

# Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 1

Friday, 11 October 2013

## Principal's Report

We welcome Mr Randall and Mr Picker this term to share the teaching of the 3-6 class while I am on leave.

Miss Matthews will be relieving in my position during this time but remaining as the teacher on the K-2 class.

Mrs Batty will continue in her role as well as taking the K-2 class on Fridays whilst Miss Matthews attends to administrative tasks on my behalf.

Term 4 is always a very busy term. We are looking forward to meeting our 2014 Kinders during their orientation program, many excursions and sporting events as well as swim school in weeks 8 and 9. Welcome back!

S. Matthews

Principal

## Upcoming Events

Term 4  
Week 1

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| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October | Playgroup 9:15am<br><b>No Clubs</b>                           |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October | Soccer match at Exeter 1pm<br><b>No Clubs</b>                 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October   | Mufti and Movie Day (SRC Fundraiser)                          |
| <b>Week 2</b>                     |   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October   | Explorer's Club \$2 3:30- 4:30pm<br>Mrs Matthews starts leave |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October  | <b>No Clubs</b>   |

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

SHYAC Performance K-6  
Playgroup 9:15am

**No Clubs**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

ART Club \$2 with Nina  
O'Leary 3:30 - 4:30pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

CWA BBQ for students

## Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Miss Matthews and I have posted an interview sheet outside our classrooms and parents may come and "lock in" a time that suits them by filling in their name next to a date and time. Interviews will be held in the afternoons between 3:15pm and 4:45pm. Dates of interviews include 9<sup>th</sup> Oct and 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.

## NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results will go home to parents this week. One outstanding result for our school is that across Year 3 and Year 5 our school came out **above state average** in **Reading**. In fact Year 5 were **above state average** in not only Reading but also **Numeracy, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation!** These are terrific results and Miss Matthews and I will now assess all the data to see where we can keep improving our classroom practice to ensure the quality of learning in our classrooms but also to target specific areas where we can improve student learning.

## Before and After School Care

With the warmer weather we ask that you ensure your child has a hat for after school activities and an extra drink. A **"no hat, no play"** rule will be enforced at the start of Term 4 for after school activities on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October Is Nitbuster Day**

The P&C are wanting to assist us in eradicating head lice. It was decided to target a single day where every household treats headlice in the hope a team approach will help get this infestation under control.

The P&C have provided a nit comb to every child to take home and we ask that all households set aside Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October to treat each child's hair and monitor the situation on-going.

## **Headlice**

*Did you know?* Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is.

*How can you get rid of head lice?* Daily combing using white hair conditioner with a fine-tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits).

*How can you help reduce the spread of head lice?*

- Regularly check your children's hair.
- Teach older children to check their own hair.
- Tie back and braid long hair.
- Keep a fine-tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

Incidents of head lice have been reported. Please be vigilant in checking and treating any headlice as it occurs. This will ensure we eradicate this pest quickly and firmly.

## **P&C Raffle Winners**

\$50 Woolworths Voucher- Holley-Rae Murray

\$50 Pet Minding/Care Voucher- Cindy Hinton

\$50 Caltex Voucher- Cindy Hinton

\$50 Chinese Restaurant Voucher- Holley-Rae Murray

\$50 Caltex Voucher- Jessie Carey

Tennis Racquet- Liz McDonald

## **3-6 Excursion to Darling Harbour**

### **Thoughts and Reflections**

*My favourite part was the Imax Theatre - Meg*

*I liked the spiders in the 3D movie - Samuel*

*My favourite bit was the Gold tour - Liam*

*I liked the train trip and the park - Brandon F*

*I really liked the museum - Alex*

*I got to feed a bird - Billy*

*I liked the Imax - Riley M*

*I liked the bugs at the Imax Theatre - Kody*

*My favourite part was the when some of us dressed up as part of the Gold tour - Josh*

*My favourite part was going to the Maritime Museum - Maddie*

*I liked feeding the seagulls - Keenan*

*My favourite part was going to the Imax Theatre and the park - Patrick*

*I liked the Praying Mantis at the Imax Theatre - Ellie*







### **K-2 Incursion**

We had a fantastic time at our *Toys Over Time* incursion on Thursday 19 September. The Koalas were introduced to and allowed to play with lots of different toys - some very old (dating back to BC!) and some more modern. They rotated through "toy lands":

Construction (which had - you guessed it - lots of blocks!)

Imagination (dress ups and puppets)

Up and About (hula hoops, ten-pin bowling, skipping ropes, etc)

Skill-based activities (board games, yo-yos, slinky, etc).

There was a lot of excitement as students moved through the lands, discovering new things. The best thing is, it was a terrific introduction to the Toys unit the Koalas will be doing with Mrs Batty this term for Science.







### **Thank you Mr Porter**

The Koalas would like to say a very big THANK YOU to Mr Porter for putting our bird nesting box in the tree near the adventure playground. Hopefully we'll get to see some birds nesting in there some time soon.



### **Footy Colours Day**

The SRC Footy Colours day fundraiser raised \$ 51.00 for Fight Cancer Foundation. Well done everyone for supporting this event!



### **P&C Footy Tipping Competition**

Congratulations to 'Caveman' Richard Wursten being the overall winner of the trophy and claiming \$50.00 prize money. Congratulations to 'Legodude' Alex McDonald for being the primary school child winner, he also received \$50.00.

Join us next footy season to attempt to remove the trophy from the Wursten household.  
Great tipping everyone!