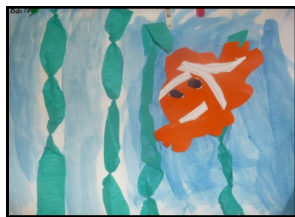


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NEWSLETTER

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12th May, 2014

Term 2 Week 3

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

13-16 NAPLAN Years 3/5

16 Mufti Day

16 P & C Meeting

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust all the mothers had a relaxing day and were spoilt by their children for Mother's Day yesterday. A special thank you to Karen Kendall and Leanne Crane for organising the Mother's Day stall at school on Wednesday and Thursday. The children appreciated the selection of gifts.

This week we will have the interruption of NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5. This will be held in the library and will be supervised by Mr Wilkinson for Mrs Murphy who is away from school for this week following her fall last week. The program is as follows:

Tue 13th May - Language convention test—approx. 1¼ hours
- Writing test—approx. 1 hour

Wed 14th May - Reading test—approx. 1¼ hours

Thurs 15th May - Numeracy test—approx. 1¼ hours

Fri 16th May - Catch-up for any children absent

I would like to ask that all Year 3 & 5 students arrive at school before 9:10am on each of these days so the test can start almost immediately.

I would also ask that interruptions around the library area be kept to a minimum so the children can maintain their concentration.

It may mean that on Tuesday there will be a change in the first break time so there are no interruptions when NAPLAN testing is in progress.

Whilst NAPLAN testing is taking place Mrs Court will be working with the remainder of Mr Wilkinson's class. If you have any concerns whilst Mrs Murphy is away please contact Mr Wilkinson or your child's teacher.

Regards

John Wilkinson

SYDNEY EXCURSION

What a wonderful day both teachers and children had in Sydney. The way all children followed directions and the manners they displayed to our guides made me very proud to be a teacher at Greenwell Point Public School. From our guides we had comments such as "what a wonderful group of students" and "these children have excellent manners when listening".

K-2 started the morning visiting the Aquarium and luckily no-one was eaten by the sharks. The highlight was attending pirate school and being taught by a real life pirate who kept the children entertained for nearly 2 hours.

Years 3-6 learnt first hand what it was like to live on the 'Endeavour' with Captain Cook for 3 years and discovering the east coast of Australia and how cramped it was for 94 people. Everyone was fascinated with the toilet, the piece of rope and the bucket of salt water. Please ask your child to explain.

We then walked around the Rocks Area dressed as convicts, soldiers and one lucky person was Captain Arthur Phillip our first Governor. We



learnt about the conditions and some of the treatment of convicts in early Colonial times. Each child was given a character and what happened to them which they had to explain throughout the tour. I would like to thank all parents for the effort you made in having K-2 in pirate costumes which looked incredible and 3-6 in school uniform. All children looked very smart. I would also like to thank parents for having the students at school at such an early hour and the food the students ate on the day. No students went hungry or complained with only having 3 food breaks. It really shows the community spirit that amazes me at Greenwell Point.

Finally to the students, I hope you had a fantastic day and it was a day when you learnt a lot of new things. Congratulations on your behaviour during the day as all the teachers were very proud of you. Mr Wilkinson

WHOLE SCHOOL COOKING WITH JAMIE OLIVER

This Friday 16th May Mrs Bowman has organised the whole school to cook with Jamie Oliver via connected classrooms. Please fill in the permission note attached if you would like your child to participate. The school will be meeting the costs of food.

GOLD COIN FUNDRAISER—Kaszonyi “Fence for Life”

THIS Friday the school will be holding a mufti day (out of uniform) and a gold coin donation per child to raise money for Heath Kaszonyi. Heath was diagnosed at the age of 2 with Autism with moderate to severe intellectual disability. Heath has a way of escaping from the house and jumping over fences. With our help and the community trivia night we can help build a proper fence for Heath to enjoy his own backyard without the worry of escaping from his parents. No government assistance allows fencing to keep Heath safe. The Greenwell Point Community has been organising this fundraiser for the Kaszonyi's.

STEWART HOUSE

Please return all envelopes to school by the 16th May to be eligible to win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. Not late envelopes will go into the draw.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:

Tennika turns 11 today
Cherry Seymour turns 9 on Wednesday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TRIVIA NIGHT FOR HEATH KASZONYI “Fence for Life”

A fundraising event will take place at the Greenwell Point RSL Community Hall this Saturday 17th May, 2014. Doors open at 6pm for a 6:30pm start, tickets are \$25 per person including food, BYO and the theme is Tradies and their ladies. Host will be Andrew and Wendy Williams. Please read the above information regarding Heath. Please contact Helen Chaffey on 0412 117556 for further details.



Years 3 to 6 students listening carefully before their Sydney Rocks tour, dressed as convicts.