

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 14 July 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Term two Newsletter and what a busy time we have had here at Kandeer this Term.

Firstly, it was terrific to have one of our past students, Brock Plas, call in on the day he got his licence to say hello. Brock wanted to say thank you to the Kandeer staff and to let us know that he now has a full time apprenticeship in the building industry. It reminded me of a quote by Jaques Barzun; "In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years". Well we didn't have to wait 20 years, it was the very next year after Brock left that he re-engaged with us and we were able to see the fruits of our labour. "Well done" Brock, we wish you all the best and thank you for coming back to Kandeer.



Term two has been incredibly busy. We have enrolled 5 new students which takes our total to 20 with one vacancy. We extend a big welcome to Lyndon, Carlos, Jared, Jake and Ryan.

Also, Jessica has transferred her teaching duties to Lavington East Public School for the remainder of her pregnancy and we welcome Jodie Murray to Kandeer. Jodie is taking over the reins from Jessica as teacher of the Primary class for the remainder of 2015.

Jodie has settled in well at Kandeer and is doing an excellent job as the Primary teacher which includes the Outreach Program. I would like to say a big thank you to Kath Parker, Principal of Lavington East for her assistance with this change.

I am proud to say that the great things we do at Kandeer are starting to filter out into the wider community. This term we have had two Charles Sturt University (CSU) students do their diverse placements at Kandeer. Laura and Daniel have enjoyed their time and according to them have 'learnt heaps'. Anna from CSU starts her diverse placement here next term.

We also hosted the Teaching Principals meeting (15 Principals in all) at Kandeer again this term (we also hosted this meeting in Term 1). They enjoyed the School hospitality so much that they are coming back in Term three.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers at Kandeer.

Thank you to Bridie, for bringing your beautiful dogs for us to train (or for them to train us).

Thank you also to Frank and Kevin, for coming in to teach us the finer points of metal work. The students have enjoyed it immensely.

Finally, I would like to invite you all to our bacon and egg breakfast on Wednesday the 22 July, after which, we will have our Management Committee meeting, all are welcome.

Kind regards,

Peter Ellison
Principal



Thanks Bridie, Kevin and Frank.



Anthony's Class

Term Two has seen the senior class further evolve with the addition of a number of new students. Luke C. and Bailey have joined us from Janelle's class and Carlos has also joined our class since enrolling at Kandeer School.

We have continued to explore the topic of 'survival' during literacy lessons. This has been done primarily through reading and viewing a series of texts, including the novel 'Tomorrow When the War Began' by John Marsden. Literacy skills have also been a focus this term with regular reading, comprehension and grammar activities underpinning the theme of 'Survival'.



Kiss it and throw it back Anthony!

Simon has continued to conduct the fishing program this term and he has taught the class about casting, knot tying and how to cook their catch. The program included a lesson conducted at Horseshoe Lagoon, although unfortunately no fish were caught on the day. The class was also introduced to the art of fly-fishing with surprising success. It was amazing how quickly the students were able to pick up the technique of fly-casting which is a rather challenging skill to master. We would again like to thanks Simon for running the program this term. We always enjoy his enthusiasm and love of fishing and the environment.

Gymnastics has been the sport of choice this term. Each Tuesday both senior classes have travelled to Flyaway Gymnastics and taken part in rolling, tumbling, running, jumping, stretching, swinging and landing activities.



Thursday's woodworking lessons with Tony have continued to prove very productive. Coffee tables, bird feeders and display cabinets are all currently under production. Students have also started to learn about woodturning and some beautifully turned timber bowls will soon be finished.



The school will soon be home to some chickens thanks to Marg's work during our Gardening lessons. We have visited Albury Demolitions to source some materials that will provide the finishing touches to the chicken coop that was kindly donated by Neil. We are looking forward to having a plentiful supply of home-grown eggs for Wednesday's Big Breakfasts.

