I would like to begin by thanking our grandparents for taking the time to come along and visit classrooms and spend time with the students. We hope that you enjoyed your delightful morning tea, once again catered for by Mrs Elliott. Her cream horns are a particular favourite of mine.

There have been a few concerns raised by parents regarding our welfare system, particularly with regard to dots and crosses. Please take the time to read the update attached to this newsletter. The majority of students are fully aware of how our system works and in nearly all cases, accept the consequences that go along with behaviour displayed below the line, both in the playground and the classroom.

Please find attached to the newsletter this week an update on Dots and Crosses used in the welfare policy.

Reminder: Next Term begins on Monday 28th April we will be having a Pupil Free Day Wednesday 30th April for Teacher Professional Development.

Have a great week...

Kerry-Sue Pascoe
Principal
Caught Being Good Awards will have a targeted focus each week. This week it will be awarded for “Tune In” Assembly will be at 12:30pm each Friday. This week’s Assembly will be conducted by Miss Mack and MM.

25 Nights
Henry Siemer
Jezebela Ortega-Minear
Harry Wilmore
Abbashay Star Pinnuck
Lachlan Bongetti
Locke Cole
Ethan Poldrugo
Cody Wilson
Paige Stewart
Tamara Thomas
Savannah White
Kagen Pearce
Sienna Speechley

As you can see, we have a lot of exciting events happening this week. Please make sure to join us for the Assembly on Friday to hear about the winners of the Caught Being Good Awards.

Mathletics Awards
Gold
Amali Elston
Silver
Mia Dyson

BROKEN HILL WEST PANTHERS SOCCER CLUB. Do you want to play SOCCER this season? We would like to invite all existing members and any new players interested, male or female, young or old to join the West Panthers at training held on Wednesdays, 4.30 to 5.30 at the O’Nelll soccer complex. Ages from 4 yrs. to seniors. You can register over the coming weeks so don’t stress if you miss the first week. Our first of three trial games is on this weekend the 28th, 29th & 30 March.

Under 17 and seniors Men’s A, Band Women’s gradients will train from 6 pm until 8 pm. Contact Theresa on 80875377 mob 0437123059 or Kerri Johnstone 0428857342 for more details.
Centenary 2014
Plans are forging ahead for our Centenary celebrations. If you have any old pictures or know of somebody with them please bring in to the office. We will scan the pictures and hand them back.

Paver Order Form
Attached to the newsletter is the order form for the paver if you or you know somebody who would like to order one please fill out and return with the money to the office. Please check out the pavers at the front of the school near the office to see what they look like.

Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion
We have the tickets for our IPad Raffle which will be used to help fund the excursion. Tickets will go home next week. Parents will also be contacted to sell tickets on a Friday evening with staff.
The cost of the excursion is $335.00. Year 5/6 are currently selling chocolates to help raise money for their excursion. If you would like to help us sell a box (put it at your work) please come into the office and we can provide you with one. Also just an idea …….How about when you give out Easter gifts to people this year you buy a box of our chocolates. This means you help somebody and more importantly you can save money.
PLEASE RETURN CHOCOLATE MONEY IF YOU HAVE ANY AT HOME. Thank you

KINDERGARTEN PERMISSION FORMS
Railway Town will once again be participating in the Allied Health in Outback Schools Program throughout 2014. This program is a partnership between the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH), University of Sydney, Far West Local Health District (FWLHD) and local schools. The aim of the program is to make it easier for families in Broken Hill and the Far West to access allied health services for their children. The Allied Health in Outback Schools program will involve Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology students.
If you have not already done so, please return the permission notes to the office.

Toy Library Open Day
Monday 31st March 2014
Grand opening of our exciting bike track!
Come along for a fun filled day at the Toy Library
Sausage sizzle, cake stall and face painting available on the day.
Old and new families welcomed.
From 10am - 2pm
Entry $5 members $7 non members
86 Piper St

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?
Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?
In 2001, the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.
If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $1,250 of entitlements.
The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

ACT NOW!
DEADLINE
JUNE 2014

Twelve Chartered Accountants
www.twelve.com.au
Principal: Derek Nelsen CA

Your Family Tax Specialist
Dots and Crosses

As a staff, we have reviewed the Welfare policy and consequences of Dots and Crosses. It was noticed that there are some inequalities in this process. From Week 8, students that receive dots will miss out on the **Early Mark** that is held Friday before recess and students who receive crosses will miss out on **Early Mark and then will miss out on play at lunchtime**. Students will be with Miss Church or Mrs Pascoe, during this time discussing their behaviour and also recognising strategies of how to improve. We have also taken on a Zero tolerance approach of inappropriate behaviour in the playground. Please see the chart below for the consequences of this behaviour.

Student will get an instant dot or cross for the week for the following behaviour:

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Students are aware of what these behaviours involve, so please have further discussions with your child. By asking students to take responsibility for their actions we hope to encourage this to be a natural reaction that they may use as they grow into confident, resilient young adults. If you have any other questions about this process please feel free to contact Miss Church or Mrs Pascoe.
Level 5 Awards

Congratulations to the following students

1/2C
Lachlan Bongetti
Angel Dutton
Frankie Wallis
Chakylah McEvoy
Brie Cattermole

1/2V
Fraser Ellice
Tirim O’Brien
Kiarrah Willasden-Halliday
Robert Young
Maddie O’Neill

3/4M
Trent Fenton
Chloe Burke
Tan Bamrungphakdee
Sarah Young
Jasmine Fisher

3/4S
Oliver Campbell
Duang Bamrungphakdee
Kihl McEvoy
Maddison Fenton

5/6G
Codie McEvoy

5/6R
Sienna Speechley
Chloe Gray
Tyreke Probert
Shannon Hayman
Suni Forner

KR
Phoenix Singleton

MM
Lucas Summers
Cameron O’Reilly
Ryan Bugmy
Ryan King

a little spark of kindness can put a colossal burst of sunshine into someone’s day
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR GRANDPARENTS DAY
YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL PAVER

At a cost of $35 or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver

$35

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (32 max)

A unique and lasting record of your support.
Memories & milestones. Celebrate a wedding, new baby, birthday or anniversary. A tribute to someone special.
A memorial to a loved one.

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cheque or money order to:
Railway Town Public School
PO Box 785
Broken Hill NSW 2880
Phone 0880 873008 Fax 0880 877491

Contact Name: ..........................................................................................................................
Address: ...................................................................................................................................
Phone: .....................................................................................................................................

Offer closes on Friday 23rd May 2014

Please photocopy and pass on to business associates and friends.
Railway Town Public School needs your support!