From the Principal’s Desk

Hello everyone,

I have been asked and accepted the relieving Principal role for Semester 1, 2015. Once again I am privileged to take on such an important role in the school.

This term has been busy for both students and staff and it isn’t showing any signs of slowing down. Classes have been busy working on their focus topics for the term and learning about exciting things such as weather, space, Romeo & Juliet and using the novel Hunger Games in English studies.

Our year 12 students have now completed their HSC exams, a great effort by both Shannon and Kellie. Well done! Reports are being written and will be sent home with students from week 9. Parents and carers are encouraged to make an appointment with their child’s class teacher to discuss the academic and social outcomes outlined in their school report.

The executive team recently had an executive conference to work on the new Ajuga School plan and decide what programs will run at the school in the upcoming year. We have had some great input from staff and parents and have used this as a basis for all of our planning. There are very exciting things planned for the library, our PDHPE program, kitchen and garden classes and ICT. Watch this space...

Amanda Kowalczyk

Upcoming Events

Week 6

Monday, 10th November ESSA Testing Week

Week 7

Tuesday, 11th November Assembly – Remembrance Day

Monday, 17th November T20 Cricket
Tuesday, 18th November Assembly
Thursday, 20th November Silver Class Excursion
Friday, 21st November Red Class Excursion

Week 8

Monday, 24th November Green Class Excursion
Tuesday, 25th November PINK DAY!!

Week 9

Monday, 1st December Reports sent home
Tuesday, 2nd December Assembly
Thursday, 4th December Parents Xmas Lunch
Friday, 5th December Principal’s Morning Tea

Week 10

Monday, 8th December Level Excursion – to Wollongong Beach
Tuesday, 9th December Assembly

Week 11

Tuesday, 16th December Xmas Assembly
Family BBQ
Last Day of School
Classroom Catch Ups!

Red Class
This term in Red class we have been exploring various concepts around living things, the human body and literacy concepts on story telling. We have been engaged in learning about many types of living things, at the moment we are looking at the meal worm and its habitat. Did you know that mealworms get their water supply from fresh vegetables? Our literacy unit is based on Fantasy text and heroes. We have created our own fantasy setting and have focused on the layout of our stories. We have been busy planning, writing and brainstorming ideas for a fantasy story. Our creativeness has come from ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ and ‘Shrek’. As part of our human body unit we have been looking at the external and internal part of our body. We drew an outline of a body and named him ‘Zac’ we labelled his internal body parts and currently working towards labelling some basic parts of the skeletal system.

Our inspirational garden is looking bright and colourful; we have been busy painting pots, spray painting pebbles and making wind chimes out of sticks and shells. We also have been busy cooking a variety of dishes, all used from our garden. We made carrot cake for Grandparents day, spinach and ricotta quiche and leek and spinach omelette, we will be continuing to cook other delicious treats the following weeks.

Antonia, Billy, Riley, Connor, Braithan, Dustan, Leah, Jordan and Levi 😊

Yellow Class
We’ve been extremely busy this term in Yellow class. The last term always brings fun and exciting things. We began the term with Healthy Harold, which was a great start to our health unit. In week 2 we welcomed a new student to the class, which is always fun. This term our focus is on the solar system, and we’ll be integrating most of our learning around this topic. We’ve made a great start on our class garden, clearing the beds to get it started. Fingers crossed we get it all done by the end of the year.

Kate and Michelle 😊

Silver Class
During term 4, Silver class have welcomed many new visitors in to our class, as well as an old face! Mark (SLSO) has returned to Ajuga School and Silver Class - much to the delight of all of the students (and staff). Silver class has also had visits from different animals and we have been lucky enough to look after them for the day. We had Jed the piglet join us- who proved that pigs can be very cute, even with a broken leg! We also had a visit from Phantom - a Great Dane puppy. She provided lots of enjoyment for the class and for other students in the school, and was even able to help calm the students down when they were feeling upset or frustrated.

Silver Class has two students who are graduating from Year 6 and will be leaving us at the end of the term 😓 Kyle Johnson and Antony White will be moving to their new high schools next year. We are very proud of the progress that they have made during their time with us, and wish them and their families all the best in the future. We also hope you come back and visit us every now and then to let us know how you are going!

