Principal’s Message

On Monday students under Mrs Carr’s supervision planted 50 shrubs and trees for National Tree Day. They certainly enjoyed playing in the soil and watering in the plants. Thanks also to Peter Smith our General Assistant for preparing the area near the car park and digging all the holes.

Tuesday we had a visit from Responsible Pet Education. Julie and her dog Lily taught the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 how to be safe around dogs. The students excitedly told me how they learnt to always ask the owner if it was alright to pat their dog.

Wednesday students from our sister school in Japan came to visit. There was an assembly for our students involved in the Japanese program, as well as visits to classrooms where our students had the opportunity to hear native Japanese speakers and to try out some of the words and phrases they have been learning from Mrs Greaves.

Also on Wednesday Mrs Hasler and a group of students attended the Academic Challenge at Sarah Redfern High School.

Today saw Mrs Lambert, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Byrne and Miss Zrnic visit Ingleburn Public School to view programs in place there in the Kindergarten classes. A valuable time to gain insights into work to assist our students too.

Today was also a big day for Stage 2 with their excursion to Sydney.

The students who attended the drama camp last week will be returning to Campbelltown Arts Centre on 15 August to rehearse a play they and students from other schools developed. On that night they will perform for their families. What an exciting time for them.

PBIS

Our PBIS focus areas for Week 4 are:

- Put rubbish in the correct bins.
- Know when to step away and calm down.

‘Playground Pals’ in our playground to help make it even safer

To continue to make our playground safe a second group of Stage 3 students were trained on Friday in Peer Mediation by four Year 12 students from Robert Townson High School. Peer mediation offers a process by which students are actively involved in resolving their own disputes. It involves two trained Stage 3 students assisting other students through a structured process to reach a resolution of the dispute or problem. The program has been shown to help students gain greater responsibility in solving their own problems, reduce bullying and playground incidents before they escalate. The student mediators develop social and leadership skills and this can help to increase their self-esteem. The program has been shown to lead to a safer and more harmonious school environment. The students who are in the playground during recess and lunch would be dealing with problems under the supervision of the playground teacher – these could include gossip or rumour spreading, name calling, friendship problems, teasing, loss of property and exclusion. More serious problems would be dealt with by the teacher. This new group of students commenced duty in the playground on Monday.

Sue Hasler – (Rel) Deputy Principal
Visiting Performers

A reminder that visiting performers Bronwyn Vaughan for Kinder to Year 3 is coming on Tuesday 13 August and Mark Greenwood for Years 4 to 6 on Thursday 15 August 2013. The cost per performance is $4.00.

Susan Greaves – Teacher/Librarian

Robert Townson On Stage ‘Young Hercules’

This term the students and staff of Robert Townson Public School will be presenting our Robert Townson On Stage biannual concert. This year the performance is titled Young Hercules. The concert is as follows:

Cast A The classes in this concert group are: KZ, K/1B, 1D, 1/2T, 2M, 3V, 3/4M, 4/5G, 5P, 6A and extras from 5/6S.

Matinee 11:30 am Tuesday 10 September 2013 Evening 6:00 pm Thursday 12 September 2013

Cast B The classes in this concert group are: KCH, KJ, 1L, 1S, 2J, 2/3Z, 3/4Y, 4F, 5B, 6F, extras from 5/6S.

Matinee 11:30 am Thursday 12 September 2013 Evening 6:00 pm Tuesday 10 September 2013

Tickets will go on sale only in Weeks 6 and 7. Tickets will cost $5.00 each and will be limited. A ticket information note will be sent home separately.

Lindie Barron/Margaret Grant - On Stage Co-ordinators

Competitions

Well done to all the students who participated in the computer and science competitions. It is very pleasing to see such great results. Congratulations to those children listed below who achieved a Distinction or Credit.

Computers

Distinctions - Jonak Biswas 5/6S and Sara Molina 5/6S.

Science

Distinction – Sagar Pathania 5/6S

Sue Hasler – Competitions Co-ordinator

From the Canteen

There has been some confusion regarding our lasagne. It is a 9cm square and three layers thick. It is cooked in the oven and served to the children in a hamburger container to ensure that it is not hot on their laps when eaten. Potato Smiles are no longer available and have been replaced with potato gems @ 2 for 50c.

Sue Poto – Canteen Manager

Home Readers

Please return any overdue Home Readers and/or library books, so other children can experience the joy of reading them as well.

Jennifer Carter – Learning & Support Teacher

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