We have continued to conduct our weekly science experiments; this term discussing Newton's Laws and the properties of water. We have also begun a series of engineering challenges. The class has been given a brief, such as building a bridge that will span a pre-determined distance, and a set of materials and these have been used to overcome the challenge. The teamwork and problem solving displayed during these lessons has been exceptional. Bailey and Jak actually managed to construct a 30cm bridge out of paddle pop sticks and glue that held 52 kilograms.

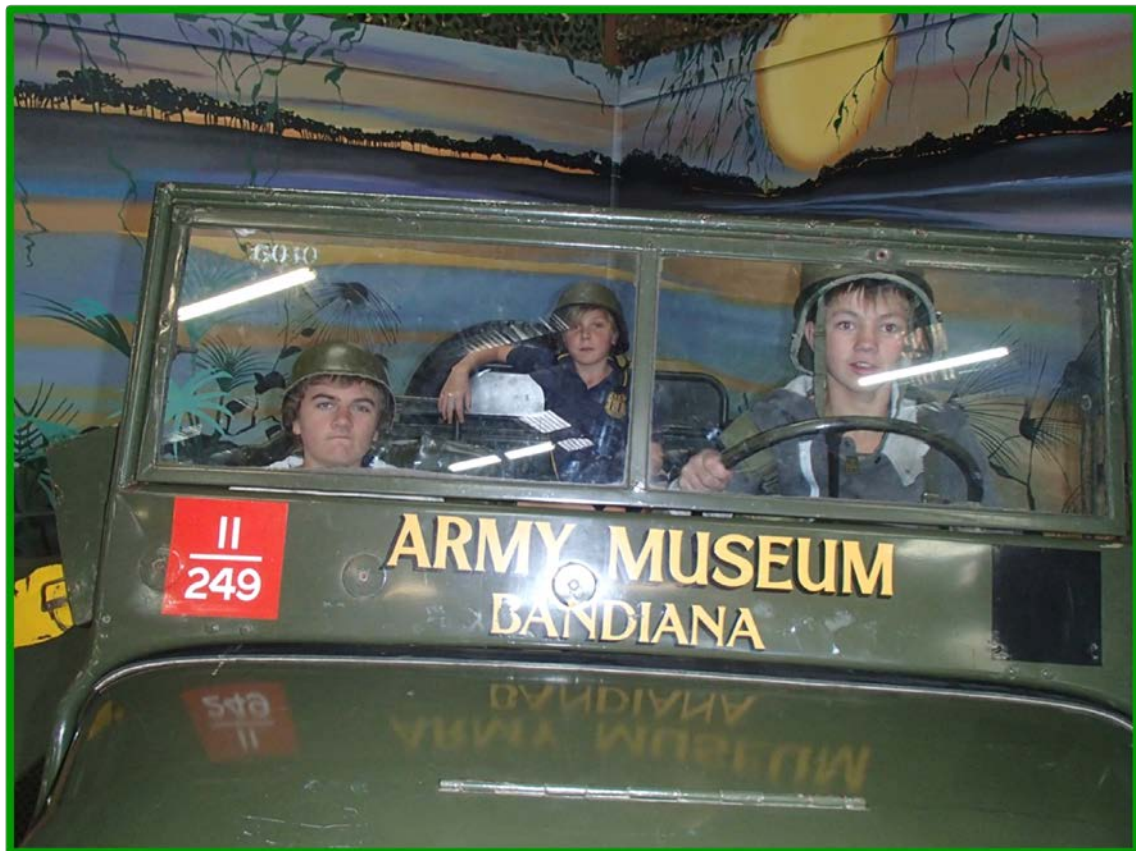
Pam has continued to delight our taste buds on Wednesday afternoons, cooking up a series of fantastic Foods, including wontons and stir-fry.

A favourite among many, including myself, were the coconut macaroons cooked in Week 4

Anthony Daley
Classroom Teacher.



Janelle's Class



Get out of our way! We're coming through!

