PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Pupil Free Day – Monday 31st of October

As you know, students will not attend school next Monday. The Department of Education allows schools to schedule 4 pupil free days throughout the year. The purpose of this particular day is to provide time for staff members to complete a variety of tasks. The number one priority is to allow teachers to prepare for Student Reports which will be sent home later this term. Thank you to all those parents who took the time to write down 3 questions that they have about their child. This ensures that teachers provide information that is relevant to each individual child. It is a credit to our staff that they know each child so well – both academically and socially. Teachers work hard to build relationships with all students and keep thorough records of student achievement in all curriculum areas.

Staff will also use this day to work on a number of online learning modules that we are mandated to complete by the Education Department and to review and enhance the functioning of Professional Learning Teams. This work also occurs throughout the year, based on the needs of the school.

Excursions, Camps and Sleepover

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with the Grade 2 Sleepover, 3/4 camp to Wombat Corner and this week 5/6 camp to Phillip Island. We have also had a number of excursions including the Prep excursion to the Zoo and the Grade 1/2 team heading down to Kororoit Creek.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parent volunteers who helped to make these experiences possible.

We aim to provide our students with as many rich learning experiences as possible. The planning that goes into these events can be quite extensive. Staff give up their personal and family time to spend a couple of nights away from home to ensure that students have the opportunity to attend camp and take part in activities that they would otherwise not have the chance to do. Thank you also to those parents who helped out on the Prep Zoo excursion. Everyone came back looking very tired but the feedback from students was very positive. I can’t wait to read their information reports to share what they learned about a particular animal.

Building Works

Our building works are progressing slowly. This week and over the long weekend we are having a number of old switchboards replaced. This work is part of the Condition Assessment Report which highlights areas for priority work. We are still waiting on the Department to make changes to this report regarding some of the re-surfacing works. We have no set start date for this work yet. I will ensure that families are given prior notice when the Lachlan Street entrance is closed. Once again thank you to everyone for their patience and flexibility during this period.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Jacinta Goldie
Acting Principal

Before & After School Care

Due to building works Before & After School Care will be relocated to the gym for the following days:

  - Friday 28th October – Morning & Afternoon
  - Wednesday 2nd November – Morning Only
UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS

Raising extra funds for kids, thanks to the work of our students!

2015 Fundraising $4,633.00
Easter Raffle 2016 $ 950.10
Mother’s Day T-Shirts $ 859.28
Father’s Day $ 770.05

Please note that money raised in 2015 was to be used to contribute to the creation of an outdoor space for the students. This project has been delayed due to the works occurring in relation to the $421,000 Government Grant and will commence in Term 4.

PARKING

Can we please remind our parents not to park in or block off our neighbours driveways in the morning and afternoon. We must be considerate of our neighbours who also need to come and go from their property. The council can also issues fines.

Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:

- Develops mind hand & eye co-ordination
- Enhances listening skills
- Improves self esteem
- Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.00
5% discount to parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**
Presentation at Friday at Assembly

**Prep:**
- A Amelie Brown
- B Declan Chesney
- C Shanae Stephens
- D Eva Dimkopoulos

**One:**
- A Nam Nguyen
- B Suad Abdi
- C Marwa Sudi

**Two:**
- 2A Benjamin Nguyen
- 2B Paddy Alexander
- 2C Nuuese Tausi

**Three:**
- A Thomas Patterson
- B Chrystal Ivanoska
- 3/4A Ethan Dukoski

**Four:**
- A Kneisha Gray
- B Tahlia August

**Five:**
- A TBA
- B Alexis Montgomery

**Six:**
- A TBA
- B TBA

**Multimedia:** Toarene Pedrana
**Art:** Tynisha Valente
**Sport:** TBA
**Spanish:** Georgia Robb
**Science:** Thien Thach Nguyen

**Congratulations Everyone**
**Great Achievement!**
• On the 1st and 2nd of November in Mexico, they celebrate ‘El día de los muertos’ (The Day of the Dead). It is an internationally well-known celebration. People gather together in a happy mood to celebrate and remember their friends and family members who are not with them anymore. They build private altars, called Ofrendas, which can contain fotos (photos) of those who have left, flores (flowers), velas (candles), su comida favorita (their favourite food) y calaveras de azúcar (sugar skulls) to help them in their spiritual journey. It is a really different to Halloween here, isn’t it?