Leader’s Report

CONGRATULATIONS

To our School Captains for 2016

Dylan Ling, Calvin Currie and Alanood Algraini

The importance of Regular ATTENDANCE

It is really crucial that children attend school every day and are on time unless they are ill. It is impossible to replicate the learning that happens in classrooms at home.

As a school we have an attendance policy and a target of 95% attendance. This is in line with The Department for Education and Child Developments targets. For us to achieve this target, it means children on average should have no more than 10 days away from school.

As you can see from the chart below, we have students at school for approximately 190 days in a school year. This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, appointments and celebrations. For your child to have the best chance at succeeding and progressing, we really need them here as often as possible. We do understand that there are times when this can’t be achieved for unavoidable reasons. If this is the case, please contact your child’s teacher, a member of leadership or the front office so we can work together to ensure your child gets the very best education they can.

“Yet again, we have discovered more about a person in an hour of play, than in a year of conversation”
Water Safety & Drama - Heather Smith
During swimming week our drama lessons focussed on water safety messages; this was the focus of swimming this year. Getting students to enact what they have learned helps to reinforce learning but also shows a teacher how much the students learned.

Safety message; Put your hand up if you in trouble in the water

Safety Message; Make sure a responsible adult is watching you...The father in this story was on his phone and not watching.

Safety Message: Don’t swim in really deep water

PLAY IS THE WAY

Congratulations to the successful students who achieved the Play is the Way Award ‘Be Brave: Participate to Progress’ at last week’s assembly.

Christian Shaw-Newland from Ms Aistrope’s Class –
Always being brave and having a go and inspiring others to think differently

Austin Dahal from Mrs Clifford’s Class –
Started school well and has been brave to overcome his fears

Ethan Vonderwall from Ms Dunn’s Class –
Will attempt all tasks given to him with a good attitude

Cheyanne King from Ms Zollo and Mr Kennedy –
Will always put her hand up and have a go with a positive attitude

Ethan Vonderwall for PE from Ms Reena –
Ethan always tries new skills and activities and he is happy to reach out and help if people don’t understand

Extend
After School Care
At Ascot Park
Primary School

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!
NSW & SA booking deadline: Friday 1 April

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what’s on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Weekly Recap
Throughout the week we focused on a range of activities from science experiments to design and cooking experiences. The children loved being involved in the balloon rocket experiment, a range of designs and theories were tested bringing with it a range of questions which were then explored. The other highlight for the week was creating face biscuits letting their creativity run wild. The biscuits created displayed a wide range of colours and patterns, some almost too good to eat.

Jessica, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is...

Drazik for creating the best balloon rocket design.

NEXT WEEK’S ACTIVITIES:

Monday 21 March:
Easter Cards

Tuesday 22 March:
Easter Carry Basket

Wednesday 23 March:
Easter Egg Decorating

Thursday 24 March
Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 25 March:
GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
Unfortunately we did not win a prize but the Sheik Hamdan of Dubai liked all the horses and gave us $1000 anyway AND the horse. There’ll be a presentation next term.

Congratulations to the 25+ year 4 / 5 / 6 / 7s who worked as teams to complete it.

Heather Smith

CHINESE CULTURE

Have you heard about DRAGON BOAT RACING and would like to see some?

DRAGONS DOWN UNDER

ADELAIDE 2016

Dragon boat racing is a traditional sport more than 2,000 years old. Though it began in China it is now popular all over the world.

- Australian Championships
  March 24 – 28
- 12th Asian Dragon Boat Championships
  March 29 – 30
- 10th Club Crew World Championships
  April 1 - 7

Held at West Lakes, (100 Military Road will take you to the course.)

PCW CORNER

Today we celebrated Harmony Day. It is a day set aside to think about how all the different people in a community can serve each other to produce a harmonious whole. And what does that look like?

**We are all different and unique.** When you put us all together in a community then we can all work towards a harmonious community – one that is peaceful and where we enjoy each other’s company and are free to pursue individual and collective pursuits for the good of ourselves and each other.

Is that what our Harmony Day looked like today? We are not yet in a perfect world so it is likely that there were a few elements that disrupted the harmony of the day. This is where resilience comes in – when things go wrong we need to take the time to dust ourselves off and pick ourselves up, reflect on what went wrong and why, attempt to fix things up, and plan for the future when it might happen again. Does this sound like a lot of work?? Well, it is and it isn’t. The process will go much better when you ask others to help you and when you let others help you when they offer to help.

Next week is the Lenten Holy week that leads to Easter where Christians thank God for the blessings of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The week is marked by the eating of Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday and the sharing of Easter eggs on Easter Sunday.

Next week is also the celebration of the Hindu Holi day which is a celebration of good over evil told in the stories of Hindu gods. It is marked by having lots of fun with colours.

Enjoy the Easter break!

Karen

COMMUNITY NEWS

ABERFOYLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Night Tuesday 22nd March

Tours will leave the marquee every 10 minutes between 6:00pm & 7:30pm

Come and meet our great students and teachers, be inspired by our dynamic programs and state of the art technology in a school where your child is our focus.

I look forward to meeting you at Open Night

Liz Mead
Principal

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