PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 8

TRANSITION DAYS

Next week we will be conducting our 2015/2016 transition program for all students in Kindergarten to Year 5. Students will be placed into groups based on their academic year for 2016. During these days students will rotate around teachers with different cohorts of students.

Please note that the groups are not final classes for 2016, nor are the teachers they may visit representative of the teacher they may have. We run this program to provide students with the opportunity to experience being amongst different peers, to visit different rooms within the school and to enjoy spending time with different teachers. The overall aim of these two days is to demystify the new year and to help our students to feel comfortable with the changes that will occur. Hopefully by experiencing a range of teachers and classrooms they will feel more confident and relaxed about the start of a new and exciting year in 2016. If your child does experience any distress or concerns during this time, please discuss these with their class teacher.

2016 SCHOOL LEADERS

Yesterday our Year 5 students and staff completed our initial voting to short list our candidates for 2016 School Leaders. I would like to thank all the students who put themselves into the running for leadership positions. This is a big commitment and we are very fortunate to have had such an outstanding selection of students.

Commiserations to those who were not successful but I am sure that you will continue to make a great contribution to our school next year.

The following students have been successful in moving onto the next part of the process: Ella, Katelyn, Ellen, Gus, Calvin, Alice, Hamish, Josh, Gemma, Samantha, Kipchumba, Will, Morgan, Bronte, Anna and Hugh. Congratulations to you all.

These students will now present their leadership speech to the student body on Friday 27th November at 11.40am in the school hall. Parents are invited to attend to listen to their children speak. After speeches, Years 2 to 5 and staff will vote for our 2016 School Leaders. I wish everyone the best of luck. Student leaders will be announced at Presentation Night.

2016 CLASSES

Over the coming weeks the teachers will be spending a great deal of time planning tentative classes for 2016. This process involves a great deal of thought and energy to ensure that we make the best placement for all students. I understand that parents may have their likes and wants, but these are not always possible when trying to find the best match for 420 students.
MERIT CERTIFICATES

KG  Asha, Rhylan, Mackenzie
KT  Mia, Zara, Juniper
K-1R Scarlett, Edward, Cheyenne
1N  Elia, Matilda, Piper
1H  Matayah, Cruz, Lindsay
2-3H Chelsea, Blake, Caleb, Chelsea
2-3L Breanna, Simone, Hammad, Tom
2-3N Charlotte, Archie, Makayla, Ryan
2-3P Isabel, Indy, James, Jackson
2-3S Natasha, Noah, Gabrielle, Adelle

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LEAVING WWPS

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS A RETURN SLIP TO INFORM US IF YOUR CHILD/REN MAY BE LEAVING WWPS AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. I ASK THAT YOU RETURN THIS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE US TO PLAN OUR CLASSES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

HAVE YOU ADDED THESE TO YOUR CALENDAR?

Some important dates for our end of year calendars:

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<td>Thursday 10th Dec</td>
<td>Reward Day/Class Parties – please make sure notes and money are returned by due dates.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 15th Dec</td>
<td>Year 6 Farewell – evening at Commercial Club</td>
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More details will be provided for each activity closer to the dates.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal

FOR SALE

2 male ginger kittens for sale $5 each.

Please phone 6928 5525.

Bandaged Bear Day

Thursday, 26th November

Don’t forget that this Thursday is Bandaged Bear Day. Students in Kindergarten to Year 3 are invited to bring their sick or injured bear/toy to visit the WWPS Bandaged Bear Hospital at a cost of a gold coin. Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to participate in the 'Wrap up your buddy' contest at lunchtime. The cost of this activity is also a gold coin. All proceeds will go to the Children’s Westmead Hospital.

Bandaged Bear Day

Good things are going to happen.
5-6M Newsbits

5-6M’s Budding Art and Artists

Space Dioramas
Aboriginal Art
Making our Mosaics
Picasso Faces

Mrs McKenzie went to Operation Art and had a “Whale of a time”.

Van Gogh’s “Cypress Pines in the Wheat Field”

EXPERIMENTING WITH LINE AND PATTERN
Spotlight on…
Eleanor Waters-Jones

Why do you know so much about English?
Because I’ve had a lot of practice over the years.

How did you feel being in the top 1% for the English ICAS exam in Australia?
I felt proud of myself and glad. I also felt sad for the people who almost got into the top 1%.

What area of English are you most interested in?
I like playing with words and seeing what new words I can make.

