YEAR 5/6 SCIENCE
Last Thursday, we were all about parachutes in 5/6 science. We made some connections in regards to where we might have seen parachutes, or something similar, being used ourselves, as well as where they might be used either in a job such as the defence forces, or in times of emergency, such as feed drops during floods. We wondered how the size/area and shape of a parachute might determine how well it works, and talked about the different shapes associated with different uses, for example parasailing, drag racing and skydiving. We then went on to use our knowledge and problem-solving skills to design and build a parachute that would allow an egg to survive a drop from the top of the platform on the play equipment. Students were only allowed to use fishing line or twine, freezer bags and sticky tape to make their parachute, with their eggs taped into an egg cup attached to their parachute. Very few eggs survived the drop unfortunately, despite some being very well protected with air bags!
Above: Tom Roscarel, Madi Cassidy and Prue West
Above right: Ryan Crofts
Right: testing the parachutes!

MUSIC : COUNT US IN!
UCS has joined the “Music : Count Us In” program for 2014. This involves students from over 2100 schools nationwide learning and performing the same song (specially written by students selected through the associated song-writing competition) at the same time. This year’s song is “Paint You A Song” and Primary students and staff think it’s pretty catchy! We will be performing at 12.30pm on Thursday the 30th of October and members of the community are encouraged to be part of the performance. We’ll keep you posted on our MCUI progress and how family and friends can join in on the day!
Left: Adelaide Langham, Dylan Carroll and Caitlin Rossiter prepare to play along to “Paint You a Song!”
Students have been enjoying the perfect weather recently, working on their softball, hockey and tennis skills!

**PRIMARY SPORT**
Above: Kadee Gerhard-Scali working on her Douglas Mawson Diorama which is part of the Macquarie Island Literacy unit.

Top right: Year 3 students are now learning the recorder in Music with Mrs Mason! Ashton Ross, Hugh Williams, Hayley Wallace and Darcy Langham are lined up and ready to perform!

Above: Jackson Benness and Tom Roscarel with the new Australian Flag we received recently!

Above right: Angus Williams, Madi Cassidy and Matilda Langham at work on their knitting. Year 5/6 students need to keep working on their projects, and those who haven’t finished will be using Monday lunchtimes for the next two weeks to get their projects ready for the Ungarie Show!

Right: Year 2/3/4 are studying Gold in HSIE. Darcy Langham brought in some photos of his relatives prospecting for gold to share with the class on Tuesday: Ashton Ross, Noah Bryant, Darcy, Abby Wason and Hugh Williams.
YEAR 9/10 SCIENCE with Mrs Jackson
Last Tuesday Year 9/10, Mrs Jackson and Jason Lewis headed out to the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre where we met up with Sally Russell, who led us through activities to complete a field study. We were able to do the field study activities on the shore of Lake Cowal, just across the lake from the back wall of the Barrick Gold Mine. Students collected data and information about the plants and animals found in the immediate vicinity, as well as making observations about the weather and soil. It was a very busy day, with students working hard the whole time, listening to the information Sally shared about the area, as well as participating in the activities. Peter Gillard and Jason cooked us a sausage sizzle lunch, which was very well received by everyone, and after having a look at some water bugs and testing some lake water samples, the day concluded and we headed back to school. Thanks very much to Sally for her organisation and for leading the activities, to Peter and Jason for cooking lunch, and to Jason for driving the bus!

HENRY V SECONDARY EXCURSION
On Tuesday the 26th of August Years 7-11 embarked on a Shakespearean journey to the Griffith Regional Theatre to see Henry V performed by the Bell Shakespeare company.

Henry V is one of Shakespeare’s history plays and students in years 7-10 have begun studying it this term. Students had a great day enjoying some of Australia’s best theatre and would like to thank Mrs Ward, Mrs Jackson and Mr Curry for driving them to Griffith, and Mrs Malone for organising the experience.

DON’T FORGET!!!
PRIMARY PIE DRIVE ORDERS DUE IN TOMORROW DELIVERY NEXT FRIDAY