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“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 5

Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 7

Prep	Eloise
1/2	Isabella
2/3	Layne
4/5	Rachel
5/6	Cassie
Music	Ellie
Choir	Nancy
Science	Chloe /Murray

Week 8

Prep	James
1/2	Jack
4/5	Sebastian
Music	Kobi
Science	Indie /Courtney
P'ground	Asmara
Principal's	Daisy

CROSS COUNTRY



DON'T FORGET CROSS COUNTRY

TOMORROW!!! We will have parade at 8.50am followed by roll marking in the classrooms before assembling outside at 9.30 am. Family and friends are invited to attend and support the students on the day.

Parents from the Year 4-5 class are requested to attend an urgent class meeting at 10.30 am.

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall. Donations of items for both the cake stall and the sausage sizzle would be greatly appreciated.

CURRICULUM AUDIT

The Curriculum Audit has now been completed with Mr Helton and Mr Rathmell finalising their report over the coming days. We look forward to implementing some of the suggestions given in order to further support the learning of all students at the school. When the report is received it will be posted on the school website.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been booked for Wednesday 20th April from 9.00 am.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Any parents who would like to assist in the classroom with reading groups; maths rotations etc. would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help out please see your child's teacher. Please remember that if you attend the school to assist in any way you must sign in at the office on arrival and sign out on departure.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Students from the Year 1-2 class and the Year 2-3 class completed music activities throughout Term 1. These lessons were facilitated by Ms Quast. During Term 2, students from the Yr 4-5 class and the Year 5-6 class will have music lessons. Mrs Conway will facilitate these lessons.

NAPLAN practice has commenced within classes hosting year 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN will be held between the 10th and 12th May.

PAT testing in maths and reading has occurred this Term for students in years 1-6. Similar PAT testing will occur again in Term 4. Data gathered from these tests will allow us to see the improvements made (distance travelled) by individual students. This will also assist us in identifying content areas that may need to be focussed on as a whole class.

Students in the Prep-1 class have been learning all about letters and sounds through the use of Jolly Phonics. Year 1 have been investigating characters in books and their emotions. Prep have been discovering a love of books and talking about their favourite book. All students have been focussing on number activities and counting and patterning.

Students in the Yr 1-2 class students have been writing character descriptions and analysing character emotions across a range of texts. English was linked to Visual Arts with students creating collages depicting their favourite part of

a story, copying a given text picture and creating their own imaginative story. In Maths, students have been investigating counting sequences and strategies for addition.

Students in the Yr 2-3 class have been learning persuasive language across a variety of texts. Within maths, the Year 2 students have been focussing on 3 digit numbers and the Year 3 students have been focussing on 4 digit numbers. All students have been identifying the similarities and differences between natural and human features of the environment.

Students in the Yr 4-5 class have been working hard on learning about narrative stories in relation to Babe and Forests of Silence books. During maths they have been learning about place value, factor trees, mapping and location. In Science, students have investigated creatures and their adaptations to the environment around them. To compliment Science, within Visual Arts and Technology Design, students are creating a chosen habitat and will complete this activity next Term. Students will create an animal to suit this habitat next Term.

Students in the Yr 5-6 class have been investigating and constructing short stories. They are becoming more competent in their abilities within this area. In Maths, students have been focussing on multiplication, short division, fractions and word problems. Science, Visual Arts and Technology are linked with students investigating, designing and creating animals and describing their features and the environment in which they live. Components of this assessment will be completed during Term 2.

HARMONY DAY

Monday 21st March was Harmony Day. All students were invited to wear an item of orange clothing. During the afternoon session, each class completed Harmony Day activities and held discussions regarding acceptance of all individuals, regardless of their differences. Students were awarded orange VISAs for undertaking good deeds for the day.

STAFF CHANGES FOR TERM 2

In Term 2 Ms. Quast and Mrs Tomley will both be taking Long Service Leave for the entire term. Ms Walker will be replacing Ms Quast in the Year 1/2 room and Ms Doughty will take on Mrs Tomley's role for the term. Miss McGrath will be absent for the first three days of Term 2. A relief teacher has been requested for these days.

Mrs Barbara Houghton has resigned as our SWD teacher. We will finalise filling this position at the commencement of Term 2.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES INITIATIVE

The Scenic Rim Regional Council launched a Be Healthy & Active Program in February. As part of this program they have invited our school to be a part of their **Healthy Lunchboxes** initiative. This initiative will deliver a program of cooking workshops in partnership with local schools. The facilitator for the workshop is Kate Raymont, local resident, caterer and seasonal eating advocate. Kate undertakes children's cooking classes during the holidays in conjunction with the Council.

Our Healthy Lunchbox workshop will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 26th April from 9.00 am to 11.00 am and will focus on making nutritious, exciting school lunches.

A literacy educator, Heidi Donoghue will also be in attendance on the day and will run a storytime program for 2 – 5 year olds for about 45 mins. This session will include songs, dancing, rhymes, stories and an activity focussing on the theme of "Healthy Foods". Please be aware that this is a support for the program and not child care.

If you would like to attend this workshop please contact the school office as soon as possible as we only have 30 adult spaces available.



SHAVE FOR A CURE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Crazy Hair Day last week. Altogether \$932.50 was raised: Sebastian - \$484.60; Blake - \$158.00 and Coloured hair fundraiser at school \$289.90. This will be forwarded to the Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising the registration, hairdressers etc., and for coming in early with her helpers to colour the childrens' hair.

Blake and Sebastian also chose to shave their heads for the cause. Well done boys!!

HAPPY EASTER

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We hope that the Easter Bunny is kind to you all and leaves lots of treats for you. We look forward to working with you all throughout the coming Term.



Get your whole family active and eating well

The PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS for groups running in school term 2.

Enrolments closing soon - Groups commencing the week of 18 April.

The program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within a school term and after school hours.

Where: Windaroo State School

When: weekly from Wednesday 20 April, 3.30 – 5.00pm

The program covers:

* **Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, making healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead.

* **Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, how to reduce screen time and help with setting goals.

* **Parenting** – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.

* **Family focus** – the program recognises that each family is different and so our facilitators work with individuals to come up with a plan that suits them.

Kids love the PEACH™ program as it helps build their confidence and make new friends. It is run by trained PEACH™ facilitators and aims to help the whole family lead healthier lives.

The PEACH™ program is run by the Queensland University of Technology and funded by the Queensland Government. The program will only be available in term 2, 2016 so register now.

LAST OPPORTUNITY to access the FREE program - don't delay! Ask us about PEACH™ Online.

Recipe

Healthy "Nutella" spread (nut free)

½ cup honey

½ cup tahini *

¼ cup cocoa powder

Mix into a paste. Store in the fridge for up to two weeks. Great spread onto apple slices.

*Tahini is made from crushed sesame seeds. It is high in vitamin E and protein. Tahini can be found in the health food aisle of your local supermarket.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 24 - Cross Country

End of term 1

April 11 – Term 2 begins

20 - School Photos 9am

26 - Healthy Lunchbox Workshop 9 am

May 4 - Great Galaxies – 2pm

9 - NAPLAN – Language Convention & Writing

10 - NAPLAN - Reading

11 - NAPLAN - Numeracy