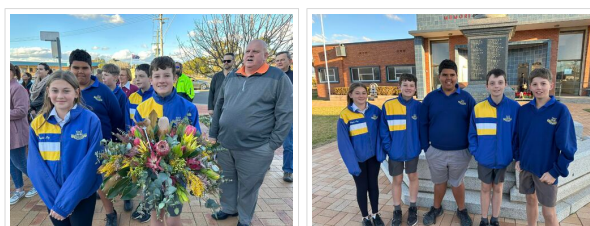
Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

***The school will provide parents and carers with more information as soon as it is available.***

## Vietnam Veteran's Commemorations

Our student leaders attended the Vietnam Veteran's and Victory in the Pacific commemorations this afternoon. They laid a wreath on behalf of our school to show our appreciation and respect.



## Reading Club News

***Congratulations*** to Cooper, Chad and Nell who received a book prize today for 50 visits to Reading Club!



Jack and Isabelle received an extra special prize for reaching 100 visits! An outstanding achievement! Well done and keep on reading!



## Senior boys Basketball

*Congratulations to our Senior Boys Basketball team.* Today they played Lightning Ridge PS in the Regional Semi-Finals and came away with a convincing 45-13 victory! Great skill and sportsmanship were displayed, the boys were focussed and played well together.

A well-earned win for their coach and manager Ms Cutmore. Thanks to Ms Cutmore, Mr Harris, referees-Rachel and Matilda and the Lightning Ridge players and coach. The team now advance to the Regional Finals against Timbumburi Public School.

## RHPS Senior Basketball Team



## 2F Clay Day

2F had an enjoyable 'clay day' with Mrs Walburn today! Some amazing creations!



## Canberra Excursion

For parents of Year 6 children attending the Canberra Excursion :

The Canberra excursion is now full. If for some reason your child can no longer attend the excursion, could you please inform Miss Turner or the school office as soon as possible to allow for wait listed students to move on the excursion list.

### Key Dates:

- The medical and dietary notes are due by *Friday 11th August*.
- Final Canberra payments are due *Friday 25th August*. No payments will be accepted after this date.

## Kindergarten Garden Party

**Kindergarten**  
**GARDEN PARTY**

Kindergarten families and children starting school in 2024 are invited. Come and enjoy a variety of garden-themed activities in our YCDI garden.

**Tuesday 5th September**  
**9:30 - 12 noon**

Come dressed in gardening clothes.

## Kindergarten 2024 Enrolments

**ENROLMENT NOW OPEN**

Now accepting students for Kindergarten 2024!

Collect an enrolment pack today

To learn more call the school  
**0267 222 475**

## Wanted - Tins with lids

*We are in need of some tins with lids, if you have any that you could give to the school it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you*

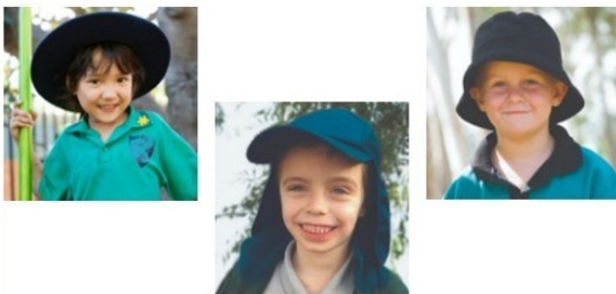


Lets be sunsmart this summer !

## Sunsmart Snippet

Choose a sun smart hat.

**A broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat is a simple, effective way to protect your face, head, neck and ears.**



Wearing a sun smart hat everyday protects your face, head, neck and ears, and reduces the amount of UV radiation reaching your eyes by 50%.

Baseball caps and sun visors DO NOT protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

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