Pathways to the future
Wednesday 25th May, 2016

Hi Everyone
Thankyou to the King family and the Lewis family for burning the ‘rubbish’ pile on Friday afternoon. The school looks much better and we really appreciate your help.

On Monday the senior students taught the junior students and their parents some Maths card games. These games are easy to play and only need a pack of cards. this was followed by the Biggest Morning Tea. We raised $75.00 for the Cancer Council. Thankyou for your support.

Don’t forget we have a curriculum day on Friday 10th June – we will be busy writing student reports.
Have a great fortnight!

Wendy

School Council
A fundraising activity school council has planned is a trivia night. This will take place in July at the hall. As a part of the trivia night, there will be a silent auction. We need a number of goods or services to be auctioned. If you are able to help with the donation of any goods or services, or if you know of businesses we can contact in regards to this, could you please let a councillor or the school know? Ta.

Resilience
Hint No 3. Rediscover some family rituals
Family rituals are strong predictors of resilience. It doesn't matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Sunday roast, the Friday night pizza or the Saturday morning clean up - rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on your children will reminisce and say “Mum always made sure we did.” or “Dad always made sure we did.”

Hot Lunches terms 2 & 3
Hot lunches have been going well. When packing your child’s lunch, could you please tell them that they have a hot lunch? It makes it a lot easier to put food in the oven instead of in the microwave.

Kids’ Council
Pyjama Day
On the 1st June, in celebration of the first day of Winter, we are allowed to come to school in our pyjamas. No excuses for being late on that day!

Hot Dogs
Order forms will be sent home on Friday.

Somers Camp
We had more interested students to go to Somers than our allocated places so a draw took place on Monday. Kenz, Chevi, Jesher, James and Declan were the lucky students who were drawn out. The camp will take place in August so if we are lucky, there may be spots available for our emergencies Zack and Roman.

Care Van
On the first of winter, 1st of June at 10.30 the Care Van is visiting our school. They are going to provide hot milo for a special morning tea and talk to us about the Care Van. Would you please consider donating some non-perishable food items before this day, so we can make a hamper to donate and say “Thankyou.” Everybody is welcome to come along and join us.

Head Lice
Head lice is a never ending battle in any school. In trying to eradicate this from SPS, could you please check your child’s hair on a regular basis and treat asap if there are any signs of the presence of lice? If we are all vigilant, hopefully we can fully eradicate and minimise the chance of them spreading.
Junior Room
As report writing time is upon us it is really exciting to see the academic growth that has been made by our students in this first half of the year. It is lovely to work in an environment where all students are engaged and willing learners with an "I can' attitude, this positive attitude towards their learning is instrumental in helping them to consolidate many new skills that they are introduced to.
In numeracy we have been learning about "time." We are learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks, o'clock and half past. We also did some activities based around "half." Both of these topics are really practical and it would be great if you could follow up incidentally at home.
We have also linked "clockwise" and "anti-clockwise" to help students with their handwriting. A great "warm up" activity is to ask your child to do "lazy 8’s" - they can then show you how to correctly form letters that are formed by going in an anti clockwise or clockwise directions. Encourage your child to hold their pencil with correct grip..."Snap snap crocodile sitting on a log" (They will know what this means). "Time" has also been part of our integrated studies unit - "day and night" and "seasons."

Senior Room
Report writing is a time when we can formally see the academic growth the students have made. We will be completing our on demands tests during the next week or so – this enables us to make informed judgements as to where the students are ‘at’ at this stage of the year. In maths we are concentrating on multiplication with students multiplying by one, two or even three digit numbers depending on their stage of learning. We strongly encourage students to practise their tables home as this allows for quicker completion of work.
In literacy we are comparing and contrasting in reading, writing narratives in writing and in spelling we are learning to spell the words we mostly use.
In Integrated Studies we are continuing on with our space theme but will also introduce the students to “our Government“ in the lead up to the federal election.

School Banking
After a long absence, school banking is once again offered at the school. If your child has a current Youthsaver account, you are welcome to send money along on Wednesdays. If your child has not got an account and you wish to set one up, attached to this newsletter is information about how to set up your child’s Youthsaver account.
The school receives a small commission on each dollar deposited.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Leanne (our school banking coordinator) on Wednesdays.

Dates for your calendar:
26th May – ART
30th May – Japanese
30th May - Playgroup
31st May - Phys. Ed. with Josh
1st June – Care Van visit
1st June – Pyjama Day
2nd June – Library
3rd June – Hot dogs
6th June – Japanese
7th June - Phys. Ed. with Josh
9th June – ART
10th June – Curriculum Day – Report Writing
13th June – QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
14th June - Phys. Ed. with Josh
14th June – School Council
16th June – Library
17th June – Hot Dogs
17th June – Catering at the Hall
20th June – Japanese
21st June - Phys. Ed. with Josh
23rd June – ART
24th June – Last day Term 2
A long time ago a T-Rex ate a Triceratops.
By Lucas Fryer

Once upon a time there was a dingo called Doris. He was walking in the forest when he suddenly heard a girl scream! He came running to her. Ebony said, “help!” to dingo Doris. She was safe from the wolves. She said, “I love you dingo Doris.” He gave her a warm blanket. She was happy.
By Tilly.

The blue moon is caused by altitude and dust particles but it doesn’t happen very often that is why there is the saying once in a blue moon. By James

A blue moon is when there is two whole moons in one month. Sometimes it even looks like a blue moon. By Jesher

The moon has 8 phases all together - new moon, waxing, crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full moon, waning gibbous and the last moon. By Kenz

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