Great Performances

Our students have had many opportunities to perform in front of the class, school and across schools in the last few weeks. In the photo above the Infants class performed their assembly item last Friday. They have been learning about numbers in maths and were having a go at learning to say the numbers 1-10 in Spanish.

The Primary class have been presenting their home learning to the class every Wednesday. They have been sharing their research about collective nouns, their art pieces, their craft pieces, created games to teach to the class and even spoken about their cooking (and bringing in samples to share too). The more opportunities our children have to speak in public the more confident they will become.

The primary have also been performing in a number of debates with the other small schools which we have been doing via our video conferencing facilities.
It has been another delightful week at school this week with a lot of learning happening in classrooms. I have been thrilled with the writing I am seeing in our Infants classroom, particularly with our Year Two students who are starting to write in paragraphs. There has been a lot of learning involving technology this week as well with the Infants and Primary making gains in their understanding of how to make the technology work for them. The Primary have been looking at multiples ways to learn in the classroom.

Congratulations once again to Scout who is off to the Regional Athletics Carnival in Albury next term. Certificates and ribbons from the Wagga Carnival will be handed out at the next assembly.

A huge thankyou to everyone who is donating time or goods towards the P&C fundraiser on the first day of next term. Every time I turn around there is more food in the kitchen. I thought I was imagining that the pumpkins were growing there overnight as there are so many. Each week the Primary students will make more soup. They are learning the joy of cutting into a pumpkin. If you noticed an area on the list from last week that you can help out with please let Kim know.

Congratulations to our young debaters who were challenged in a very close debate last Thursday against Kapooka. Each time we debate we are gaining more and more skills. The time we had with Mr Shields after our debate with Ladysmith was very beneficial. Last week’s topic was about travel subsidies for students should only be paid to your nearest public school and that if you wanted to go to another school you should pay for that part of the journey yourself. A very hard topic. As often is the case in debating it was won by the amount and strength of the rebuttals. Well done Kapooka PS. Our next debate will be against Tarcutta.

We are still looking for a parent to stay with the children at the Tony Lockett Shield AFL Gala Day on Friday, 19th June.

I hope everyone has a lovely Queen’s Birthday long weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Kirrilee Post
Principal
We continue to be grateful to the Crossroads Hotel for its ongoing support of our school. Each month we run Lucky Numbers at the hotel. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Lucky Numbers by buying or selling tickets.

In the coming weeks Lucky Numbers will be run by:

- 5th June — Hughes Family
- 19th June — Jenkins Family
- 3rd July — Merrills Family
- 17th July — Paech Family
- 31st July — Schneider Family
- 14th August — Shipway Family

What have we been learning in class?

From the Infants Classroom— With Mrs Koschel
We have had a great week in infants this week. In English we have been starting to write narratives and it has been wonderful to read such creative stories. Kindergarten learnt the sounds ‘sh’ and ‘ch’ and Year One and Two had the blend ‘sm’. I have also been implementing some L3 strategies I am learning into reading. So this week we explored in depth ‘The Unhappy Goldfish’ and it was great to see the students really thinking about the story and making connections to it. In Maths we have been looking at multiplication and division. We use this terminology but explain it as equal groups of and sharing. We have been looking at several strategies including using concrete materials, pictorial representations, repeated addition and repeated subtraction. We have also been revising the concept of the inverse relationship in multiplication using arrays for Year 2. For example, if I know that 3 x 4 =12 then I also know that 4 x 3 =12. We had a fantastic science lesson last week and we got to explore whether we could build a tower with spaghetti and marshmallows. We decided that cooked spaghetti wasn’t a good option but uncooked spaghetti might work. The students experimented in small groups about the shape and different ways they needed to join the spaghetti and marshmallows to make their towers.

From the Primary Classroom— With Miss Post & Mrs Brett
This week we have been developing our technology skills and looking at how it is important to have a clear idea of what we are looking for to put into our search bar on the internet. In maths we have started our unit on Fractions and Decimals. A very fun aspect of mathematics. After conducting a pre-test to see what we know and don’t know the students identified what they would like to learn about in this topic. The then went off on their computers to do some research about Fractions and Decimals. Everyone then had to come back and share some things they had learnt and we created a learning wall down the back with all our new understandings. Then we used YouTube to view cartoon clips, videos of teachers explaining equivalent fractions. There are lots of ways to find equivalent fractions. In English we have been working on our comprehension skills. We have read a story called, My Horse Sunny and in groups had a discussion about the story and then talked about the questions that we had to answer. We have also been regraded on the Red and Green Comprehension boxes which are like the old SRA cards. Everyone works at their own level through the reading and comprehension activities. In Music we have been practicing our recorders and have started to learn our songs for CHORDS—there are a lot to learn. In dance we have been practicing our disco dances and our Aladdin dance. We are now concentrating on correcting our technique and committing the steps to memory before Education Week next term when we will perform it at the Marketplace.

Pirate Day—Friday 12 June
Next Friday is Pirate Day at school. Everyone is asked to come dressed as a pirate and contribute a gold coin for charity. Pirate Day Friday is a national fundraising day raising funds and awareness for research into the cure and prevention of Childhood Brain Tumours. The event takes place annually on the second Friday in June and is on the same day as white eye patch day (the international fundraising day for Childhood Brain Tumours). On the day we have primary schools from all over the country host a Pirate themed free dress day. This means the kids (and the teachers) get the chance to dress up as pirates for the day in exchange for a gold coin donation.
The Primary class have been using our video conferencing facilities for debating.

Special Lunch on Monday — no lunch

We had a very productive cooking afternoon on Monday. The primary students cooked stinging nettle risotto, caponata penne and pumpkin soup. From the garden we used pumpkin and stinging nettles which the children now look at as a herb instead of a weed. The children are working well as a team in the kitchen and are respectful towards trying the meals that their friends have made. The garden is looking wonderful and is full of spinach, broccoli, cabbage and lots of herbs. The students and Mr. Honeyman are doing a wonderful job and should be very proud of themselves.

Next week there will be no cooking due to the long weekend. We will do a make up session on the last day of term and the special lunch will also be on the last day of school.

Kooringal High school Fundraiser 13/7/15 Update

Thank you to the parents/teachers that have contacted me offering their support and to the families that have donated produce. We are still looking for helpers for the set up at Kooringal High School on Sunday afternoon with Adam Gunn and for parents to help cut fruit on Sunday night. If any families are still wanting to donate produce we are needing coffee, tea, napkins and lots of 4 litre shelf orange juice. Thanks, Kim 0448 068 990

Canberra Escape—P&C Fundraiser

Lock in the 18/19 July now for our annual Canberra Escape. The cost will be $150 and will cover the bus and the night’s accommodation. The rooms will be a 2 room suite that will enable 4 adults to stay together at the Clifton on Northbourne. The bus will leave Collingullie at 7am on Saturday 18th July and return on Sunday at 4:30pm. The non-refundable amount of $150 is due on Friday 19th June but numbers are needed now. If you would like to attend please contact Di Somerville or let the school know. There is a limit of 44 seats on the bus so get in quick so you don’t miss out.

Excursion— 2nd Deposits due today

*** If you are not attending this excursion please let Miss Post know urgently so final prices can be worked out***

The 2nd deposit for the primary excursion, to Canberra, is due next week— Friday 4th June. It will be $100.

The final amount will be due Week 10—Thursday 25th June (final amount to be decided).

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