This week our school has undergone our review. This has been an intense but rewarding process.

WELCOME
This week we welcome Sam Hayes to our school. Sam is joining Grade 1E.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
Our student conferences will be held next week. All parents will receive a confirmation note of the day and time of their child’s conference. These conferences are to celebrate achievements as well as to discuss areas for further development.

A crèche will be operating in the computer room and the library on all three evenings.

PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 9th August is a pupil free day for all state primary schools across Sunraysia. All teachers will be participating in professional learning on the Ultranet, an online learning community for staff and students. This is an exciting approach to learning in the 21st century.

PREP ENROLMENTS
We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep and new students for 2011. If you have a child who will be starting school next year, or you know of someone who would like to enrol their child at our school, please ask for an enrolment form at the office. We would like all enrolments completed by the 30th August so that we can start planning for 2011.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Our school will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program, raising money for the Heart Foundation. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. Students are being asked to gather sponsorship from family and friends that will be donated to the Heart Foundation. On Friday August 6th, the children will be involved in a Jump Off. This will be a whole school activity to celebrate the conclusion of the Jump Rope for Heart program. Sponsorship forms will be sent home today and we encourage the children to start collecting their donations.
In last week’s newsletter the 19 pieces of work that were chosen from our school for the Special Forever project were announced. Sophie Thompson’s (3/4C/) artwork was also selected.

A large selection of the Special Forever writing and art work from the Mildura area will be on display in the Access Gallery at the Arts Centre until August 29th, 2010.

An invitation is extended to all students and parents to go and have a look. Student entry into the gallery is free.

This week Grade 4/5S, 5/6M and 5/6P have been looking at fossils and how they are made. It takes millions of years! So instead we made our own fossils in an hour using plaster! We made an indentation in sand and filled it with plaster. Next week we will become palaeontologists and uncover our very own fossils!

What have you been learning in ICT?

I know how to find good games. I go on to Firefox and type ‘plants vs zombies’ into Google. The second one is the best game.

Sophie Driscoll, 1M

I have been learning to make my stories look good. Mrs Branson told me how to put borders on my work and I did it!

Aiden McKinnon, 2C

I have been transporting my work, such as Garage Band, into my Student Led Conference folder. I remembered how to do this from last time.

Macey Herbert, 4/5S

Families are invited to attend Pasadena Pre-school OPEN DAY 3-6PM Tuesday August 10th

We are centrally located between San Mateo and Deakin Ave at 115 Pasadena Grove, Mildura

Come and see us and discover what Kinder is all about!
Our programs include-
*Pre-Kinder Groups (3-4 y.o)
*Kinder Groups (4-5 y.o)

FREE term fees for Health Care Card Holders in Kinder Group only (Deposit required)

FREE Pre-Kinder and Kinder sessions for Indigenous children

We are now taking enrolments for 2011

For any inquiries please phone 50231105

FOR SALE
Two big friendly white rabbits. $10 each. If you are interested phone Jai on 50243617.

JUNIOR HOCKEY
Sunraysia Hockey Association’s Under 9 and Under 11 competitions are up and running on Saturdays in Term 3. Under 9’s play at 11:10am and Under 11’s at 11:50am each Saturday.

New players are always welcome. Children are invited to come along at the appropriate time on a Saturday and they will be allocated to a team. Hockey sticks are available for loan. Coaches will ensure that new players are introduced to the skills of the game. Games are six-a-side, quarter-field. Results are not recorded and there are no ladders for these competitions.

The season will conclude on Saturday 28 August with a ‘gala’ session. There is no charge to participate in Under 9 or Under 11 hockey.

Games are played at the hockey pitch, Old Aero Ovals Sporting Complex, Eleventh Street, Mildura. Access is via the baseball entrance off Eleventh Street, or the soccer entrance off Flora Avenue.

Several Under 13 Boys and Under 13 Girls teams have vacancies for new players. Contact Alison Curry from Sunraysia Hockey Association (0408 257 155) for further information.
**Student Awards**

To be presented on Friday 23rd July

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**Problem Puzzles**

There were no entries for last week’s puzzle. How many entries can we get for this week? Use the problem solving process to help you. Write your answer on a small piece of paper and place it in the box in the office, by Wednesday 28th.

