ASPIRE “STEP UP” PROGRAM

On Tuesday 10th June Bridie McCubbin, Kayla Bennett and Chloe Cattle (right) headed to Sydney with Mrs Wason to spend three days as part of the ASPIRE Step Up program at UNSW. This excursion has 65 students from 14 regional schools and approximately 75 students from metropolitan schools ‘pretending’ to be Uni students for three days. The students are divided into groups that contain no one else from their school. This means that they very quickly start to meet new people. For the next few days they participate in lectures, group work activities (below), tours of the Uni, fact finding missions, hear guest speakers and join in discussions with current Uni students from a wide variety of courses. At the end of the three days they ‘graduate’ from their Step Up experience (above). As well as full days the students also got to squeeze in a little bit of shopping (below left), and experience some of the activities available in Sydney. They saw the new release movie ‘A Fault in our Stars’ with many tissues used, and went to the ‘Lion King’ musical at the Capitol Theatre which was fantastic (below).

Many thanks to the ASPIRE team for the time, effort and finances that go into the organisation of this excursion. It is a great opportunity for students to participate outside of their ‘comfort zones’ and realise they can confidently achieve in these other situations and environments.
THE ENVIRO CHAMPIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM with Mrs Lisa Payne

The Leadership Group consisting of Ruby Henley, Prue West, Madi Cassidy, Kadee Gerard-Scali and Ryan Wallace (right), attended a Leadership and Planning Workshop at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre (LCCC) on Friday 6 June. The day was led by Riverina Environmental Education Centre staff Paul Greenwood and Darron Watt. Darron was a former teacher at Ungarie and was interested in meeting our Year 5 students.

Five other schools in the Riverina also attended the program. It was a fun filled day that encouraged the students to identify individual leadership qualities, strengths and develop their team building skills. Towards the end of the day the Leadership Group planned their school project which is to extend the Food Garden and purchase shade sails and a watering system for the summer months.

Top : Ryan, Kadee, Prue and Madi
Top right : Ryan
Right : Ruby Henley
PSSA BOYS SOFTBALL with Mrs Lisa Payne
Our primary boys' softball team attended the PSSA knockout at Dubbo on Thursday 12th June. Their first game was against Dubbo South where Angus Williams and Josh Roscarel pitched consistently throughout the game. Alex Otovic and Hugh Williams batted well and an outstanding slide into third base from Barnaby Worland gave the boys a win 16 to 14.

The second game against Orana Heights Dubbo was a challenge from such an experienced team. The boys fielded well with Jack Crofts in centre field and Ashton Ross covering left field. Orana scored 19 runs to 1 for Ungarie.

The boys' final game against Wellington was a close finish with Ungarie only down three runs, 13 to 10. Tom Roscarel persisted as catcher for most of the games and Ryan Crofts was reliable on first base. The boys had a great day. They were a very competitive team and learnt a lot about the rules of the game. The Ungarie team did extremely well up against much older teams consisting of boys in years 5 and 6. Many thanks to the parents for their support and assisting with transport. It was a great opportunity for the boys to learn about softball.

Top Left : Hugh Williams at bat. Top right, standing : Angus Williams, Tom Roscarel, Ryan Crofts, Josh Roscarel and Jack Crofts. Front : Ashton Ross, Hugh Williams, Barnaby Worland and Alex Otovic. Above : Tom Roscarel.

FORMULA 1 with Mrs Ward :
The Formula 1 in Schools program has started up for the second year in a row at UCS, with a lot of involvement from students in Years 7 and 8. The Formula 1 program is an extra curricula activity that requires students to collaborate, design, analyse, manufacture, test, and then race miniature compressed air powered balsa wood F1 cars. The challenge inspires students to use IT to learn about physics, aerodynamics, design, manufacture, branding, graphics, sponsorship, marketing, leadership/teamwork, media skills and financial strategy, and apply them in a practical, imaginative, competitive and exciting way.

This year UCS has three teams that are better known as The Mist, Atomic Drag and Split Second. We will be keeping you updated throughout the coming terms as we prepare to race our cars at the regional finals in Dubbo during August with an aim of qualifying for the state finals in Sydney in November.

The teams appreciate any support they are given, and if you would like to support the teams through sponsorship or a donation please feel free to contact Mrs Ward at the school.

Right : Seth McCubbin and Jared Robb designing their cars in creo.
CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY
Students from Years 2-6 visited the CWA ladies on Monday afternoon as part of the CWA’s International Day. The country of study for 2014 was Botswana, and students from Primary have worked hard on a number of projects. Year 5/6 created Power Points on the country, and Jai Thompson (pictured right with Mrs Marion Clarke) presented his winning entry for everyone. Year 2/3/4 made posters and these were displayed on the walls, along with flags and animals made by K/1. Winners of the poster section received certificates from Mrs Clarke, and the students also provided some entertainment by singing “Senzenina” and the Sydney Recorder group performed “Gulaga Dreaming.” President Patti Turner presented Mr Davies with a cheque for $50 (above) and congratulated the students on how good they all looked in uniform. The students were then treated to a delicious afternoon tea before returning to school.
Top : Lining up for afternoon tea!
Above : Angus Williams, Josh Roscarel and Seth McCubbin;
Above right : William Batty and Reuben West;
Right : 2nd place getters in the Poster competition, Abby Wason and Georgia Wilson with Mrs Clarke;
Far right : Winners of the poster competition, Jett Brew and Ashton Ross with Mrs Clarke.
YEAR 7/8 SCIENCE
In science, Year 7/8 have been learning all about density. They were given the problem of working out how much salt needed to be added to tap water in order to make a metal paper clip float. Students were able to apply their knowledge of how to calculate density of irregular shaped objects, and what they know about the density of fresh water, to determine that you’d need a lot!
Below : Jack Wason and Jared Robb making different salt solutions.
Right : Kayla Bradley measuring salt using a triple beam balance.
Below right : Mikell working out his salt solutions.

YEAR 9/10 AGRICULTURE
This term students have been learning about dairy production.
This week, as part of a section we’re beginning on Marketing, we made ice cream using milk, sugar, vanilla essence, rock salt and ice. Despite looking a bit dubious as to whether it would work or not, everyone produced some very nice tasting ice cream!

Above : UCS Ice cream : a new addition to the canteen menu?
Left : Matt and Sean shaking their bags of salt/ice and milk mixtures.
Right : Matt trying out his ice cream!