

FRIDAY 2nd APRIL 2015

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From the Principal

What a great term it's been!! It's always so gratifying to look at how far our students have come even in the space of one term. I have little people in my class who are already beginning to move up through their reading levels. Maybe it's a teacher thing, but there is hardly a better feeling than watching the penny drop with a child and having that, 'Oh NOW I get it!' moment, when you can see them start to crack the very complex code that is reading; or to see the look on a face when they can do addition of multiple digit numbers without trading, (and of course, with trading, as they get more proficient). All the teachers at this school feel proud of how hard our students are working at their learning. Try to encourage your child's literacy and numeracy over the holidays because, like any skill that improves with practice, some do tend to fall back a bit without that daily activity.

This is my last Newsletter as Relieving Principal and I have to say what a great experience it's been. I've been on a wonderful learning curve and I'm so grateful to have had the experience. It's given me a rare insight into the running of a small school and I have to say a huge thank you to Mrs Luce who has been my stalwart support, advisor and friend. A principal's job is made up of a million different things, and keeping on top of them as well as teaching is quite demanding, intellectually, emotionally and physically. It's also intensely interesting and challenging. I like to think that the majority of my decisions were good ones, and if I made any mistakes...well, I often tell my students that one of the ways we learn is by occasionally getting it wrong. We are only human, after all.

I can only wish our new principal, Stephen Manser, all the very best in his new position. I'm sure that he will handle it brilliantly and he can certainly be sure of my support, a sentiment I'm sure my colleagues share. After all, our primary aim is to develop and sustain a school where everyone has the opportunity to achieve their potential, and have a wonderful time doing it; a school where everyone is valued and nurtured, students, teachers and our wider community. I feel like Ripley on the Nostromo, signing off on the Captains Log. Have a peaceful, healthy and safe holiday and we'll see you for a fresh new term in a couple of weeks. Please read the back of the newsletter for important Term 2 dates.

Diana Cantrell
Relieving Principal

Art Smart

All Year 6 Students will be attending Art Smart Workshop at Clunes school from Tuesday 21st until Thursday 23rd April from 8.45am until 3.00pm. Parents need to transport their child to and from this event. A general information sheet is attached to this newsletter.

Cross Country

The whole school will be travelling to Corndale by bus on Thursday 30 April to participate in the Dunoon PSSA Cross Country. Students need to be in full school uniform wear covered footwear and school hat. There will be a canteen on the day. We will send out the canteen menu next term. The cost is \$5.60 per student. Please fill in the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school with money by Friday 24th April.

Stick and Stones Production

Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will travel to Tullera Hall on Friday 8th May to attend the 'Sticks and Stones' Production which is an anti-bullying interactive play. The cost is \$9.05 per student. Travel will be by bus. Please fill in the attached permission note and return to school by Friday 24th April.

GRIP Leadership Conference

All year 6 students will be attending the Grip Leadership conference on Friday 8th May with Mr Manser. Pick up times will be provided with first newsletter next term. Please finalise your payments by this date.

End of Term 1

We would like to wish all of our students and their families a very happy and safe Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all again in Term 2.



STUDENT AWARDS

K/1

Bella-

Great work in all learning areas!

Jett-

Great work in all learning areas!

Pania-

Great work in all learning areas!

Maude-

Great work in all learning areas!

Jeremy-

Great work in all learning areas!

Hunter-

Great work in all learning areas!

2/3

Max-

Great April Fool's Story!

Elke-

Wonderful Weaving!

Ollie-

Using words in interesting ways!

4/5/6

Lily-

Great results in Spelling!

Indi-

Positive Attitude towards Maths!

Bodhi-

Excellent Exposition!

Pierce-

Great results in Spelling!

Mehmet Ozalp

At 10am on Friday 24th April our school is lucky enough to be receiving a visit from Associate Professor Mehmet Ozalp - winner of the Muslim Role Model of the Year award 2012, one of many awards recognising his work in interfaith understanding. Mehmet will be speak around the theme 'Modern Australian Muslims' and will be happy to receive any questions on being a Muslim in Australia.

Mehmet is one of the co-founders of Affinity Intercultural Foundation in 2000, an organisation fostering intercultural and interfaith harmony. He has written 3 books, including '101 Questions You Asked About Islam' and 'Islam in the Modern World'.

Mehmet is visiting our area to be a part of the multi-faith 'Remembering and Healing' peace ceremonies in Lismore held at 5pm Friday 24th at the Uniting church and on ANZAC day, 11am at Peace Park. Contact Julie, 66886135, if you would like more information about Mehmet or the 'Remembering and Healing' ceremonies.

Leaders Report

This week we have the Easter Hat Parade. We have been working on the song, 'Spirit of the ANZACS' so we can sing it at the ANZAC Day Ceremony. Mr Manser will accompany us on his guitar. We hope you have a good Easter holiday!

Izaiah & Raphael

Happy Birthday!

Kurt

11.04.15

Elke

13.04.15



TERM 2 2015

Week 1

Monday 20th April

Staff Return

Tuesday 21st April

Students Return

ArtSmart

Wednesday 22nd April

ArtSmart

Thursday 23rd April

ArtSmart

Saturday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Week 2

Monday 27th April

Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th April

ANZAC Day Special Service at The Channon Hall commencing at 10am

Thursday 30th April

Cross Country

Week 3

Friday 8th May

Sticks and Stones Production

Grip Leadership Day