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Pathways to the future

Thursday 23rd July 2020

Hi Everyone,
It is so good to be back at school in a 'normal' fashion and we feel for our city counterparts as they commenced online learning once again. In saying this, we still need to be vigilant in our behaviours – social distancing where possible, sanatising frequently and staying home when necessary.
We have had an interesting start to the term – girl guides started on Monday, breakfast club started on Tuesday and we have our eggs incubating. We look forward to seeing the results.
Have a great fortnight
Wendy

School Council

A reminder that school council is next Tuesday. Attached to this newsletter are the minutes from our last meeting and the agenda for Tuesday. The meeting begins at 5.30pm. Let me know if you will be joining us via Webex.

Life Ed

The Life Education program will be visiting us next Tuesday. The Foundation students will be learning about "Harold's friendship" and the Senior students will be looking at being Cyberwise. Due to COVID19, the van won't be coming.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club began again this term. Thanks so much for our new volunteers. Rebecca (Tuesdays) and Jono (Thursdays) have kindly offered to support the school in this. We are always looking for volunteers so if you can help, give me a call.

Scout Raffle Tickets

Could all raffle tickets – sold or unsold – please be returned to school by Wednesday next week? Thanks for your support in this.

Birthday

We would like to wish Tilly a very happy 11th birthday.
Three cheers!!!

Incubating Eggs

We are very excited to be incubating eggs.

Tamara organised the eggs for us and Krystal organised the incubator. Hopefully in about 20 days, we have a brood of chicks that have hatched.

Kids' Council Hot Dogs

A reminder that we have hot dogs for lunch tomorrow. Also if you could wrap your child's hot food in foil and initial/name, it would be greatly appreciated.

Girl Guides

Girl Guides started on Monday and the girls reported back that they had a great time. They participated in a variety of activities.

Foundation

We have had a fabulous start to the term. In English, we are practising the reading strategy of skipping the tricky word, reading on and then re-reading to work out the word. It is extremely important to hear your child read every night – practice makes perfect. In spelling we are up to 3 letter words and the students are making great progress sounding out letters and blending them.
In maths we are exploring numbers greater than ten, counting by 10s to 100 and simple additions. The students are also using the blocks to create farms and fencing for animals – here they are practising measuring.
In science our unit of work is hatching chickens.
Wendy

Senior Room

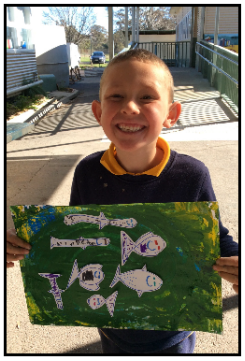
What a fantastic start to Term 3 with everyone so focused and engaged in their learning… we are really zooming along! In literacy we are learning strategies to help us to identify the meanings of words in different contexts as well as learning how to write an information report. These learning focuses have tied in beautifully with our unit of work on "Hatching Chickens" and we are building a vocabulary wall and are in the process of publishing an information report about how to hatch chickens.

In Maths we are now experts at vertical addition and we are now learning the steps involved in being able to do vertical subtraction with trading. The kids have worked really well and we have nearly consolidated this concept already…well done kids!

We really appreciate Krystal coming in weekly as an "eggspert" to help us with our Science topic "Hatching Chickens." We are learning so much and the kids are very engaged and excited…thanks Krystal.

Once a week we have timetabled PE and we are focusing on throwing and catching. It is great that we have had some sunny afternoons to get out and enjoy being active outdoors.

Jules



Dates for your calendar:

23rd July	Hot Dogs
27th July	Girl Guides
28th July	Breakfast Club
28th July	Life Ed Van
28th July	School Council
30th July	Breakfast Club
30th July	ART
3rd August	Girl Guides
4th August	Breakfast Club
6th August	Breakfast Club
6th August	Library
7th August	Hot Dogs
10th August	Girl Guides
11th August	Breakfast Club
13th August	Breakfast Club
13th August	ART
17th August	Girl Guides
18th August	Breakfast Club
20th August	Breakfast Club
20th August	Library
21st August	Hot Dogs
24th August	Girl Guides
25th August	Breakfast Club
27th August	Breakfast Club
27th August	ART
31st August	Girl Guides
1st September	Breakfast Club
1st September	School Council

ART

This term we are looking at different Australian Artists for inspiration. In art this fortnight the junior students looked at Ken Done's barrier reef, before creating their own works of art. They used different stamps and paint to create a background and glued on their fish they drew. They also drew fish using pastels and painted the background using food colouring. The senior students looked at Joel Moore's (Mulga) Artwork before creating their own unique animal drawing. Well done everyone for your outstanding artwork!