The human body is a work of art designed to interact with our world creating previously unimaginable solutions to complex problems. At the centre of our being is our brain, which controls our thoughts and actions.

On the ABC program 'Redesign My Brain', screened on Thursday nights, presenter Todd Sampson demonstrated how the brain can be taught to adapt to new situations and continue throughout our lives, to develop. We can never learn enough!

We *should* always, no matter how old we are, seek new experiences.

This term, at Kandeer, my class has been challenged to try new things and accept some difficult challenges.

Every Monday afternoon, we have been learning relaxation techniques. From lots of giggling and a little hesitation, the students settled and can now find ways to relax themselves. During a couple of sessions some students have even fallen asleep.

From relaxation to fitness training on Friday mornings, the students have pushed their limits of endurance, by participating in beep test and circuit training with a personal trainer, pushing bikes up a 5km course on Huon Hill and riding to Wonga Wetlands from Kandeer.

This has all been great preparation for the Outdoor education Program that we will start in Term 3 with Anthony's class.

For sport this term we attended Flyaway Gymnastics each Tuesday.



We'll show you how it's done Mr. E 😊

For English the class has continued the 'Australians at War' theme, which culminated in attending a theatre production of 'The Unknown Soldier' at the Albury Entertainment Centre. Prior to that happening, the Monkey Baa Theatre Company came to Kandeer to conduct a workshop to introduce the play. The students thoroughly enjoyed the drama games. It was such a great opportunity.

As a class we also visited the Army Museum at Bandiana. That was definitely a hit with the students.



What's cooking Pam?



We have continued with cooking and gardening classes; and I would like to thank both Pam and Marg for their efforts in these classes.

I would also like to thank Tony, Frank and Kevin for the woodwork class. The students are so engaged with what they are producing- from metal weather vanes to coffee tables and wooden bowls. I have certainly been impressed. They have also been given a presentation on welding, by Frank, and will start welding next term.



Clever kids Lyndon and Bryden, showing off their skills in wood and craft work.



This term both Bailey and Luke moved to Anthony's class and Lyndon arrived from James Fallon High School. I'd very much like to welcome Lyndon and also wish Bailey and Luke all the best.

Kandeer is a very dynamic place; this helps students to be flexible, adaptable and resilient, which is all a part of developing our brain. Learning takes place in many different forms.

Again I'd like to thank Leonie for all of her wonderful support and leave you with this thought; People can forget what do, what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

