Junior Site Bites

We had a fun finish to the end of term 3 with the Students vs Teachers basketball and soccer games. It was close... and there may have been some cheating... but the teacher’s came away with the win in both matches. Looking forward to the next challenge!

I hope you all got the chance to catch the weather broadcast one morning this week on Mix 106.3FM. Five students from years 3 and 4 very capably read the weather forecast each day live on radio. We were very impressed with their skills, and their ability to converse off the cuff with the radio presenters. An exceptional job, well done to Oliver Connor, Noah Smith, Charley Piper, Jessica Harmer and Keira Jack.

Two year groups have started term 4 with an excursion to complement their understandings around their Unit of Inquiry. Kindergarten visited the National Botanic Gardens, and Year 2 visited the Gungahlin Valley Ponds. Thank goodness the weather had improved in time for these excursions after an awful start to the week.

During Week 2 and 3 of this term, students in Kindergarten and selected students in year 6 will be undertaking some external testing. Kindergarten students will be completing the second and final Performance Indicators in Primary Schools test and selected Year 6 students will be taking the National Assessment Program ICT Literacy test. We wish them well.

Wishing you all the best for a fantastic and fun filled term 4.

Kate Stuckey
Associate Principal

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day Tuesday 28 October 2014

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program that will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists’ Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe on the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick. The shows combine important road safety message with science. Messages such as ‘Wear their seatbelt’ have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash. In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably shows children how a seatbelt works to restrain passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day to see what your child/ren are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

After the day, your child/ren will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class. Please take the opportunity to speak with them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4-page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

The program is now in its second season and 40,000 students already enjoyed the program while learning more about road safety. We are one of 100 schools across NSW and ACT to be chosen to host a day in Season 2 and with your help we aim to make it a great success.
Hall Preschool

Throughout this year, the dedicated Hall Preschool Parent Association have been fundraising for various supplies for our preschool, one of which is a brand new cubby house which arrived this week! Thank you to those people who worked tirelessly to make this happen for the children to enjoy. It is a wonderful addition to our outdoor learning environment.

The students of Hall Preschool have all been very keen to get back to preschool for term 4. We are excited to begin our final Unit of Inquiry into the central idea that, Animals and people interact in different ways in different contexts. Throughout this term the children will be exploring the different roles that animals play in people’s lives and our responsibility for the well-being of animals. The students will take part in a variety of play based learning experiences such as dramatic play, explorations, information technologies, investigations and hands-on excursions relating to our central idea. It is sure to be a fun term.

Cindy Condon (Classroom Teacher)

Mark Your Calendar — Nude Food Day  12 November 2014

What is Nude Food Day?

Essentially, kids bring their food – nude! This will reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into the bins, that goes into the ground or pollutes the planet. It aims to educate parents, teachers and children about nutrition and the environment through a fun, interactive program that specifically ties into the Australian Curriculum Sustainability Priority. We will be running a waste audit for each classroom and awarding prizes for the least amount of litter generated. For further information visit www.nudefoodday.com.au or contact info@nudefoodday.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander BBQ

Afternoon Tea

All families are welcome to join us next Wednesday afternoon for an afternoon of fun and games in a relaxed environment. Come along and grab a snag and have a yarn with other community members.

When:  Wednesday 22 October at 3.30pm
Where:  Junior Site playground equipment

Please note that bookings for Before and After Care 2015 are now open online, so please jump on and book the dates you require as soon as possible.

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