What feelings did you feel when speaking in front of all of Stage 2 in the Public Speaking Competition?
I felt nervous and also excited because I had worked hard on the speech.

Did someone in your family help you with your English?
My mum helped me. She was always very good at English when she was younger. Mum is always there to encourage me.

What are your goals for the future?
I want to keep doing the ICAS exams. I would also like to be an author when I grow up.

Great Aussie Park

Year 2/3L enjoyed the flying fox out of all the activities at the Great Aussie Holiday Park. They found it most scary when climbing the ladder to get to the start point, but once they went down it was fun and a beautiful view. The rain didn’t stop us enjoying the excursion. We would definitely go back again… Hopefully with better weather. - 2/3L

On Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th November the Years 3 and 4 were at camp. We did lots of activities such as the flying fox, rock climbing, rafting, archery, low ropes and last but not least barrels of fun. We all got poured on but no one complained because we still had fun. The food was scrumptious and the guides that helped us were nice too. We slept in cabins and had a great time. Thank you to everyone that helped out. — Holly

At camp, we did flying fox, low ropes, rock climbing, archery, barrels of fun and rafting. It was so fun until the rain came because we missed out on swimming and the water park. For dinner we had chicken schnitzel with gravy. For dessert we had chocolate mousse with cream. The lunch was hot dogs. The cabin had 4—6 people in them with no girls and boys together. —Lochie

On the way to camp we watched ‘Cloudy and a chance of meatballs.’ The first thing we did when we got there was have recess. The first activity we did was barrels of fun. We got very wet, then we made rafts. All of us failed!!! We did rock climbing and zip lining. I was scared at first but when I went down it was fun. We stayed overnight. We went to bed at 10pm because people next door were loud. I had a good sleep. — Diego

Last week on Thursday we went to the Great Aussie holiday park. I hopped on the bus and then Isaac sat next to me. We talked all the way to camp and played games. Once we got to camp we had our recess. After recess our instructors took us to the flying fox for our first activity. I wasn’t scared because I had been on it before. The girl pushed me as hard as she could. The flying fox is awesome. Next I went rock climbing. It was really hard in the pouring rain. I went second and just reached the top!! We watched the Mighty Ducks that night after a delicious dinner. The next day we had the rest we finished our activities fighting the rain. We loved archery and raft building!!! It was the best time ever! - Caleb

A couple of weeks ago Stage 2 went on a camp, which was full of fun and action. Even though it rained, we still fought our way through each activity and also had loads of fun along the way. My favourite activity was rock climbing, because it was so difficult. At night we fell into our mattresses whilst I told a hilarious story which featured the park. — Ethan

If the movie we saw on our bus trip was entertaining, it was nothing compared to the out-into-the-wild type activities we faced at the Stage Two camp. Everyone was thoroughly soaked after they had finished raft building and the ‘Barrels of Fun’ game, and we saw skills during rock climbing and archery. We zipped down the flying fox at the speed of light—maybe not that fast but still very fast. Low ropes was a test of concentration, balance and trust as we wove our way around the course. — Claire
Stage 2 Camp
P&C News

The clothing pool is now selling broad brimmed hats in varies sizes for $8 each. These can be purchased from the front office.

Nutrition Snippets

The simplest way
...to pack the five food groups!

Follow our easy guide to pack the healthiest lunch box that features the five food groups – and don’t forget a bottle of water!

Fruit: it’s high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in small containers, and remember, kids are more likely to eat it if it’s cut up into small pieces.

Vegies: Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or even a vegie slice

Breads + cereals: Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita, or rice and pasta leftovers.

Reduced-fat dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.

Lean protein: cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat, or legumes such as red kidney beans and chickpeas.

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The simplest way
...to use frozen fruit & veg.

Did you know that frozen and canned fruit and veg count towards your recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables?

The facts:
• We all need to aim for two serves of fruit & five serves of veg, every day
• Frozen/canned fruit or vegies are great alternatives when fresh varieties are out of season, unavailable or more expensive
• Frozen and canned vegies are usually packed shortly after picking, so very few nutrients are lost
• For canned vegetables, look for labels that feature “no added salt” or “salt reduced”
• Choose canned fruit in natural juice, rather than syrup
• Health Star Ratings are on many packaged foods now – the more stars, the healthier the choice.

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School Leavers 2015—excluding Year 6 students

My child/ren: _______________________________________________ of class/es____________ will not be returning to WWPS in 2016.

Reason/School they will be attending in 2016:
__________________________________________________________________________________________

Signed:___________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _________________________