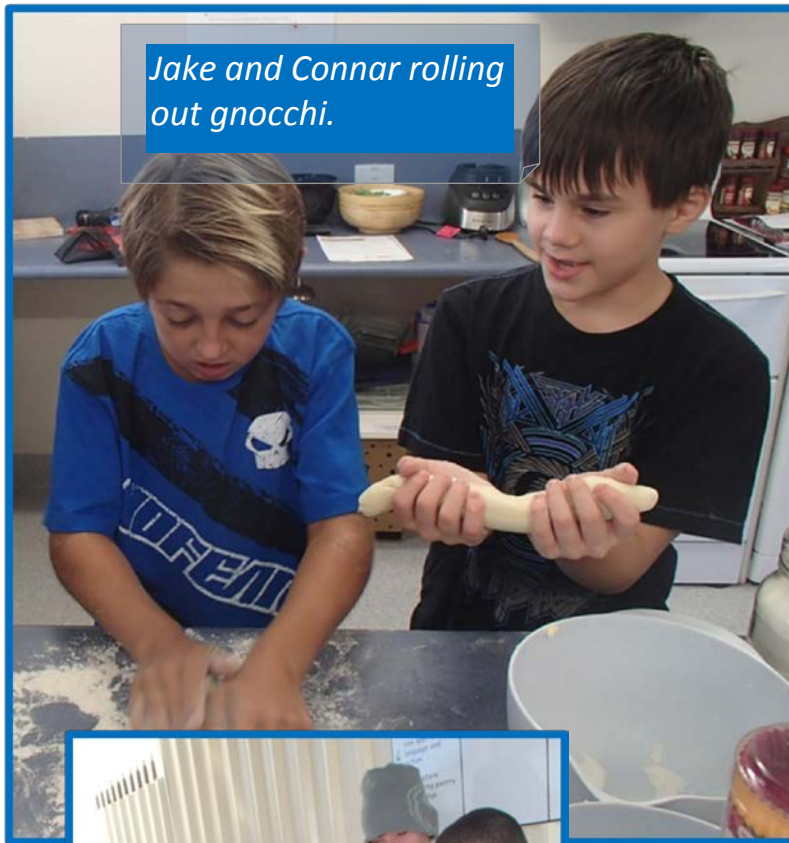
Janelle Dunn

Classroom Teacher.



Every dog has its day?
Let sleeping dogs lay?
'A hug is worth a thousand words' 😊

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



Once again this year we did Mother's Day baking. We hope the families enjoyed the biscuits and slice the students saved from Mr. E!

Gozleme (Makes 8)

This recipe is for both the lovers of spinach and feta Turkish Gozleme and those that love it with the mince filling. It's delicious both ways; just give it a squeeze of lemon!

Dough

400g Greek style plain yoghurt
500g self-raising flour
4 tbsp olive oil

Mince filling

2 tbsp olive oil
500g lamb mince
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tin tomato puree
2 tbsp tomato paste
1 tsp cumin
1 tsp chilli flakes



Spinach filling

100g baby spinach
200g feta cheese

Method:

Mince filling

In a frying pan, fry the lamb mince and make sure you break it into small lumps with a wooden spoon.

Add the garlic as it is browning and stir well.

Add the tomato paste and cook for 1 minute, then add the cumin, tomato puree and chilli flakes and stir. Cook for a further 2 mins and set aside.

Feta and spinach filling.

Pour boiling water over the spinach and then drain. Crumble feta up and stir through spinach.

Dough

Combine the yoghurt with the self-raising flour and knead on a floured board for 2-3 mins. Cut into 8 portions. Cover with a damp tea towel until ready to use.

Cooking

Roll each dough ball into a 25cm round and place 4 tablespoons of filling on one half. Fold dough round in half and press together the edges.

Heat a skillet, frying pan or barbecue hotplate to medium heat and brush each gozleme with olive oil. Cook on each side until golden "eyes" appear.

Serve with lemon wedges.



This term we used some produce from our garden; Wom Bok, Bok Choy and echallots, There is not a lot going on with the garden because of the weather. We have planted winter vegetables to use next term; onion, broccoli, spinach, carrots, and cauliflower. We have learning about sustainability, and linked this to the new green waste system that Albury City Council has implemented. We're using the green waste bins in the kitchen, as well as doing our own composting.



*Kids in the kitchen 😊
These look great guys!*

Primary Class Jess and Jodie

Term 2 has been a very busy, engaging and interesting term had by all students. The term started with Anzac Day tributes and activities. The students laid rosemary at the war cemetery adjacent our school. The students were very respectful and interested in learning the ages and religions of soldiers that had died during World War 2. By exploring the graves the students were able to discuss when World War 2 occurred and why soldiers may have died shortly after the end of the war but were still buried there. We discussed prisoners of war, repatriation and many others issues around respect for our fallen soldiers.

The students this term have been very engaged in weekly science experiments. Connor, Thomas, Jake C, Liam and Jake F have all enjoyed the variety of experiments conducted. We have; dusted for finger prints, put skewers through balloons, made an egg fit into a glass bottle, made goo, and much more. During the lesson we have discussed scientific phenomenon and understandings.



A number of projects have been completed by students in the workshop this term. For mother's day Jake F dedicated hours upon hours creating a beautiful key pouch out of leather for his mum. The commitment, attention to detail and creative prowess was evident.

