Pathways to the future

Tuesday 27th May 2015

Another week has flown by and we are quickly heading towards the end of term 2. Attached to this week’s newsletter is the information on the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund initiative. Please read the information and if you are eligible (have a valid concession card), please complete the form and send back to school by the due date.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that our next curriculum day is Friday 5th June. We will be busy writing mid-year reports. Parent teacher interviews will be the last week of term.

Program Achieve Awards
Congratulations to Tilly and Tayla for achieving all of the keys to success for program achieve. Well done girls.

Junior Classroom News
In Science we have been studying the life cycle of a frog and its habitat and I wonder if anyone can find some tadpoles for us to observe in the classroom? We have also learnt some interesting facts about frogs so I hope your child shares these with you.
In Maths we are focusing on subtraction. To introduce the concept to Foundation children we played skittles and subtracted the number of pins they knocked down from ten. As a result we found out that Emilea is a super star bowler (like her mum) so look out Mrs Walker when Emilea is in Year 6!!!
In Literacy the students have been learning how to write expositions (persuasive writing) on various topics. Foundation are learning the letter and cued articulation for ‘r’ and how to write it. As I mentioned previously I have sent home instructional letter formation charts so that your child can practise correct letter formations at home. Please encourage your child to practise writing their own name correctly as well. Also, all students have spelling words to practise at home as well as at school and when they are ready, can request a test.

Senior Classroom News
In maths we are now at the stage of applying our knowledge of the operations to problem solving tasks. Most of the senior students have demonstrated that they are confident in addition, subtraction and multiplication and we are now focusing on division and linking it to fractions. It is great to see the improvement and confidence in speedy number facts.
The students are continually adding to their “Words I know how to Spell” list, which is great. At the start of the term we set a goal to have at least 40 new words added to the individual spelling lists and most kids are well on the way to achieving this goal.
Our “Life and Living” unit is really getting going and we now have two environments set up in the classroom with a variety of creatures...yabbies, wood slaters, lizards and frogs. This week we will start a specific focus study on the different creatures and learn lots about them with hands on learning.
Our unit on “Resilience” was enhanced when we had the privilege of listening to “Hugh” at last week’s Cluster Day at Whorouly. If your kids haven’t spoken to you about “dis” yet, ask them and I’m sure they will love to share some stories with you. The overall message
on the day was that Happiness can be created by being grateful for what we have and being kind to others. What a great way to live our lives!

**Working Bee**
This is a reminder that could we have all forms back to the school by Friday so we can organise the working bee? I have attached the original sheet – just in case you have misplaced yours – with the jobs to be completed and the preferred date. If you have already returned your form, thank you. If you have any questions in regards to this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Kid’s Council News**

**Pyjama Day**
On Monday – 1st June (1st day of Winter) we will be having pyjama day. Please could all students wear their pjs to school. It should make getting ready for school that much easier!

**Biggest Morning Tea**
Our Biggest Morning Tea will be held on tomorrow from 10.30 to 11.00 at the school. The children will be putting on a skipping display as a part of our healthy, body awareness program. A gold coin donation would be great and could all families bring a plate to share? All monies raised will go towards cancer research.

**Bluearth**
We are having a great time with Bluearth on Wednesdays. Matt and Swanny are terrific and they get along well with all the students. Even though it was a bit cold today, the kids got out there and really had a great time.

**Dates for your calendar:**

27th May – Bluearth  
28th May – Biggest Morning Tea  
28th May – Art  
1st June – Playgroup  
1st June – Pyjama Day  
1st June - Japanese  
3rd June – Bluearth  
4th June - Library  
5th June – Report Writing Day (no students)  
8th June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday  
10th June – Bluearth  
11th June – ART  
15th June – Playgroup  
17th June – Bluearth  
17th June – School Council  
18th June – Library  
22nd June – Speech  
23rd June – Reports to go home  
24th June – Bluearth  
25th June – ART  
25th June – Parent/Teacher Interviews  
26th June – last day Term 2. 2.30pm finish  
13th July – First day Term 3.

**WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS**

**2015 WINTER COMPETITION**

Muster Nights : 20th & 27th of May, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.  
Free Come ’n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.  
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.  
Comp Starts : 3rd of June, Juniors at 5:30 p.m. Seniors at 7  
Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.  
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Robert (Seniors) : 0407228280, Andrew (Juniors) : 0498954081.

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