Successful ‘Your Macarthur Community’ Forum

The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW hosted a very successful forum on Thursday 21 May. Cheryl McBride explained the implications of Gonski and school funding issues.

Dr John Irvine made an excellent presentation. He presented the school with two copies of his book Thriving at School which will be available for parents to borrow from the library. Dr John Irvine who has a wealth of knowledge and experience as a teacher in a small country school, Child Psychologist, lecturer, media personality and author made an excellent presentation on the issues that our children face today and how to ensure that they are able to thrive at school.

Too Sick for School?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick children need to be away from school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Linda Green – Principal

Canberra Excursion

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Thank you to Minto Fruit Orchard for their donation of 150 apples for Stage 3 to enjoy on their excursion to Canberra.

Lindie Barron - Assistant Principal

Learning About the Past

Last Thursday 21 May Stage One students returned to the past. They dressed up in old fashioned clothes and engaged in a variety of learning experiences that included learning the waltz, exploring a museum, playing old-fashioned games, visiting a school room of the past and doing craft activities.

’We learned how to do the waltz. We had to find a partner and follow the dance steps. The music was beautiful.’

By Hannah Kaillis 1C

’I like playing the indoor games. We played noughts and crosses, jacks and pick up sticks. I liked pick up sticks best because it was tricky not to move them.’

By Marcus Denpheng-Duarte 1C

’I liked going to 2J because we did skipping, throwing and

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hopscotch. We had to throw a stick and we watched a show about the olden days.’
By Ryan Chillingworth 1C

‘I dressed up in olden day clothes. I wore a white hat, a stripy shirt and long pants. It was fun to dress up.’
By Matthew McMillan 1C

‘The museum was really cool. There were lots of old things. I liked the old camera. There was an old telephone that you had to turn the dial around and a telescope. There was even a funny old bed warmer and an old kettle. It was good to see how people lived in the olden days.’
By Zac Mining 1C

‘Mrs Witherspoon was an old fashioned teacher. She talked weird and was very angry. She scared me and checked our nails and hands. We did writing with chalk and a slate.’
By Jett Kelloway 1C

Lidia Cosic – 1C Class Teacher

Tjupurrú Visiting Performer

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were thoroughly entertained by our visiting performer, Tjupurrú, with his Didjeribone Spectacular last Wednesday. Adrian Tjupurrula (Tjupurrú) is from the Djabera Djabera tribe in Western Australia. He travels the world, performing at international festivals with his unique, custom made instrument, the Didjeribone. Along with the face bass, he is able to create many unique sounds and music, incorporating traditional didgeridoo with modern beats. The performance was very loud and very energetic! It was a great opportunity for all students to experience traditional and contemporary Indigenous culture, as we celebrate National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May – 3 June.

Catherine McCormack - Indigenous Education Coordinator

From the Library

Book Club closes on Friday 5 June 2015. Please ensure orders with payment are given to the Library before this date.

Susan Greaves – Teacher/Librarian

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