Principal News

Congratulations to our Stage 2 and Year 6 scholars for their excellent conduct and enjoyment of their recent excursions. It sounds like the opportunities offered by these excursions were enjoyed by all participating. Next week Kindergarten and Year 2 venture forth for excursions. I know they will all take their Aussie Five with them.

Wednesday’s K-2 Athletic Carnival was a great success. The weather was beautiful, and events ran smoothly. Thanks to all staff involved in organizing the event. Thanks also to the P&C for organizing a canteen at the ground. All parents should remember in future that children should not be taken early from these events without advising the classroom teacher. Any child who did not return to school at the end of the Carnival will be registered with a part day attendance as an early leaver.

This week I am working on School Evaluation with a team of staff and parents. We have been conducting interviews with scholars, staff and parents, observing classrooms and reviewing a range of documents and data. This will lead to recommendations for continuation or improvement of programs and operations in the school, and also new initiatives as we move into 2016. Thanks to all who play a part in the Evaluation either on the team, or by giving time to have your voice heard about our school.

Warm Regards

Eve Field

STAGE TWO MORISSET EXCURSION

Stage Two scholars enjoyed a fabulous day at the Morisset Outdoor Education Centre on Monday 31st August. The day started off with an earlier than normal arrival at school, ready for our bus trip to Morisset. Three buses departed with over 160 excited and eager students and teachers, ready for the day’s adventures!

On arrival we were greeted by the enthusiastic outdoor education centre staff and instructors. Each group rotated through three activities throughout the day. We enjoyed the team work building tasks of paddling and navigating 3-man canoes, supporting each other across high ropes and the challenge ropes and many students faced their fear of heights (or fed their adrenaline) by taking on the giant swing and dual flying fox. This combined with hotdogs, donuts, slushies and hamburgers. We were disappointed that the day had come to an end. The Morisset camp provided essential stepping stones for our students in team building and developing the necessary skills to support subsequent camps in Year 5 and High School. Each student represented our school with pride, were well behaved and very brave!

Thank you for a great day,

Stage 2 Teachers

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

The Support Unit has had another busy term with the scholars participating in many and varied activities. Our Year 6 scholars, Austin Mc, Logan R and Jacob B, last week, spent four days in Canberra, where they visited; Parliament House, The War Memorial, Questacon and spent a day at the snow. It was a fantastic opportunity for our scholars to spend time with their peers and learn about our great capital. When visiting Parliament House, some students had the opportunity to participate in a mock parliament. Jacob was chosen as the Sargent-at-Arms, where he carried out the duties required with great enthusiasm. The scholars had an amazing time, and were a credit to the school and the support unit teachers and SLSO’s.

This term the scholars have been participating in weekly sport, playing tennis and dream cricket, the scholars over the term have been developing their hand eye co-ordination and athletic abilities. The scholars have shown many great sporting qualities such as persistence and sportsmanship.

During 3rd term the scholars have been learning about workers in the community and the difference between a need and a want. The students had the opportunity to consolidate their learnings by participating in careers day, the scholars enjoyed the opportunity to dress up as their chosen career and participate in the interactive activities.

The term has been a great success and all the teachers and support staff are looking forward to term 4. The Teachers from The Support Unit.

PARENT FORUM CAFÉ

On Wednesday 16th September, from 9.30am-10.30am we will be hosting a morning tea to give parents and carers the opportunity to be involved in this year’s school evaluation. This will be a casual event with the chance to chat in small groups about how the school is performing in a range of areas and to put forward ideas for improvement. This evaluation information provided by parents and carers allows the school to accurately assess both positive and negative aspects of the entire school. This input and information from parents and carers, along with evaluations provided by scholars and staff will assist in the adjustment and formulation of future planning of the school to provide a safe nurturing school environment to maximise each individual scholar’s academic, creative and social development and success. This is your opportunity to be involved with the future direction of your child’s education. To assist with catering purposes, please call 4937 1339 to confirm your attendance.
YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

In week 8, 83 fabulous Year 6 representatives of Kurri Kurri Public School journeyed to Canberra to take in the sights and sounds of our nation’s capital. We spent three marvellous days on our educational tour of Canberra, taking in a variety of educational programs including Parliament House, The Canberra Education Centre, The Mint, Questacon, Telstra Tower, Old Parliament House, The Electoral Education Centre and The Australian War Memorial. We spent Thursday at Smiggin Holes and lucky enough to be in the snow as it was snowing! During this trip, students learnt about Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs and reduced the excursion total. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Thank you to our Year 6 students for a brilliant trip. You were all exceptional and a lot of fun to be around! All of the teachers are extremely proud of you all. Thanks you also to our brilliant teachers (Mr. Maddock, Ms. Allport, Mr. Bretz, Mr. Wooster, Mrs. Pinchen, Mrs. Wynnads and Mrs. Wilkinson) who put four long, yet rewarding, days into the excursion. We would also like to thank Pacer for their subsidy to this Excursion.

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A Presentation at Rotary Park will take place on Saturday 12th September at 10.00am. Prizes will be handed to the winners of the competition Dakatoh W, Erin B, Mikalya M, Isabella W.

PBL REWARDS DAY

PBL Rewards Day will be held on Thursday 17th September. Scholars who have zero or one negative incident recorded for Term 3 will be able to attend. This term there will be a free Magic Show with a professional magician, Joel Howlett.

KINDERGARTEN HUNTER VALLEY ZOO

Just a reminder that the Kindergarten’s excursion to the Hunter Valley Zoo is on Tuesday 15th September. The last day for notes and money is Friday 11th September.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday 11th September we will be hosting our Annual Father’s Day Breakfast. The breakfast, games and science activities will go from 7.45am–10.30am. We look forward to sharing this morning with you.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Ready and Set for Kindergarten 2016 is a course to prepare pre-schoolers and their parents for Kindergarten. This course will be held on the following days: Tuesday 20th October, Wednesday 28th October, and Thursday 5th November at 11.45am-1.00pm. For more information or to register please contact the school on 4937 1235. Enrolments are now being taken for children starting Kindergarten in 2016. If you know of any children that are to start Kindergarten next year please tell them to contact the school office on 4937 1235.

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