Jacquie and Mark 😊

Blue Class
This term in Blue Class we have been studying all things WEATHER! We have been busy meteorologists and have learnt all about different aspects of the weather. We have even experienced a lot of weather changes from thunderstorms to blistering heat. We have been learning about different climates and tracking the weather pattern. We have created our own instruments to measure different variations in weather including a barometer, an anemometer, a rain gauge and a
thermometer. We visited the Australian National Maritime Museum to extend our knowledge of the weather. We learnt how explorers were impacted by weather patterns and both discoveries and shipwrecks were a result of changes in weather.

Renee and Dale 😊

Purple Class
This term Purple Class in history has been focussing on the study of Ancient China – from the brutal emperor, Qin Shi Quang Di, that united the country and who wanted to bury alive all 7,000 of his soldiers with him as he went to the afterlife, but who was fortunately persuaded to build terracotta likenesses instead… to Confucius, a very wise man whose sayings we still use today. Whilst in English we have been studying the Hunger Games – “May the odds be ever in your favour” and following as Katniss gradually outwits all of her adversaries and wins both her life and riches for District 12. In cooking we have gone back to basics – learning to cooks pancake batters, eggs, rice and pasta. Sport has seen us all embrace our inner Tiger Woods as we have battled it out at mini golf on Fridays and also our inner Kieren Perkins and Susie O’Neill as we learn more about swimming techniques each Tuesday in the pool.

Kim and Anne 😊

Green Class
We’re nearing the end of the year and are looking forward to all the fun events in term 4. So far, Green Class has been busy with, learning activities, end of year assessments and whole school events. In English, we have been studying Romeo and Juliet, learning about the life of Shakespeare and creating a mask for the Capulet’s ball. We have also been cooking in the kitchen for grandparent’s day and our class lunch. We made some healthy hamburgers with sweet potato chips which were absolutely delicious. We will be making tasty pasta soon and at the end of the year, we will make some Christmas treats!!

Green class would like to wish our school community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. See you in 2015
Charlee, Corey, Danny, Daniel and Jasmin, Zoe, Kate, Rose and Alyse 😊

Orange Class
Two students in Orange Class completed their HSC exams this term. What a fantastic effort for them to reach a life goal so significant. Our year 11 students started their year 12 studies at the beginning of this term and we wish them all the best in completing this challenge. Two of the students who are studying Aboriginal Studies, recently joined the aboriginal students on a cultural excursion, we had a most interesting and rewarding time with some wonderful Aboriginal people who shared lots of culture and knowledge about The Rocks area in Sydney

Chris and Jo Lewis 😊

This term connected and the Events Network joined forces to celebrate Grandparents Day.

It was great to welcome the parents, grandparents and carers who came along and enjoyed a delicious morning tea prepared by students during their cooking classes.

We still have a few more get togethers this term. Some fun and relaxation with our Music Therapist, lunch at Ingleburn RSL and, to finish off a fantastic 2014, our Christmas Assembly and family BBQ.

This term we will be doing the following activities:

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So come along and get involved in the great programs that we offer. And while you’re here, stay for our assembly at 12 noon to see your children receive their awards and showcase the great work they do in the classrooms.
In term 3, 2014 Ajuga school students and staff participated in our annual athletics carnival, now known as the Ajuga Games. All students participated in modified activities including Javelin, High Jump, Discus, Long Jump and Shot Put. Each student competed for points for their team. After lunch, students were able to participate in a variety of races such as running races, sack races, hurdles, and power walking races. To conclude the day, teams competed against each other in a tug-of-war competition and the students even won in a staff vs student’s tug-of-war! It was a great day filled with laughter, excellent sportsmanship and fun!

Uniforms
Available from the Front Office

Ajuga School has a fantastic looking school uniform. Unfortunately a small number of students seem to have found an excuse to wear various coloured jumpers, hats and pants. Students who are not in uniform do not look part of the Ajuga ‘team’. Please assist us by ensuring that our school uniform is worn each day.

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Lunch Box Recipe

Pizza Sandwich

- 4 slices wholemeal bread
- 2 tbsp. pizza sauce
- 100g shaved light ham
- 80g light mozzarella
- 2 tbsp. diced pineapple pieces in juice
- 1 tbsp. black olives, chopped

1. Spread the bread slices with pizza sauce, then cut into large discs with a biscuit cutter.
2. Top two slices with ham, mozzarella, pineapple and olives, then place the second slice on top.

Tip: Freeze your child’s water bottle the night before and pack it in their lunchbox so their lunch stays cool all day.

More great lunch box recipes at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents