Pathways to the future

Wednesday 8th June, 2016

Hi Everyone

Well, winter has really settled in. Can’t complain about not having enough rain! Hopefully it will clear up for the long weekend and we can get outside and enjoy some sunshine with friends and family.

Don’t forget we have a curriculum day on Friday 10th June – we will be busy writing student reports. These will be sent out in the last week of term followed by parent/teacher interviews on Thursday 23rd June.

Have a great fortnight!

Wendy

School Council
The next school council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th June at 5.30pm.

Resilience
Hint No 4. Spontaneity and Curiosity

Spontaneity and curiosity are the building blocks of good mental health. You cannot tell someone how to have better mental health and you can’t give it to them by getting them to read a book.

So the really hard message here is that if you want to raise your children to have mentally healthy lives, you are going to have a good time yourself. If you want your children to succeed you need to show them that success is worth having.

Carevan Visit

We were very excited and fortunate to be treated to a warm milo and morning tea donated by the Wangaratta Carevan. This event was organised as part of a Resilience Project we are currently undertaking. The concept is based around the students choosing a “project” where they can make a positive contribution. This supports a mind-shift from “Helpless to Hopeful”, and in turn develops resilience in our young people. We were extremely thankful that Michelle and Peter made the time to come out to our school with a delicious morning tea as well as answering many questions the children had about the “Carevan.” We presented a large hamper of donated goods to the Carevan – thankyou to all those families who kindly donated goods. We look forward to being able to support them in different ways throughout the year.

Students of the Month

Congrats to Amber and Jack for being our students of the month for May. Well done both of you – you are great assets for our school. Keep up the good work.

Program Achieve Awards

Congratulations to Jack and Sam for achieving all five keys to success with our program achieve. Well done!
Kids’ Council News

Pyjama Day
To celebrate the first day of winter, last Wednesday we had a Pyjama Day. It was great to see almost everyone join in the spirit of the day and wear their p.j’s to school. We really do know it is winter.

Hot Dogs
Hot dogs are going well. Our next hot dog lunch will be on Friday 17th June – our last for the term. Due to Report Writing Day on Friday, order forms will go out on Thursday.

Disco
Our annual School disco will take place on Wednesday 22nd June from 6 – 7.30pm. Kids Council will be selling potato chips (50c) and glow sticks (20c) on the night. Free entry. Strictly students of Springhurst Primary School only. Any questions, please contact the school.

Junior Room
In maths we have been learning about 2 digit numbers and being able to use number lines to help us with addition. In measurement we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes, and have been making patterns with shapes and numbers. At home to reinforce your child’s learning, a great activity is to play “Eye Spy”, and spy something that is a particular shape. In Literacy we have continued looking at the structure of narratives and our students love being “authors”, the more practise they get with their writing the better. On these wet windy days you could encourage your child to do some writing, it might be the shopping list or a recount about their day or even read one of their favourite stories and ask them to retell but make a change ( the character, or complication, or resolution. ) The kids have really been enjoying participating in the Perceptual Motor Program. This program involves them in doing a variety of physical activities that develop their coordination, balance, spatial awareness, and development of the “left and right” brain working together.

Senior Room
In maths we have started on our unit on fractions. The students are identifying fractional parts, fractions of a group, equivalents and will beginning processes towards the end of the term. In reading we are studying the strategy making predictions. We encourage the students tp make predictions about what a book is about or what is going to happen next. This is an important strategy as it helps the students in preparing reading unfamiliar words they may come across. Our unit on ‘our place in space’ is coming to a close with the students writing an imaginative piece about an alien in space. We will be exploring and discussing our system of government and in particular the up-coming elections.

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.

Artists of the Week
Congratulations to Brialeigh for her fantastic Mola inspired artwork and Violet for her sensational owl she created out of paper. Well done girls!

Facebook
We are on Facebook! This will be used for reminders and general information. Thankyou to Mel Keys for organising this.
Dates for your calendar:

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
22nd June – DISCO 6 – 7.30pm
23rd June – ART
23rd June – P/T Interviews
24th June – Last day Term 2
11th July – 1st day Term 3

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

Every day, foster carers with UMFC make an incredible difference to children who are unable to live with their own families. Foster carers can be single, married or partnered, they may own their own home or rent, they work in or way from their homes, some have children some don’t. Some of our carers provide respite care one weekend a month, while others prefer to care for children in emergency or short term placements.

Foster carers need a commitment to children, a willingness to undertake training and assessment and the eagerness to give it a go. Training and 24 hour support is provided. Carers receive a non taxed reimbursement. Our carers tell us that the good times far outweigh the tough, and their lives are enriched as they help a child move toward reaching their potential.

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