Learning is fun

As we approach the end of the term students are enjoying the opportunities they are being given to demonstrate the learning they have achieved in the first half of the year. Teachers are in the process of finalising the Semester 1 reports ready to go home in Week 10. These reports will provide you with a snapshot of your child’s progress and achievements at this stage of their learning. As we teach your child literacy and numeracy we are also teaching them about themselves as learners and how to make learning easier on themselves by looking for patterns and strategies they can use to help with their learning in Maths and English. We have been talking to the students about the ‘learning pit’ and what it feels like when they don’t know what to do. By recognising when they are in the ‘learning pit’ and identifying lots of examples of times when they were able to crawl out of the learning pit at the end we hope they will be able draw inner strength when learning new concepts and persevere until they are able to understand or complete the task.
I hope everyone had a wonderful Queen’s Birthday long weekend. We have heard some wonderful stories of the fabulous family time the students enjoyed with their extra day off. I enjoyed running into the Schneiders and the Wilsons at the steam train and climbing The Rock.

There are a lot of events coming up in the last 3 weeks of this term and a lot of learning to be achieved as well. A big thank you to all the parents and grand parents who have been into the school to help out with our learning this term. We appreciate all the help you give us.

Tomorrow is Pirate Day at school and students are invited to come dressed as a pirate. They can make a pirate hat out of newspaper or an eye patch—they don’t need a special costume. We are raising money for brain cancer so students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. Mrs Brett and Mrs Koschel have a big day of fun ‘pirate’ activities for the students to try which we are all looking forward to.

Next week will see the Primary students participate in the University of NSW Writing and Spelling competitions for those students who have elected to extend themselves. This is good preparation for the Premier’s Spelling Bee which will start next term.

Our Primary students have been invited to participate in the Tony Lockett Shield Gala Day on Friday at Jubilee Park. Thank you to Stacey for offering to go with our students on the day. If any other parents can attend as well that would be wonderful. I’ll come by in the morning to get everyone set up before I head off to my training and then I’ll come back at the end of the day to help wrap things up.

The rest of the school will be going to Kapooka for our final Joint Learning Day. Please do not order a lunch order on this day as no one will be at school to cook the lunches.

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:

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
It was great to see everyone refreshed after the long weekend. In English we have been continuing on learning about narratives. Kindergarten has been focusing on putting spaces between their words when writing. Year One and Two have been learning how to use adjectives to enhance their writing. Kindergarten learnt the sound ‘qu’ and Year One and Two had the blend ‘sn’. In Maths we have been looking at the different coins in our money system. We identified the coins, the animals on them and the value they had. Kindergarten has been learning some subtraction strategies this week including using concrete objects to subtract one number from another and counting backwards. Year One and Two learnt that $1 = 100 cents and they had to use our plastic coins to see how many different ways they could make $1 or $2 with the coins. In Science we have continued looking at different foods and how they change and whether the foods are able to return to their original state once changed. On Friday we have some activities organised for pirate day and I look forward to seeing everyone in their costumes.

From the Primary Classroom— With Miss Post & Mrs Brett:
Last Thursday we had a wonderful day with both classes joining up for learning activities all day. We started with looking at some painting concepts and how to use the paint to move from dark to light without adding more colours. The Infants then used an outline to draw an emu while the Primary students had the option of drawing their own emu. These were then glued onto their backgrounds. We then did some reading where we practiced our oral reading skills. After recess we spent a lot of time talking about our emus and how we could include them in a story. We then wrote stories about our emu. After lunch we continued our technology studies by using the computers. The Primary class have been continuing their studies in fractions by looking at common shapes that are used in fractions and how we can use circles and rectangles to make fractions and equivalent fractions. The Stage 3 students have been learning how to find the fraction of numbers. In reading we have been stretching our brains to think about what we have been reading and looking at why what we are reading is important. Many of us fell into the ‘Learning Pit’. The Learning Pit is where we fall when we are learning something new and we have trouble with it. We discussed what it felt like to be in the Learning Pit. Then we worked together to push our understanding of the text we were reading and built our capacity by listening to what others in the class had to say. Then we continued our learning and then in our reflection time we spoke about where we were now in the Learning Pit and we were able to see that we were clawing our way out of it. For dancing we have continued practising our many dances to build our technique.

Pirate Day—Friday 12 June—Gold Coin

Tomorrow 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.
Tony Lockett Shield Gala Day—Fri 19th June

The Primary students have been invited to join the Tony Lockett Shield Gala Day on Friday 19th June at Jubilee Park. We will have an AFL development officer coach the team until Miss Post can arrive at 1pm after her course. Thank you to Stacey for volunteering to help out. If you would like to come and help out as well, please do. Permission notes will be going out today and are due back in on Wednesday, 17th June. **Students will need a mouth guard.**

Joint Learning Day—Fri 19th June

Next Friday, 19th June, the remainder of the school will be heading to Kapooka Public School for our final Joint Learning Day. Permission notes went out with the first day so there will not be another note. **Please do not ORDER YOUR LUNCH that day as no one is at school to cook the lunches and by the time the bus gets us back to school it is almost lunch time.**

Canberra Escape—P&C Fundraiser Due

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 Deposit due last week

***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, was due last week—Friday 4th June. It will be $100. The final amount will be due Week 10—Thursday 25th June (final amount to be decided).

Chook Roster... if you are able to help out feeding & watering the chooks over the holidays, could you please fill in & return the attached sheet so a roster can be made up early next week. Please return by Monday 15th June.

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Saturday—7:00 am - 2:00pm
Sunday — 8:00 am - 2:00pm

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Special Lunch Order Form

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Family Name: _____________________________________

- 1 child ($4.50)  - 2 children ($8)  - 3 children ($11)
- Family size take home pack - ($8)

Total Amount Enclosed $ ____________

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Monday’s Lunch: Lasagne and Apple crumble with ice cream

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Special Lunch on Monday — Lasagne

There was no cooking this week 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.

Monday’s special lunch will be **Lasagne and Apple crumble with ice cream.**

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Kooringal HS Fundraiser 13/7/15 Update

I have made a few changes after talking to the organisers. We will not be doing a set up until Monday morning. The people that will be helping at some stage on the day are as follows: Kim, Layla, Carmen, Anna, Grace, Stacey, Toby, Adam, Kelly B and Paige. If we can get any other helpers for the day it would be great.

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Food Prep as follows:

- Cakes and slices- Kim and Carmen
- Biscuits- Kirrilee and Bec H
- Sandwich fillers (egg mixture and chicken and mayo mixture) - Clair
- 4 litres each of Pumpkin Soup- Peta, Di, Cynthia, SAGK x 3
- 4 litres of Chicken and corn soup-Stacey, Kelly H, Ellen
- Chicken and vegie soup-Kelly B 4 litres, Tracey 8 litres
- Croutons-Kim

Looking after kids on the day: Di

A big thank you to the families that is unable to cook or donate their time but have donated produce which is just as important!

Please contact me if you are able to help in some way or would like further information regarding cooking or donations. Kim 0448 068 990

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Definite Numbers for Kindergarten 2016

Thank you to those parents who have let us know they intend to enrol their child in kindergarten in 2016. We will shortly be starting to make arrangements for parent information nights and kinder orientation sessions. If you know of anyone who does not already have children at our school who may wish to enrol them could you please ask them to contact the school so information can be mailed out to them. Thank you.