Welcome to Week 6!

**CANBERRA CAMP:**
Our Centenary camp to Canberra last week was a roaring success! The children’s behaviour in and around our capital city was exemplary, with many ‘Oooohs’ and ‘Aaaahs’ on the planes as well as at the various venues. For parents of those children, we have a spare camp t-shirt for sale (size 14). Please see me if you are interested in purchasing the shirt. Also, if parents would like to see all the photos taken on camp, please send along a named USB stick so I can load them all on.

**SURFING:**
There are still two more surfing days to go, for all students in Years 4-7. If you plan to take your child to Agnes Water beach on either of the two days (22 & 29 November), please let us know. Our bus will arrive at the beach at approximately 10.00am.

**SWIMMING:**
Congratulations to our Prep-Year 3s on their fantastic efforts in the pool last week. By all reports, their swimming skills improved significantly across the eight lessons.

**DISCO**
On Friday night, commencing at 5.00pm, the Year 3/4 class will hold a Fancy Dress disco. The cost of the evening will be $5.00, with money raised used to purchase fish ‘n’ chips on the last surfing day (29th November) for all students, both at school and at the beach. Children are encouraged to wear a costume that relates to a character from a book or a movie.

**BUNNINGS BBQ**
Our P&C has been fortunate enough to be allocated a BBQ slot at Bunnings in Bundaberg. The P&C needs your help! This is an opportunity to raise a lot of money; the more help we get, the easier it is on the helpers. Please let Debbie Little know of your availability … even an hour of your time will make a BIG difference.
LITERACY FOCUS
Following analysis of our NAPLAN data, from this and previous years, it has become apparent that our children need some more focused practice with inferential reading comprehension. How can you help your child with reading? Here are a few tips:

A Few Easy Ways to Improve Reading Skills

**Set aside a regular time to read to your children every day.** Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words. Whether your children are preschoolers or preteens, it will increase their desire to read independently.

**Surround your children with reading material.** Children with a large array of reading materials in their homes score higher on standardized tests. Tempt your kids to read by having a large supply of appealing books and magazines at their reading level. Put the reading materials in cars, bathrooms, bedrooms, and even by the TV.

**Have a family reading time.** Establish a daily 15 to 30 minute time when everyone in the family reads together silently. Seeing you read will inspire your children to read. Just 15 minutes of daily practice is sufficient to increase their reading fluency.

**Encourage a wide variety of reading activities.** Make reading an integral part of your children’s lives. Have them read menus, roadside signs, game directions, weather reports, movie time listings, and other practical everyday information. Also, make sure they always have something to read in their spare time when they could be waiting for appointments or riding in a car.

**Show enthusiasm for your children's reading.** Your reaction has a great influence on how hard they will try to become good readers. Be sure to give them genuine praise for their efforts.

Have a great week!

Jeanne Cross
Principal

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Lowmead State School

Open Day
Garage Sale
Car Boot Sale
Saturday 16th November
8.00am start
Queensland term dates - 2014

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Friday 15th November**: Fancy Dress Disco, 5.00-7.00pm, $5
- **Saturday 16th November**: Bunnings BBQ
- **Thursday 21st November**: Immersion
- **Thursday 21st November**: Year 7 Transition – Rosedale High School
- **Friday 22nd November**: Surfing, Years 4-7
- **Tuesday 26th November**: Christmas pantomime, P-2 class, Moncrieff Theatre, Bundaberg
- **Friday 29th November**: Surfing, Years 4-7
- **Tuesday 3rd December**: Awards Evening
- **Thursday 5th December**: Immersion
- **Thursday 5th December**: Year 7 Transition – Rosedale High School
- **Friday 13th December**: Last day of Term 4
- **Tuesday 28th January**: First school day of 2014

**DISCO**

**Friday 15th November**

- **$5**
- **5.00-7.00pm**
- Fancy Dress

**CANBERRA CAMP PHOTOS**

- **TOP LEFT**: at the Australian War Memorial
- **TOP CENTRE**: Kylie and Bella in the Australian Electoral Centre
- **TOP RIGHT**: Dylan learns about aeration at Questacon
- **BOTTOM LEFT**: Jess enjoys her watermelon ice-block in Sydney
- **BOTTOM RIGHT**: Donna, Allan (bus driver), Mr & Mrs Pascoe enjoy lunch in the park in Sydney
Scott, Lanah, Ricky, Jasmine and Indiana enjoyed their time in the surf last week.