From the Principal’s desk.

Canberra
Fantastic three days. Well done to all of our school ambassadors we were certainly proud of you while we were in Canberra.
A highlight of the trip was meeting Sir Peter Cosgrove our Governor General in his home and participating in the wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial. Everyone also enjoyed Questacon and learnt a lot from the Electoral centre, Parliament House where we met our Federal member Mr Pat Conroy MP and saw question time with The Prime Minister in attendance as well as many other well known parliamentarians along with The Parliamentary Museum (Old Parliament House), Film Archive and The National Museum.
Thanks to Mr Richard Metcalfe- principal of Teralba PS for organizing such an educational trip for us.
Please see the student reports and photographs for more details.

Morisset
Thank you to Miss McCaw for accompanying our students on this wonderful camp. Teachers are not paid overtime and volunteer their time on these activities and we certainly appreciate this.
Miss McCaw was extremely proud of the actions and behavior of all of our students and from the look of the photographs they all had a wonderful time.
Please see the student reports and photographs for more details.

Engibear
To follow on with our engineering activities with Robogals we are very lucky to have Engineers Australia - Newcastle Division donate an Engibear Book and activities to our school. Mr Ian Guy will be presenting the book and activities to our students in the coming weeks.

School Absences
You will notice a new SMS appearing when your child is absent from school. As a part of the PIPS program we are required to notify you on any day when your child is absent from school without a given reason.
For this to happen we need to ensure that our contact numbers are current and up to date. Please make sure that you return the forms sent home last week for your child’s information to be updated. If your child is absent from school we require a written note of explanation or a doctors certificate in line with the Department of Education regulations.

Christmas Choral Performance
A very big special thank you to Mrs Fitness for all of her hard work preparing our students for this event. All students participating in the performance will receive a small gift bag from Chemist Works and the school will receive a Day Spa voucher to be used as part of the Christmas Raffle.
This is also an excellent opportunity for us to show the rest of the community just how wonderful our students are and some of the great things that are happening at our school.
Senior students will be walking down to the centre with juniors travelling by car if we have sufficient transport.
Please come and join us to see our talented children sing - Thursday 6th at 12 noon at Glendale Chemist Works.
Daily Bells
The new bell system has been installed and you may hear some of the new bell chimes from time to time. We now have a working evacuation and lock down system that meets the WHS requirements to ensure the safety of our students, staff and community members.

School Banking
The Commonwealth Bank are running a great competition for our bankers this term. Every deposit gives you one entry into the competition. A maximum of 6 entries can be obtained. Banking continues this term. Well done to the students who are banking every week. For those students who wish to open an account, either pop into the office and see Mrs Ryan for a form or drop into the Commonwealth bank branch at Glendale to open an account and get up and running with your savings. There are some great rewards available this term. Call into the office and have a look at the display.

Congratulations to our regular bankers, Tara, Kayden, Jake & Rose-Maree. All of these students are working their way to receiving their first banking rewards.

Mulch
After the trimming and removal of the trees in our playground, we now have an abundance of mulch. If anyone would like some mulch for their gardens please see Mrs Guy or Mrs Ryan. You are welcome to as much or as little as you would like. Please help us to dispose of the mulch as soon as possible preferably before it gets too hot.
Canberra- Senior Excursion