Newsletter
Term 1, Week 11
Thursday 10 April 2014

School Values
Respect
Responsibility
Excellence

Diary Dates

Term 1
Week 11
Thursday April 10
Kindy Transition visit

Friday April 11
End of school term 1. Dismissal at 2:10pm

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!

Leader’s Report
Athletics Day

On Friday 28th March a great day was had by all. All students participated in their age-groups competing in both traditional and a novelty event programme.

Students performed admirably and behaviour and cooperation was pleasing.

A big thank you to John Ly, the house captains and the year 7 team for their immense work in organising the day.

Many thanks also to the parents who assisted in so many ways, timing, raking, helping organise the kids!

Thanks to Rob Popplestone and Debbie Gibson who cooked the BBQ in very trying conditions!!

Days like these cannot operate without the help of our parents.

SCORES:
1st: Stoyel on 500 points
2nd: Bakker on 499 points
3rd: Hall on 496 points
4th: Beckwith on 451 points

As you can see what a close scoreline we had between 1st and second place getters.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a significant amount of lost property at school. PLEASE come in and have a look if your child has lost an item of clothing. Also please ensure your child’s clothing is labelled!!

SCHOOL CAR PARK
Please note the car park is not to be used to drop and pick up children. If everyone did this there would be chaos!! Thanks

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When word got around that we were harvesting our radishes things got busy. Everyone took turns at pulling up radishes and washing them. It was interesting to see the different sizes and shapes of the radishes. The ones squashed together ended up shaped like carrots. Most of our radishes were red and round and delicious. Even the people who did not like radishes ate them because they were delicious! There is something wonderful about eating vegetables fresh from the garden. It was a fun time!

Holly was left to plant our rocket seeds all by herself. She didn’t mind as she is a regular gardener in our school garden. The chillies turned out to be too beautiful to resist and several children decided to try them out. They discovered that they are VERY hot… a few people got quite a surprise!!! Just wait until they turn red – then they are at their hottest!

We do have a problem with our pumpkins which only have male flowers. We have pinched the laterals back but still no female flowers and so – no fruit. Has anyone got any suggestions?
What a fantastic Sports Day we had recently! The weather was glorious! It was a day of fun and participation and fierce competition. There were plenty of parents to help and to partake of the delicious BBQ. Congratulations to STOYEL who won by an exciting 1 point! Congratulations to Bakker who came second! And congratulations to Beckwith and Hall for making the competition worthwhile!! I loved watching the sock wrestling, the running races and the egg and spoon race with the red, blue, yellow and green eggs designed for each house.

Talking about eggs the period of Lent is almost over and Christians and others the world over are looking forward to breaking the fast with the eggs of Eastertime. Many people decorate eggs for Easter. The decorations can range from the simple red egg to the most elaborate with numerous colours and intricate designs. The egg is a symbol of new life because a real egg carries a new life within it. An egg, with its bright yellow/orange yolk, can produce a beautiful chicken leaving behind an empty shell. That is why chocolate Easter eggs are hollow - a new life has emerged leaving behind the empty shell.

Next week the eggs are used to tell the story of the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the Easter festival. This story is found in the book called the Bible and goes briefly like this - God sent His Son to be born as a human baby (Christmas) called Jesus about 2000 years ago. When he was about 33 years old he rode on a donkey into the city of Jerusalem and was put to death on a cross. He was buried in a tomb. Three days later he was seen alive again and was seen going to heaven. This all happened so that everyone can have a new life on this earth and can then go to heaven after they die - because no human being can get to heaven on their own just by being good. This new life is a cause for celebration and all the trimmings of Easter are symbols of the new life - eggs represent the fertility of hens, empty eggs represent the empty tomb and the new life of chickens, the Easter bunny represents fertility as rabbits are prodigious breeders and a lot of them are needed to bring the Easter egg gifts, the Easter bilby represents the efforts made to save life (bilbies are an endangered species) and the holidays remind us of the holiday of heaven.

Easter is celebrated all over the world by more than 2 billion Christians and, like all good things, the hot cross buns, chocolates and eggs are shared with many more. Our last Breakfast Club for the term finished with sharing a hot cross bun feast!

Enjoy your holidays and have a lovely Easter break!

Til next term

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