Dear parents and carers,

This is our new newsletter! I hope you find it to be a good reflection of our vibrant community. I am also very excited to inform you that our school App is now available to download on your smart phones. Just search ‘Arcadia Vale Skoolbag’ for your free download. We are endeavouring to improve our lines of communication with you by providing the information you need at your fingertips - when you need it. The cost for the App’s development has been funded by our very generous and hard-working P&C. Thank you to everyone who supports their fund raising efforts.

You may also like to visit our school website. We have put quite a bit of energy into revitalising it, so that it is informative, up to date and a celebration of the great things happening within the school. We will endeavour to have all notes that are sent home on the website to compensate for all of those that go missing. Our website is also a great means of promoting our school to the wider community.

I’d also like to bring the great work of Amy Ferguson to your attention. Amy has been very committed to our school garden and environmental project. Within the last couple of weeks the final stage of the project has been completed with the addition of our new frog pond. It looks amazing! We are very appreciative of the time and effort Amy has dedicated to the project.

We are really looking forward to our sportsathon this Friday. There are lots of great things happening in our wonderful school.

Kind regards

Kim Witt

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**Zoo Snooz**

It was an action packed two days for our Year 3 and 4 students who attended Zoo Snooz. If you ask any of our students or parents who attended what we did, they will say we WALKED and we WALKED and we WALKED! The pedometer clocked over 15 kilometres on the first day! In between walking we went to The Museum of Sydney, the Sydney Observatory, the Sydney Opera House, the NSW Art Gallery and of course Taronga Zoo.

The children enjoyed some great educational programs and many new experiences. We were really proud of them. They were very co-operative and enthusiastic. Mr Breyley-Smith put in a huge amount of work and we are very grateful. We also wish to thank our wonderful parents who accompanied us - we made a great team.
**Garden Project**

Our school Garden Project is complete with a frog pond. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the building and beautification of the pond, and also to those who have brought in tadpoles. It is now spring and our garden will need more helpers – ALL WELCOME!! Please call Amy on 0438 655 236 if you would like to get involved. Our garden produce has already raised funds for our spring planting. Our new garden seat was kindly made by some lovely gentlemen from Wangi Men’s Shed. We will have our story published in the Lakes Mail. Happy gardening and frog spotting!

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**Sportsathon – this Friday!**

**Fathers Day Stall** – show Dad you love him by purchasing a gift at our Father’s Day stall this Friday.

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**Welcome Baby Metcalfe!**

We extend our congratulations to the Metcalfe family on the arrival of little **Lincoln Harris**. As you can see he is gorgeous (obviously more like his mother).

Lincoln was born last Friday night. He was 7lbs 4oz and 52cm long.

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**What’s on at Arcadia Vale PS**

**Week 8**

- **Friday 4 Sept.** Fathers Day Stall
- **Sportsathon 12 noon**

**Week 9**

- **Monday 7 Sept.** Police Visit Years 4, 5 and 6
- **Wednesday 9 Sept.** Book Week Parade
- **Thursday 10 Sept.** Disco & Book Fair
  - 5.30-6.30: K, 1, 2 & 3
  - 6.45-7.45: Yr 4, 5 & 6

**Term 4**

**Week 1**

- **Friday 9 Oct.** Swimming – Kinder, Yrs 1, 2 & 3

**Week 2**

- **Wednesday 14 Oct.** 2016 Kinder Orientation
- **Friday 16 Oct.** Swimming – K, 1, 2 & 3

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**The winning family** in our 5 cent coin collection last week was the **Olsen-Bennett** family. Congratulations Blake, Brock and Ashley.

We raised $187.30 which brings our total to $631.50. We have one last collection this term. **PLEASE** support us to get as close as possible to our $1000 target.

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**Canteen Roster**

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"I thought it was funny when the gorilla put his butt up against the window." – Kate.
"I loved the sky safari. We went on it three times!" – Olivia S.
"I liked seeing the animals in the classroom. My favourite was Touche the turtle." – Olivia P.
"I was surprised to see all the lions sleeping together. They were adorable." – Olivia I.
"I liked walking around the zoo at night. It was dark. It was quiet and a bit creepy." – Hunter.