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March 4, 2016 Term 1 Week 6

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

PLPs
Thank you to all those parents who were able to allocate time to attend our 1st Semester PLP meetings last week. These meetings are an integral part of student achievement in the school as we all work in partnership to determine future directions and goals for your child in their learning. Education is a partnership between the child, the parent and the school. Last week over 90% of parents or caregivers were available to attend the meetings. Thank you for supporting your child in this process.

CANTEEN
The canteen is up and running and thriving! Many thanks to all the volunteers and to Amanda Keveers and Fran Pope for their amazing efforts in getting the canteen up and running. An excellent paint job and revitalised menu has set the scene for success. Thank you very much ladies for all your hard work and ideas in getting the canteen prepared and ready for 2016. You have made the start to the year highly successful.

P & C AGM
Last night we held the annual P & C AGM. I would like to thank the outgoing President Jane Hunt and the outgoing Treasurer Nicci Passmore for their invaluable contributions to the P & C and to the school over the past few years. Your efforts have been highly appreciated. Congratulations to the incoming executive as listed below:
President – Zane Osborn
Vice President – Sam Swadling
Secretary – Kevin Sawers
Treasurer – Greg Gilio

I would like to thank you all for taking on these roles and I am looking forward to a positive and rewarding relationship in the year ahead.

Please find attached to this newsletter the Principal’s report from the P & C meeting.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards
Meredith Lindsay

KT Possums
Hi everyone! Hope you enjoyed our assembly item today! Believe me choosing our favourite dance was difficult. We finish each morning session with music and dance, a nice way to celebrate our Literacy learning KT have certainly have got the moves! This week saw budding artists create self-portraits. I was impressed by the children’s attention to detail. Delicate eyelashes (yes, boys do have eyelashes), eyebrows, teeth, outrageous hair and ears! Lots of happy faces will soon adorn the classroom foyer. We still need to add the water colours. Stay tuned for the KT Self Portrait Exhibition.

Thank you to those parents who attended the SSP Information Session. It was nice to see the “uh huh” moments when we discussed handwriting strategies such as “around the apple, up and down the leaf.” Have a lovely weekend with your family. Try talking in speech sounds every now and then. It can be lots of fun! For example, T I ME F OR D I NN ER, or T I ME F OR B E D!!

Cheers
Mrs Turner
1S Super Stars
The Year 1 classroom has been a hive of busy bees this week! We have been excitedly planning and writing our own imaginative story about outer space. We are using lots of interesting adjectives to describe the characters and settings of our stories. One story contained Globby the lumpy, squashy alien from the Soccer Planet!

After doing such a wonderful job reciting our days-of-the-week chant at assembly last week, we are starting to learn a new chant about mini beasts. This poem about creepy crawlies, ties in nicely with all our newfound knowledge about ants, snails and worms.

We created some stunning self-portraits during art with Ms Brady, using iPads as a mirror to make sure we included all of our beautiful details. We then added colour, but not with pencils, crayons or paint… with streamers! We can’t wait to show Ms Skehan when she returns next week.

2/3 Buzzing Bees
We have been learning to tell the time. This week we spent some time working with analog and digital clock faces and revising on the hour (o’clock) and half hour times. We recognised that the minute hand takes 60 minutes to complete one revolution and by the time it does it is a new hour.

We also learnt that there are 5 minutes between each numeral on the clock face. We have also been learning the difference between a question and a statement. We recognised that the title of the picture book Are We There Yet? is a question. We had to think of ways to turn this question into a statement, for example ‘this is taking forever.’ Students also pretended to be Billy, mum and dad to role play scenes from the book. Their task was to change questions into statements and statements into questions. It was a tricky task, but also fun!

In our Geography lesson the question ‘why do you think the family travelled the way that they did around Australia?’ was posed. Students were shown the map of their route. This question sparked a lot of discussion about major roads, landmarks and natural features. We realised that all of our major cities are on Australia’s coast. This then raised a question about why they would be on the coast. A variety of reasons came out such as Australian’s enjoy being near the beach, there is more to do and the land is more fertile compared to further inland that often experience droughts.

