Leader’s Report

School Culture

Ascot Park Primary School is committed to developing Education based around Self-Motivation and Self-Management. We embrace a values based approach to education and this underpins our culture.

We see it as a responsibility of the entire school community. Students, parents and teachers have a clear understanding of what is expected, in regards to how we manage ourselves and how we continue to focus on improvement. This ensures a welcoming learning environment that is supportive and safe.

Acquaintance Night and AGM

Thank you to all community members that attended our Acquaintance Night and AGM on Tuesday. The night was very hot which kept many away, but a big thank you to those who braved the conditions. Students did a terrific job escorting their families around classrooms and explaining all the work they had completed so far this year. Also well done to Mr Ly’s students who cooked the BBQ in stifling conditions and sold cakes and drinks.

A big thank you to all Ascot Park staff for providing such a welcoming atmosphere.

School Council

Thank you to all who have expressed interest in being on School Council for 2014. We do however, need a few more members. Please consider being involved as it is an integral part of school planning, directions and community participation. The Council meet 2 times each term and meetings are quite informal and not lengthy. By joining council, parents can get a sense of how things work in the school and how to help their children get the most out of their education. Consider just giving it a try. To do so, call us on 82763055, leave your name and number and/or email at the front desk or just show up to our first meeting on Tuesday 25th February at 7pm.

Thursday 13 February 2014

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Performing Arts - Heather Smith

We have been learning about how drama and music are used to teach and inform. We learned a RAP about safety in a heat wave and then tried our own. We performed them to each other. Here are some of the RAPS. Unfortunately you cannot see us performing these with ATTITUDE ... but we hope you can imagine.

Slip slop slap slide and seek
Find a tree in a heat wave week
Remember your sunnies
Remember your hat
I'm singing this
Because I am all that!

Dj
I'm lickin' my ice-block
But we're used to that!
If you take a stroll - oh
Slap on your hat!
I put on sunscreen
'cause I'm not crooked
When I go to the beach
I'm a hook-it!

Josh R
Slip and slap
Swimming in the pool
Can't be bothered
Going to school...
Pool is cool.

Holly
Slip slop slap slide and seek
Get under shade
And go to the pool
'Cause it's not such fun
To be at school

Dyah
Slip slop slap slide and seek
Have fun outside
but don't get fried
I wanna 'losum' in a pool
But that's too cool
for school...
Yeah!

Brett, Luke, Lockie

Slip slop slap seek and slide
You gotta keep sunnies on
...even in-side
Even if you don't care
You have to prepare
'Caus it's heat wave baby!
...In the hood

Braxton
Slip slop slap seek and slide
Slip on a shirt
Wait! That doesn't rhyme!!
Slop on some sunscreen
Slap on a hat
Slide on some sunnies
How about that!
...and seek some shade. Yeah!!!!

Grace Lilly Jasmin Isabeau
I have my hat on my head
And I'm ready to go
But wait!
I need to slip slop slap seek and slide
I AM ready to go to the pool
And do a canon ball
Maybe walk around the mall
BOOM!
That just happened!!

Nick & Travis & Ronan
The heat is back and you need to know
To slip slop slap so that you're ready to go
Slap on a shirt so you don't get burnt
From hips above
You also need to slop on some sunscreen
Slap on a hat...
Don't forget to seek and slide...
Get some shades and sunnies!

Jessie & Adam

Gym Rappers showing ATTITUDE!
CPSW CORNER

Last Saturday was just plain hot - hot, hot, hot, hot, hot! Even the evening was hot! So off I went to the beach with my dog Toby to cool off. Toby loves the beach, especially running along the sand chasing a ball - and it does not matter how hot it is when doing that! It was lovely in the water and I took Toby for a couple of quick swims in-between chasing balls. I went to a beach which is dog-friendly - as a result there were a lot of dogs with their owners there. In a way these dog-owners form an instant community which just exists for a short time while their dogs are on the beach. The common elements which have brought these people together are the dogs, a love of the beach, the need for the dogs to have exercise, the need for the dogs to socialise with other dogs and the need to keep cool. All of these elements combine to attract the group together.

There are other nights that I go to the beach with Toby and there are different people and their dogs at the beach. So another community is formed for a short time for the same reasons. Every time I go to the beach with Toby there is never exactly the same group of people and dogs there. This makes the experience different every time I go - so it is a real adventure and lots of fun! Watching the dogs is just like watching a group of people. There are all sorts of dogs - big ones, little ones, fat ones, skinny ones, dark ones, light ones, fast ones, slow ones. When a dog meets another dog the two of them check each other out to see if the other is friendly or not, to see if the other wants to play or not and to see if they want to play the same game at the same time!

Again the same things happen as with people - the dogs play happily together or they ignore each other, or they get into a fight which they quickly resolve by themselves or which needs the intervention of their owners. Just like humans they can be full of energy or they can be tired or not feeling well and these things will all impact on how they get on together. At the end of the day though it is we humans that decide to go home - and this is one of the differences between humans and dogs: humans plan for the future.

There are lots of groups and communities within a school environment. So I hope that you find yourself productive in planning for the future in whatever group/community you find yourself.

Til next time

Woof! from Toby

Karen Tromans

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