Pathways to the future

Wednesday 13th April, 2016

Hi Everyone

I hope everyone had a fabulous break and a well earned rest over the holidays. I must say, it is quite difficult to get out of bed on these cooler mornings. With these cooler mornings and warmer afternoons, the children are taking off their jumpers and leaving them who knows where. Could you check the labels and make sure they are named so we can return them? Unfortunately Mrs Presti will not be at school for another couple of weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Have a great fortnight!

Wendy

Random Acts of Kindness

A huge thankyou to Andrew Hampson for fixing the handle on the office door and to Sharon Hamilton for donating a stack of stationery. We really appreciate these selfless acts.

Resilience

Late last term the senior students interviewed each other in regards to resilience and what it means to them. It was really interesting to hear their responses and it will be used at a Professional Learning Meeting at Rutherglen Primary School later this term. Our students are developing excellent strategies that support them in being more resilient both in the classroom and in the playground. If you are interested in learning more about what you might like to do at home to support your child in building resilience there are plenty of great websites to browse. One that I recommend is: http://andrewfuller.com.au/

Each newsletter a hint will be written from “10 Hints for creating resilient families.” The first is the definition: Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through life. When the inevitable pitfalls and setbacks of life occur, it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times.

Life Ed Van Here

Next Thursday the Life Ed van will be visiting the school once again. We have a visit every two years which makes this very special. The Senior class have a session entitled “It’s Your Call” – all about cybersafety and the Junior class have a session on “Healthy Habits.” It is very exciting for the Grade 5 and 6 students as they get to see the behind the scenes where Harold lives. Interesting!

Hot Lunches terms 2 & 3

In the colder months, students are able to bring along lunches which can be heated. The students have a sandwich maker for toasties and are also able to use the oven to heat up food. If food is going in the oven, please ensure the food is named – initials in texta on the foil is ok.

We do not allow the noodle cups where hot water is added – this is far too dangerous for the students to manage. Any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Kids’ Council

Easter Raffle

The lucky winners of our Easter egg raffle were: 1st Demi Bowers, 2nd Clynton Pratt and 3rd Ellie Lawrence.

We raised $415 and donated $200 of this to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Kids Council would like to thank everyone for their support.

Hot Lunches

Each fortnight Kids’ Council put on a hot lunch where you can buy a hot dog and prima for the cost of $3. What a bargain! Order forms will be sent out next week.

Hats Term 2

Although it is not mandated for the students to wear hats during terms 2 and 3, on sunny days we will encourage students to wear them.
**Playgroup**

The next playgroup is scheduled for 25th April – however this is Anzac Day. As a result, the next playgroup will be 9th May. This seems a long way away so if you would like to organise a playgroup before then, just let me know. Of course everyone is welcome to come along and if you know of any new families to our community, please let them know and invite them along.

**Junior Room**

A great start to Term 2 with our students really getting into routine and developing a positive attitude to their learning. A big thankyou to our parent helpers, Robyn (Violet’s Nan) and Andrew (Violet’s dad), Kerryn (Lucas’s mum) and Irene (Sam’s mum) for helping weekly by listening to our junior kids read. We really appreciate it.

Could all parents continue to support their child at home with their reading by listening to them daily and listening to them read the words that are in the back of their reading folder...it makes a huge difference to their development.

This term we will be integrating "Healthy Habits“ as part of our learning as we will be having the Life Education Van visit next week and engage our junior kids in this theme. The second half of the term we will be looking at a unit of work based around "Earth and Space.” We will focus on night and day, sun and moon, and seasons.

In maths our foundation students will be working with numbers to 10 and counting and comparing groups. Other student will be doing differentiated tasks with numbers beyond 20 and learning strategies for addition.

**Senior Room**

The students have settled in nicely into Term 2. This is a busy term with Napolan in May and lots of other things to cover for the rest of the term. In English we are working on persuasive writing and the comprehension skills of ‘cause and effect‘ and ‘making connections – to self, to text, to the world.’

In maths at the moment we are revising skills and working with those the students find challenging.

Integrated studies will see us studying Cybersafety, Anzac Day and Earth and Space where we will be looking at the solar system and our place in space. (this may change if an election is called early.)

The students will continue to get a maths homework sheet each Monday (to be completed by the following Monday) and they are also expected to read a little each night. Thank you for your support with this.

**Physical Education**

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Mr Pod at the end of last term, however we have found a fantastic replacement with Josh. The students had their first session with Josh yesterday and from all reports they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Josh will be here every Tuesday.

**Expression of Interest for music lessons**

We have the opportunity for students to learn an instrument during a lunch time session. Before we go ahead and organise this, I would like to gauge an interest to see if we will have the participants. Lessons will be given by Rhys Bersna.

The instruments offered are: keyboard, guitar, ukulele and voice. Lessons will be ½ hour in groups of no more than 4.

**Dates for your calendar:**

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