Mrs Cunningham
3/4 Dynamos
This week we have been learning how to read, order and represent five digit numbers and we have learnt how to write them using expanded notation. We have also been learning how to read and write Roman Numerals.

In English, we are writing the complication of our narratives. We are hoping to have our stories finished next week and are looking forward to sharing some in the newsletter.

In Science, we have been learning about arachnids and insects. Did you know that a daddy-long-legs is not a spider? It is an arachnid but it is not a spider. Did you also know that they have enough venom to kill a human being, however, their mouths are too small to bite us? Learning new information is fascinating!!

Clean Up Australia Day
Next Monday, March 7th, our school will be participating in “Clean Up Australia Day”. Each class will be dedicated an area within the school (Class 5/6 will be tidying the perimeter of the school) to pick up rubbish etc. If available students are asked to bring a bucket, gloves, plastic bag and tongs. If you do not wish your child to participate, please see your class teacher.

Mrs Durie

5/6DL
Have you ever read a piece of writing and noticed that something just feels... wrong? Unnatural? Monotonous? You can't put your finger on it. The spelling is correct and the grammar is spot on but still something is missing. Did you know that the 'something' is called sentence rhythm?

Stage 3 know! They have been learning how to vary the length and patterns of their sentences, to make their writing easier to read and musical to the ear. Here are some writing samples, where students have experimented with different pattern and sentence lengths. Read them, without counting the words, to guess the pattern.

Sunrise
Sunset.
Flowers blooming.
Feeling young.
Prancing over daisies.
Hopping over roses.
Climbing up the trees.
Playing in the sun.
Forgot to put on sunscreen.
Lucky we had some fun.

Malia

Everything you can't see is there.
Everything you hear is not.
Dead leaves, alive lights.
Now say goodbye.
You know.
Gone.

Azland

Staring at the bus stop.
The light is flickering.
It's a ghost town.
Nobody there.
Boom!
There is something tall, mysterious, hidden but yet very magical.
A dark black hat, with sunglasses over his eyes.
A long beige coat, black shirt, black pants.
Thick black socks and tall leather boots.
With a strange looking black umbrella.
He is coming towards me.
All goes dark.
Can't hear.
Can't see.
Black.

Hannah

Ms Juanita

Easter Hat Parade
This year’s Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday March 24th, 2016 at 10.30am. Boys and girls are asked to make their hat at home and bring it along on the day. Playgroup will be joining us. ALL WELCOME.

Mrs Turner
**AWARDS**

**Bronze**
- Zachary
- KT
- Tim
- Kate
- Ben
- Finlay

**2/3C**
- Kiara
- Ayva

**3/4D**
- Alexandra
- Sunni

**5/6DL**
- Azland
- Ella

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Restricted Areas**

Just a reminder, that due to the very nature of the school environment some areas within the school are restricted. These areas cannot be accessed without invitation.

The office is one place in particular that only authorised people are able to enter. Parents and students are reminded to attend the front window of the office to seek permission if they wish to enter the office area. I’m sure you will understand this procedure and thank you for your support in this matter.

**Phone messages to students**

Recently the office has been inundated with phone calls from parents/caregivers late in the day asking that messages be forwarded to students. To ensure delivery of messages please ring the office before 2.00pm (if possible) as it gets more hectic closer to 3.00pm.

Please reinforce with your child in the morning “going home plans”, for the afternoon, especially for younger children who may become confused about arrangements.

Of course, I understand that emergencies happen and if that is the case, priority will take place and I will endeavour to pass your message on, this however, cannot be guaranteed.

**School Emergency Management**

It is extremely important that we regularly test our response to potential emergency situations. Drills are regularly conducted at school and on Wednesday we had the first for the year. We practised our Emergency Management process with an in-class lockdown. We learn a lot from these drills so if, in the unfortunate event we have to implement our plan, our school, the staff, volunteers and students will be safe.

Toni Coburn