Dear parents and carers,

It’s the last week of term! Just one more term in 2015...time flies when you’re having fun.

Last week proved to be very busy with our book parade, the book fair, our school disco and the Sportsathon. It really was a lovely week. It is very special to be in a work place surrounded by smiling, happy children. Our teachers are smiling too, as we have some fantastic learning going on inside our classrooms. Please read the winning entries in our sentence writing competition published in this newsletter.

Our sportsathon was a brilliant fundraiser and a great event for our children to be involved in. The children gave their best for the whole two hours of physical activity and the sportsmanship we witnessed was wonderful. Thank you to parents who coordinated this event and to all who collected sponsorship and encouraged participation.

This week is the last week of our five cent coin collecting. PLEASE support us! All children who bring in coins this week will go into the lucky draw. We will also draw the winner for the $70 Athletes Foot voucher, all children who have contributed this term will go into this draw.

The process of employing Mr Blatchford’s replacement is well underway. The interviews for the position will be held this Friday. We will know the successful applicant early next term. Mr Metcalfe and myself will remain in our current positions until the end of the year.

I wish you all a very happy, safe holiday.

Kind regards

Kim Witt

Take a look at our website for more fabulous Book Week Photos.
Writing Competition

We have introduced short, sharp writing competitions. Each week the children from K-6 are given a topic and are challenged to write 3 good sentences. The work is collected and we select one outstanding piece of writing in each year. Our topic was ‘Gorillas’. The Winners in Week 9 were:

Kindergarten
My Gorilla goes for a walk on the wet grass and he is looking at the night sky. (Lochlan Miller)

Year 1
A black gorilla swings in the jungle on the jungle vines. A big gorilla goes into the jungle to play with his friends. The gorillas go home to eat their dinner and go to bed. (Conner Herbert)

Year 2
Gorillas live up in the rainforest or in the zoo. They are the largest primate and protect their family. They are black, furry, colossal and strong. (Bailey Sutherland)

Year 3
The adorable gorillas walked slowly towards me. The joyful gorillas played together. The happy, mother gorilla carried the cute baby. (Matilda Fisher)

Year 4
The sad, lonely gorilla sits in its cage frightened by the people who constantly stare at him. He tries to hide from their eyes. He thinks they will hurt him. (Payden McFadyen)

Year 5
The vicious, fearless gorilla terrorised the jungle. He beat his chest with his huge fists and roared at the top of his lungs. I cowered behind a rock and feared for my life. (Chaise Gallagher)

Year 6
Lurking down in the deep, dark forest, a hungry, bloodthirsty gorilla waits for its next victim. The gorilla is a mighty apex predator, stronger than a tank, stronger than the whole of humanity put together. It is waiting for the right time. (Liam Beauchamp)

What's on at Arcadia Vale PS

Term 4
Week 1
Friday 9 Oct. Swimming - Kinder, Yrs 1, 2 & 3

Week 3
Wednesday 21 Oct. 2016 Kinder Orientation
Friday 16 Oct. Swimming – K,1,2& 3

The Toronto Learning Community Band will be rehearsing in our school hall on Thursday afternoon. Children in the band need to bring their instruments.

Swimming Classes
Swimming classes start Term 4 on Friday 9th October. All invoices for this activity must be paid before this date.
Debbie Fawkes
Swimming Coordinator

Book Fair
Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the Bookfair. Our school library will receive $500 to purchase books to enrich our library.
The books families have donated to the library will be ready to borrow next term. Thanks for your support.
Debbie Fawkes
Librarian

Dance
Our dance lessons are continuing each week. The cost each week is $3.00. We have missed a couple of weeks this term. Families who have paid for the entire term will have a credit towards term 4. The Term 4 fees for children who have danced all year will be at a reduced rate.
Last Friday we had our inaugural Sportsathon. From all the feedback received everyone had a great time. Wonderful teamwork lots of laughs and the weather was very good to us as well. Congratulations to all participants.