Well done Jake F and congratulations Debbie on a wonderful hand-made mother's day gift. Jake's talents in the workshop are exceptional and at such a young age it is exciting to see how far he will develop these skills



*Connar, Jake and Thomas
enjoying a science experiment.*



We have also had two star athletes in our class. Liam and Jake C from Corowa Public have been blitzing the field in athletics and cross country. Both boys came first in their respective age groups in the Corowa Public School cross country. Marg Tanner and I were lucky enough to go and watch Jake C and Liam compete at the zone athletics carnival earlier this term.

This term Pam Chahda our learning support teacher and I participated in maths enrichment days. The students have enjoyed a variety of engaging maths activities and competitions to consolidate their mathematical understandings. It has been great to see all students giving things a go and grasping new concepts.



I would like to thank our wonderful members of staff, who contribute to the positive success of the class. Marg Tanner continues to be a very dedicated and experienced School Learning Support Officer in the class, and is instrumental in the positive experiences of the students. She assists students one on one in their learning and helps students with their social skills throughout the day.



Thank you also to Pam, our Learning and Support Teacher who has been working hard with students to improve spelling and reading skills this term. The progress made is evident and positive.

The students' writing has also improved immensely this term with thrilling stories and recounts written. Connor and Thomas have worked hard on a number of creative and interesting stories, improving their grammar and punctuation. Well done guys.

Parents and friends of the primary class should be very proud of the continued positive behaviour exhibited by the students. Students have greatly improved their social skills, play nicely with each other and put a real effort into their academic learning. It is evident that the support of parents has been a crucial aspect in achieving this.



As parents and students are aware there have been some changes to the primary class. Late this term I transferred to another teaching position while Jodie Murray has taken over the running of the class for the remainder of 2015. Jodie is a very experienced teacher and is looking forward to getting to know the wonderful personalities of the students.

I look forward to hearing about the continued success of the primary program, with Jake C, Liam, Connor, Thomas and Jake F already achieving so much positive progress and maturity.

Jessica Dubenko
Classroom Teacher

Wow! What an exciting first few weeks for me at Kandeer!

I have had a wonderful time so far at this fabulous school, and I look forward to spending Term 3 and Term 4 with you all.

I need to say a very big thank you to all of the staff and students at Kandeer, who have welcomed me with open arms, and made my transition into a new school very easy. I would also like to thank the teachers and Principals at Albury North, Glenroy, and Corowa Public, for helping me to settle into my new role as the Outreach teacher.

A special thank you to the marvellous Marg Tanner, who has helped me in so many ways to find my feet at Kandeer

I have really enjoyed getting to know the wonderful students in the Primary Classroom. The boys have coped extremely well with having a change of teacher and have displayed a great deal of maturity.

Realising that change occurs, and coming to terms with change in our life is an important learning opportunity. Without change we are less likely to have a go at new things. We may also stop ourselves from learning and experiencing new things and changing, so that we may become better people. Change helps us grow, and so although it may seem difficult at times, it is important that we learn how to embrace change.

The boys in the primary class have proven their ability to embrace change this term and should be commended.



Since I have started at Kandeer, we have been very busy in the Primary room. We've been continuing all of the great literacy and numeracy learning that was taking place in our room before I joined the team, and we have also been working hard in other areas of learning.

We have used our science and technology knowledge to construct sturdy bridges, create carbon dioxide as part of a chemical reaction used to inflate balloons, and researched different types of volcanoes and their characteristics.

The boys, Marg and I, have enjoyed a trip to Bethanga to look at the construction of the Bethanga Bridge and visited Wonga Wetlands to conclude a series of lessons on mini beasts. We have also spent enjoyable and constructive times in the kitchen and in the woodwork shed with Pam and Tony.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone at Kandeer for their continued support of me in my new role. I'm looking forward to lots of great times and wonderful learning opportunities in Term 3 with you all.

Jodie Murray
Classroom Teacher

