Here are our fabulous winners of the last Writing Challenge ....

**Braidy – Kindergarten.** The man sees a lion. He gets the wooden hammer.

**Rueben – Year 1.** Two people are in the attic because upstairs there is a bear and they are scared. The people are going to open the secret door.

**Esha – Year 2.** A long, long time ago out at sea lived two poor, dirty Vikings who lived in a tiny little ship. They had never been named because their parents drowned before they had time to name them. Without their parents they did not get taught how to be a Viking, so all they ate was fish. Fish for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Samuel – Year 3.** 2015 – October 13. The exact second, the exact minute. I saw cave people look-a-likes. One was holding a hammer and a key. I started running away from them, the one with the hammer started running after me. I hid in the bushes. I lost him. The key looked like it could fit a treasure chest. I need to find treasure …

**Jasper – Year 4.** As a cockroach crawled out from under the fridge – SPLAT – a big rugged boot came down on him. The boot belonged to a big, revolting and filthy ogre and his obese son. The man and his son were ugly, horrible and unhappy. Their job was to clean out the sewers which made them smell like they lived at the dump.

**Mikayla – Year 5.** As the grumpy men opened the door the cockroaches crawled up and over their hands. The men looked like a pair of ratbags. They had big red cheeks and a big fake smile that showed their horrid yellow teeth. The hairy bearded man snarled viciously like a tiger roaring and squished all of the cockroaches between his filthy hands. He then shoved all of them into his mouth. A nutritious breakfast indeed!

**Caitlyn – Year 6.** Crash! Smash! “What are you doing back there?” Mrs Hillbilly screeched at her husband. “Oh, I’m building a time machine that can fix your fat pig nose, bald spots, horrible skin and just your ugly appearance!” he replied. “Don’t be so mean” she sobbed. “No, I’m serious. It can also fix my dirty moustache, filthy beard, fishy breath, fat stomach and my bushy eyebrows” he said seriously, “So it’s not an insult?” She looked at him confused. “No, it is truly not an insult” he said honestly. “Oh thank you” she said with a big grin on her face. “We can finally be a better looking, younger and more attractive couple”. She gave him a gross kiss … on the cheek.

And here are some notable contributions …

**Phoebe – Year 5.** SMASH!! A loud bang comes from my window. Suddenly I see a giant. He is carrying a huge hammer. Before I know it he has swung it at my head. I wake up in terrible pain. My mum is at the end of my bed. “What happened to your feet?” I look down at my feet. My mum un wraps them. My toes! Where are all my toes?! All of them are gone from my left foot.

**Caitlyn – Year 5.** As revolting rats crawled about their big backyard, two hideous ogres frightened me with their putrid body odours that were as stinky as rotten eggs. Their stinky smell matched their ludicrous looks and freaky faces. They stared blankly at me wondering why I was disgusted. I thought that it was outstandingly obvious.

**Blake – Year 5.** Oh no! Brock has booted the ball into Junior’s yard and it has smashed their one and only window! The house is freaky. The garden is an overgrown mess. It is taking over the house and doesn’t let the light from the sun come in. It’s dark and smelly. No one wants to go in there. We decide to go together. We creep slowly and quietly. We can’t see the ball. Suddenly we hear a fearsome scream from within the house. Junior comes smashing through the front door.

**Bethany – Year 6.** Some people are silly. Some are dumb. Others are insolent idiots that take pleasure in the discomfort and unhappiness of others. They’re scheming fiends, never without a devious plan to catch the enemy unawares. And they’re foul. Mangly hair, revolting breath and rotten minds. Some people are stupid. Some are nasty. Others are twits.
Dear parents and carers,

It’s Term 4 and we are on the downhill run to the end of the year. We are in for a busy few weeks. Please keep your eye on the calendar for the different events that are coming up. It has come to our attention that not all notes we distribute actually make it into the hands of the people at home. We are endeavouring to address this by putting a copy of all notes on the webpage and the app. The school calendar is also regularly updated in both of these places.

The parents who attended our information session about our new Wellbeing policy found this session very valuable. They have suggested that we re-offer the session so that more people in our community can gain an improved understanding of the many different approaches we are taking to ensure that our school is a safe and happy place for our students. The Wellbeing Policy covers our affirmation and rewards system (to be introduced in 2016), our discipline procedures and the R&R Room, our election of Kinder Buddies (new) and our system for school leadership (also new). This session is a great opportunity to ask questions, share your ideas and to have a voice in your child’s education. We have scheduled it for Wednesday November 11 at 3.30pm. We will offer extended supervision of children for parents who are attending this session. Please save the date. The policy will be available on our school website for parents who are unable to attend, but I would highly recommend coming along if you can.

More of the children’s writing samples have been published with this newsletter. We believe the increased emphasis and energy we are putting into developing the children’s writing skills is paying dividends.

Enjoy your week.

Kind regards

Congratulations to 5-6 on a well-organised and fun Spring Fair last Friday. The students had a ball participating in a range of activities. Many students went home with a bargain and you couldn’t wipe the smiles off their faces. The biggest smiles of the day seemed to come when students participated in the sponge throw at Mr Metcalfe; lucky it was a hot day! We were able to raise $426 profit on the day, with proceeds going towards the year 6 present for the school. It was great to see our students supporting the school and having such a great time together. Well done!
HATS
The new Department of Education Code of Behaviour states that children are expected to wear the school uniform and our school hat is an essential part of this uniform. I have received many comments from parents as to whether the ‘no hat no play’ rule still applies and the answer is a resounding YES.
As of last week we have clearly communicated to the children that if they do not have a school hat they are to play under the COLA. If they play outside of the COLA they will be out of bounds and will receive an amber card. Teachers will ensure that children wear hats during sport and PE activities. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled, this will help us to return misplaced hats to their rightful owners. We would prefer names not to be written all over the outside as it detracts from the look of our uniform.

Our First Summer Storm
I know it's still spring but yesterday afternoon felt like a summer storm! Look at the hail!

What’s on at Arcadia Vale PS

Week 4
Wednesday 27 Oct. - Kinder Orientation
Friday 30 Oct - Swimming

Week 5
Wednesday 4 Nov. –Kinder Orientation
Wednesday 5 Nov – Jets Women’s League visit

Week 6
Tuesday Nov 10 – Stage 2 Milo Cricket
Wednesday Nov 11 – Wellbeing Information session for parents.

Mobile Phones
We have an increased number of children who are bringing mobile phones to school. Our policy is that the phones must be handed into the office upon arrival and then picked up at the end of the day. If your child has a mobile phone, please check whether they are taking their phone to school and if it is necessary for them to do so. We can not accept responsibility for phones that go missing or are damaged.

Help Wanted
Amy Ferguson has very kindly donated lots of time and energy to our school gardens and has done a magnificent job. Amy has lots on her plate at the moment and is feeling very stretched. We would really appreciate some additional volunteers to help keep our garden project alive! No expertise required.
Kindergarten Buddies 2016

Congratulations to Chaise Gallagher, Cameron Mott, Reef Parker, Dean Mason, Bodhi O’Toole, Ella Beauchamp, Kelsi Donnelly, Amelia Fisher, Skye Johnson, Jakayla Simes, Phoebe Marshall and Milena Skinner who have been elected as our Kindergarten Buddies for 2016.