Music

Mrs. Kinlyside has been introducing the students to instruments of the orchestra. They listened to Peter and the Wolf – a story using the orchestral instruments. Each student has had a chance to play a violin, including an Electric violin. With ease Jasper was able to play Hot Cross Buns. Jasper has also brought in his clarinet to show everyone. He is very happy with his clarinet. Jasper if you are reading our newsletter, can you please bring your clarinet in again and we can get a photo!

World's Biggest Classroom

In 2015, our students participated in this program. Two artworks students completed on the theme of ANZAC with Mrs. Nyree Reynolds, were printed onto a poster (which is back at School now). The poster featured in one of the exhibitions staged at the Sydney Trains and Westfield venues, as well as the Qantas Credit Union Arena. The exhibition is an opportunity for classrooms across the State to showcase their schools to the general public. This program coincides with the annual Schools Spectacular each year.
**Homework – a different perspective**

Helping your child prepare for the future; Homework, if only we could give it another name and leave out the word ‘work’. It’s a word none of us associate with in a positive outlook.

At this age children are learning behaviours to prepare them to be life long learners; we can help by encouraging them to take ownership of their homework; to allow them to make mistakes and ask for help to solve their problems. The time will come when they will be in situations where they will need to ask for help with assignments by themselves without adult help.

Primary school is a great place to start to learn to do this.

Our students are given a set amount with special activities occasionally for subjects other than literacy and numeracy. How much homework the child does is up to their discretion and discussion with the teacher. What we want is for the students to develop ownership of their homework be able to plan around home activities and responsibilities with families and to do the best they can.

Presentation is very important. Aspiring to do their best and being bothered to prepare is a great practice for secondary school and all career opportunities.

We can use the analogy: A piano player or a guitarist doesn’t become good by ‘cramming’ in one night’s practice; it takes years and years to become a confident musician.

I am very proud of what our students are accomplishing and the support our parents and staff give them. But most of all I know that what we want for our students, and children, is to be confident life long learners and to see homework as a tool to communicate with other learners, to share their learning with their family and to remember that no matter what we do in life, be it going camping for the weekend or having a birthday party or going shopping, we will always have to prepare; luckily, we do not call it homework!

**Uniform – It’s looking fantastic!**

Thank you parents; our uniform is one of our best visual reminders to the community of just our gorgeous our students are! They are shining and sparkling right down to their shoes, and socks, and it shows!

**Parent meetings**

Please see the attached timetable and choose two different times that would suit. Times will be finalised once all forms are returned (by Friday 19th February).

**Allergies**

Some of our children are telling staff they have allergies to flowers, bananas, nuts. Allergies exist in many forms and can be mild to severe needing a Doctor’s intervention to determine the extent. Parents can you please advise the school so that we can update your child/rens records regarding any allergy your child might have. If you are not sure of the serverity of your child/rens allergy check with your Doctor. It is very important that Staff are aware of any such issues and that a Doctor has confirmed the extent and treatment of the allergy. Forms may be required to complete.

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Media Permission to Publish Form

Can parents/caregivers please read and return the attached Media permission notes for 2016.

Newsdays for students

Monday: Jasper, Katie
Wednesday: Stella, Henry, Satya
Friday: Ange, Maddi, Lila

Katie brought in a magnificent yabbie to show everyone! Henry helped her.

Reminders

- $3.50 entry fee for swimming lessons Wednesdays

Attachments

- Media Permission Form
- Parent meeting timetable (to be returned by 19/2/16)

STOP PRESS ...
Has anyone seen a runaway granny smith apple from the school’s granny smith apple tree? Very concerned General Assistant, Carol.

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