Pathways to the future
Wednesday 3rd August, 2016

$4175.00!!

Hi Everyone
Yes! This is how much we raised on the Trivia Night held last Saturday night. It was a tremendous effort from all those people involved. A special mention in particular must be made to Simone and Tanya for all the work they did. Also a special mention to Tim Keys for compering the night. Without his persuasive efforts, we may not have raised as much.

A thankyou to all the businesses and other people who donated goods, for either the auction or the raffles – we really appreciate this.

We would also like to thank all of the families who supported our fundraising events earlier this term. It is always a challenge in trying to coordinate rosters and ensure that the load is shared and we appreciate your understanding in this. We are extremely thankful to everyone who helped out at either the Election Day or the Bunnings BBQ.

Have a terrific fortnight.

Wendy

School Council News

Trivia Night
As mentioned previously we had a very successful Trivia Night. We would also like to thank Annette and Scotty Lewis for all their help on the night – selling raffle tickets and walking the ‘catwalk’ to display the goods. Cheers

Program Achieve
A huge congratulations to Tayla who has improved leaps and bounds in the past couple of weeks. We are very pleased with her positive attitude to her learning. Well done!

Resilience – Hint No. 7 Consistency
Consistency is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards, who convey the same sorts of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly have the best outcome in terms of children’s well being. It is also important that parents not be open to manipulation and work together as a team.

Life however is not always so simple and we all know from sad and sour experience, that parents cannot always be consistent. Sometimes parents have different value systems or can’t come to a consistent way to handle particular areas. In these situations, a second possibility is for one parent to take charge of a particular area. This is not the most desirable solution but it is better than having parents in conflict over management issues or worse, undermining one another. In single parent families or where parents are separated the same principle applies.

Somers Camp
Five of our students are off to Somers Camp next week. For those of us who can remember back when we were kids and lucky enough to go to Somers, we know from experience they will have a fabulous time. We hope they have loads of fun and make lots of new friends.

Students of the Month
Congratulations to both Juni and Lachie who attained our student of the month awards for August. These two students should be congratulated on always trying their best. They are very valuable members of Springhurst Primary School. Keep up the good work!
**Carevan Cook up**
Thanks to all the families who donated some food for our cook up today. The senior kids worked cooperatively in groups to make winter hearty meals to donate to the Carevan. We made curried sausages, fried rice, lasagne, and spaghetti bolognese. Thanks to Taneisha and Timeeka for their help. We also had a "photo shoot" of the handing over of the $500 cheque to the Carevan. This photo and article should be published in next week’s Chronicle...so keep an eye out!

**Senior Room**
We have organised our roles for the concert and have been busy practising the songs and our lines. We usually practise our concert on Wednesday with Mrs Byrne and on Fridays afternoons. Over the next few weeks your child will be busy practising their lines – if you could listen to them it would be great.
In maths we are working on money - looking at budgets and of course practising our tables each day. In English we are working on the strategies of drawing conclusions and making inferences in reading and in writing, we are looking at reports where we will be studying a country participating at the Olympics. We are also looking at ‘growth mindset’ vs ‘fixed mindset’ in their learning. Ask your child for an explanation.

**Junior Room**
The kids are really zooming along and making excellent progress. They are writing “expositions” and have learnt how to plan and structure their writing. I have included some for you to have a read. They are also working hard on learning their spelling words and looking at different strategies that help them to spell more challenging words. It is great to see their confidence in themselves as learners blossom.
In shared reading we are focusing on punctuation such as: commas, talking marks, question marks and exclamation marks and how this effects how we read. Thanks to all families who are supporting their child with their take home reading and spelling homework. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer to listen to reading at school once a week or even once a fortnight that would be fantastic.
A big thanks to our current volunteers we really value and appreciate your commitment.
In maths we have been focusing on subtraction and how to use strategies with tens frames or bead frames to help to solve the equation effectively. We have also looked at Chance and Data and have been learning how to display information on graphs.

**Expositions from P – 2**

*I like Winter because I stay inside and I can sing, “It’s raining, it’s pouring, the old man is snoring.” I can jump in puddles. Winter is the best.*
By Tayla

*I like Winter because I can play inside.*
By Juni

*I think a monkey would be the best pet because they are funny. They can do tricks. They can swing on vines. You can have fun when you have a pet monkey.*
By Sam
**Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition**

Congratulations to all our very brave competitors who participated in the Lions club public speaking competition. They did our school proud. They spoke with confidence and we all know how difficult it is to speak in public. Congratulations once again to Brialeigh, Jesher, Jack K, Oli and Eli.

**Maths in the Junior Room**

Check out these budding mathematicians. You’re never too young to start!

**Dates for your calendar:**

- 4th August – Medieval Day Grade 6s – RHS
- 4th August – MACC
- 9th – 17th August – SOMERS CAMP
- 9th August - Music with Tim
- 9th August - Phys Ed. with Josh
- 11th August – MARC
- 15th August - Music with Tim
- 15th August - Phys Ed. with Josh
- 18th August – MACC
- 22nd – 26th August – Book Week

**Bookclub**

Thankyou to those students who ordered Bookclub. You will have received your orders today. If you brought your Bookclub back late, we will endeavour to get your books to you as soon as possible.

**Parent Opinion Surveys**

Thankyou to those families who have already returned these surveys. I will be posting them to the department at the end of this week. If you have not done so, could you please return them to school by Friday?

Thankyou

**Change your words – change your mindset.**

A couple of phrases we are trying to use in the senior room.

Instead of saying...

- I made a mistake say Mistakes help me to improve.
- I’m awesome at this say I can always improve; I’ll keep trying.
- I give up say What am I missing?
- It’s good enough say Is this really my best work?
- I’ll never be as smart as him/her say I’m going to figure out what they do and try it.

**Transition Activity**

We are very pleased that our Grade 6s have been invited to Rutherglen High School for a Medieval Day tomorrow. We have participated in this event in the past and the students have had a fabulous time. Thankyou to the Year 8’s for organising this.