I am so very pleased to pass on my congratulations to ALL students that attended the Multi Sport Day for students with a disability held in Bathurst last Friday. By all reports each and every one of our students were awesome participants on the day and their behaviour was exemplary. WELL DONE!

We have made as few staffing changes throughout the school. Chris has moved to the Wombats room and Nat has moved to the Kangaroos. At morning tea and lunch times, we have staff moving between the two playgrounds. I hope that students will get to know other members of staff better that are not in their usual area. We have some students that become very attached to certain staff members and when there is any expectant change, students do not cope as well. Please note that it is not the students that are changing but the staff

Congratulations to the winner of The P&C’s raffle of a trailer load of wood. The winning ticket was drawn at our Friday assembly and the winning ticket was PURPLE E26—Greg Hamilton. Congratulations Greg and thank you to all of those who sold tickets. The raffle raised in excess of $500.

It was great once again to welcome Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van to Holman Place. I know that this is one particular visit that the students look forward to and hopefully walked away with a bit of information about being fit and healthy beings.

Students have been busily preparing for the Cowra Show as it is only just around the corner. There has been photos taken, art work created and I sure some cooking will also be entered as well.

We would like to welcome Caleb Langfield and his family to Holman Place. Caleb started today and joined the Goanna’s.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our PBL student of the week recipients: Week 5: Austin Beath Week 6: Jennifer Stone

- **P & C meeting 9.30am—3rd September.**
- **Cowra Show – 9th and 10th September.**
- **Kangaroo’s and Goanna’s excursions to Canberra—18th September**
Hi everyone!

KANGAROOS

Last week saw a very successful visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van. Tristan and Tori Lee enjoyed seeing Harold again and learning about the body and healthy foods. Bradley enjoyed answering questions and Jennifer and J.K had fun placing props on the van walls. Students have been focusing PBL lessons on behaviour in assembly. Mathew, Tristan and Jakayla made great examples of how we should line up, walk and sit in assemblies. J.K, Tori Lee and Jennifer helped Michelle make a great poster to remind us all of our expectations at assembly.

In class we have done some more work on rocks and minerals. Bradley and Mathew have enjoyed learning about how rocks and minerals are formed and how the earth changes. For Science each student is studying different animals from South America. Mathew is looking at Flamingo’s, Brad Toucans, Tristan Llamas and Jennifer and Jakayla are finding out about Iguanas. We have also started some artworks on South America for the Cowra Show.

This Friday is the Sports Day at Bathurst and on the 18th of September is the Canberra excursion.

Mr Bryson, Michelle and Chris

GOANNAS

We have been very lucky in the last fortnight to have some exciting community access visits and a special visitor to the school! Although Healthy Harold makes an annual appearance, the students all look forward to his visits, and always have a great time. This year the Goanna’s did a unit on “Mind your Medicine”, which discusses the safe way to act around and use medications of a large variety. This included discussions on always reading the label to make sure the medicine is for you, the dose that is right for you and how often we should take a medication. The Goanna’s were eager to give answers to the Ernie Dingo quiz show and showed some of their prior knowledge and the knowledge they gained throughout the program. They also watched some videos and discussed inclusion in the playground and in the classroom, and came up with some great responses for how we can be a good friend.

In class, we have continued to look at nutrition and it is great to see some healthy choices coming in students lunch boxes. I the last fortnight we have made vegetable and fruit juice using a juicer which all the Goanna’s enjoyed doing immensely! This week we made sausage rolls filled with carrot, zucchini, cheese and onion (as well as the usual ingredients) and the students loved rolling them up… and eating them too!

As a class we have continued to enjoy weekly and bi-weekly shopping trips, library visits to read, return and borrow books, PCYC, RDA and MacDonald’s. It is always great to see how well behaved and responsible they can be during community access, and the practice is hopefully easing community visits for families as well.

Already half way through the term but we still have so much planned so keep your eyes peeled for notes in bags/lunchboxes!

Mrs Bell and Ruth
WOMBATS

As we continue through the term we are becoming increasingly impressed with all students. During the past fortnight students have enjoyed a visit from Healthy Harold and have been to RDA. Each week students have increased confidence around the horses and staff at RDA.

In cooking we have cooked honey mustard chicken with mashed potato and pikelets. The Wombats have been practising walking sensibly with an adult and crossing the road. We have seen a big improvements amongst the children. The wombats have a new reward system in class that seems to be going well. Each student has a sticker chart to fill. When students fill their sticker chart they can choose something from the prize box. So far Blaide has been the only person to choose from the prize box, but I am sure it will be someone else’s turn soon. Students receive stickers for doing their work, participating in class activities and following school rules.

We have been focusing on the letters N and K and the numbers 1 and 2.

From Allison, Nat and Brooke

EMUS

As this term zooms on by the Emus are preparing for the annual Cowra Show that will be on at the end of the term. The Emus for the past few years have participated in the show’s photographic competition. This year’s theme for the photos is ‘looking up’. Starting next week we will be accessing the community with the children to find some inspiration for their photos. The students are guided by Sue and I but are responsible for taking their own photos, choosing their favourite photo and editing it on the computer. They have a lot of fun participating in the competition and I can not wait to see their final pictures hanging at the show.

Congratulations to Austin Beath who was awarded the PBL student of the week. Austin received the award for displaying behaviours that promote respect, responsibility and safety around the school. Well done Austin!

Our latest member of class is Ken. Ken came to us a lost soul, looking for someone to nurture and care for him after going from home to home. He started off shy, but as he has got to know his class mates he has found his voice and can be quite brash and noisy. He often finds himself in trouble playing in the fish tank’s water or trying to bite Mr Beard. We are hoping that with some care and guidance from the children that Ken will be more socially acceptable in class. Janet has taken a liking to Ken and they seem to be building a strong friendship as the photo below indicates... and if you have not guessed it yet, Ken is our new class budgie.