**Problem Solving Process**

1. Understand the problem
2. Make a plan
3. Carry out the plan
4. Look back, “Am I right?”

I am a 3 digit even number
I have a 7 in the tens column
All of my digits are different
I am less than 400
What number might I be?

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to Kelly Rayner and Aaron Montgomery who competed in the State Cross Country Titles in Melbourne last week.

Kelly came 83rd in his 3km race, in a time of 12 minutes and 20 seconds.

Aaron placed 51st in the 2km race with a time of 8 minutes and 3 seconds.

What a fantastic effort!

Well done boys.

**ART SMOCKS**

It is vital that all children have an art smock at school. Some classes are using paint in art and Mrs Vadlja is making fossils with some classes in Science. If your child does not have an art smock for next week, they won’t be able to join in with the painting in art or fossil making in science.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

**2nd Instalment**

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

For those who have now become eligible to apply for EMA (ie. have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.), the EMA application form will need to be submitted to the front office by 6th August 2010. Your card will need to be sighted and copied.

Parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February 2010 and prior to or on 6 August 2010, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Just a reminder that the 2nd instalment of school fees are due. Fees are $62.50 per student for this instalment. Please see Sharon or Penni in the office to make payments. Remember that we do have EFTPOS facilities.

**Problem Puzzles**

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**Hatching Chicks**

Last term Prep were given an incubator with 21 eggs. During the holidays 13 chicks hatched, unfortunately 1 died. The chicks were small and fluffy for the first week but are now growing wings and trying hard to fly out of the brooding box. We now have 12 very happy and energetic chickens in our classroom. The children are enjoying watching them play, scratch about and sleep together. Thanks to Kylie Gove for providing the fertilised eggs. We have also been enjoying some cuddles! We are looking forward to watching them grow into hens.

- Chickens run a lot.
  Joseph

- Chickens poo a lot. When chickens hatch they are wet. The chickens scratch the floor. Chickens poo a lot.
  Nunzio

- Chickens lay eggs. Chickens like to sleep. I like chickens. Prep R owns the chickens.
  Angus

- All chicken eggs are not fertilized.
  Connor A

- All chicken eggs need to keep warm to hatch. All eggs are not fertilised. Chickens poo a lot. Chickens sometimes sleep in their poo. Chickens step in their poo.
  Zali

- The chickens snuggle on top of each other. There are 5 yellow chickens and there are 5 brown chickens and there are 2 black chickens. That makes 12 chickens altogether. The chickens are really cute. The preps own the chickens.
  Maria

- Chickens hatch after 21 days. Chickens like to play a lot. Chickens scratch the ground.
  Wil

- There are 5 yellow chickens and there are 5 brown chickens and there are 2 black chickens. The chickens poo a lot.
  Georgia

- The chickens talk a lot. Chickens need to keep warm. When chickens hatch they are wet.
  Patrick

- Chickens peck the food. The baby chicks peck the eggs and the chicks are cute.
  Lilly

- Chickens hatch from eggs. Chickens poo a lot. Chickens peck the ground. Chickens grow fast.
  Darcy

- I love the chickens. They are cute. They are little. The chickens scratch the ground. The chickens talk a lot.
  Lily

- The chickens hatch out of eggs. When they hatch out of their eggs their legs are weak.
  Jesse

- Chickens poo a lot. Chickens step in their poo. All eggs are not fertilised. When the chickens come out of their eggs they are wet. When they come out of their eggs their feet are wobbly. Chickens need a lot of sleep. I think the chickens need a bath. After they have been held they have to have a sleep.
  Jayshree

- Chickens like to sleep. Chickens are born after 21 days. Chickens sleep on each other.
  Ella

- Chickens lay eggs. Chickens need water. Our chickens are handsome.
  Cooper

- Chickens need food and water. The chicks scratch the ground with their feet.
  Cy

- There are 5 yellow chickens, 5 brown chickens and 2 black chickens. They sleep in their food bowl.
  Viktoria