As the cold is setting in we are becoming very eager to get into the classroom in the mornings—thanks to Alison for turning our heaters on early!

It has been a very productive few weeks as we continue to learn about fairy tales and their special features, while writing our own. We will begin to see these on display in our room this week.

We have also been continuing to learn about Australia’s involvement in various wars and peacekeeping over the last 100+ years. We have had a lot of fun investigating a box of treasures we received on loan from the Australian War Memorial. John Ainsworth also came in this week to share some of his knowledge and experience, thank you.

Our visit to White Cliffs also allowed us to make the most of the skills and knowledge of our coaches from Broken Hill. Sharon Degoumois and Brent Fenessy shared their skills in basketball and football through various games and drills. Lots of smiles and laughs all around.

Face to face experiences with people from our community who have particular experiences or knowledge provide unique and valuable learning experiences for our students. If you know of anyone who can, or if you can, support our learning in this way please let me know as it is a terrific opportunity to welcome our community into the classroom.

**PRINCIPAL’S POSITION**

After the close of expressions of interest for the relieving principal's position last week the position was still not filled. Trish Webb has approached me to continue to relieve as Principal, which I have agreed to.

Mrs Hotchin will continue to come in 2 days per week while it is practical which allows us to continue with a classroom structure that provides for the best learning opportunities.

Next week I will be travelling to Broken Hill Monday afternoon, undertaking Business Intelligence training and will return Tuesday afternoon.

**CANBERRA EXCURSION**

The year 5/6 students are starting to tell me how excited they are, what they’ve packed and how many more sleeps until… We will be looking forward to your return and hearing of your adventures.

**REPORT MEETINGS**

This time has come around so quickly! Next week I will begin report meetings with the year 5/6 students and continue in week 10 with K-4. If you have a preference of day please let me know.

**HATS & DRINK BOTTLES**

Please ensure your child has a hat and filled drink bottle each day.