In the last couple of weeks we have had to send a few children home as they have come to school unwell. Could parents please keep their child/ren home if they are unwell in the morning to stop spreading colds etc to others. Thank you for your help.
Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

Assembly
We will be holding our final assembly on Friday morning. A change had to be made due to several staff having to attend Professional Development throughout the week, and in particular not being here on Monday. Thank you to all parents who call to check, as sometimes the most well laid out plans have to be flexible in such a huge organization as the Department of Education. On Friday there will be class certificates and other awards given out. I look forward to seeing you there and I wish you a happy and safe term break with your families.

Winter Weather
Now that our winter weather has finally arrived, could I please ask parents to check that children are warmly dressed, as some are coming to school shivering. Many of them tell you they are not cold, but if they are shivering that is a sure sign their body is working hard to keep them warm. If children are warm they are less likely to become ill from the chills of the winter months.

Reports
Parents will be receiving half yearly reports this week. We are very proud of the efforts of our staff and children throughout the first half of the year. The majority of children have applied themselves to the adventure of learning so well and they are achieving great outcomes. It is such a pleasure to see how well our children compare across all areas of learning including, academic, social and emotional development. Providing them with a balanced and challenging learning environment will develop the skills needed for them to become successful adults.

I would like to wish all families many days of delight over the term break and I look forward to working with you all again in term three.

Averil Nunn – Principal

RAFFLE TICKETS

Hopefully your raffle tickets are being sold and maybe you will be the lucky person to win first prize – a Toyota Prius C Hybrid or one of the other 127 prizes to be won, not forgetting the schools ‘surprise’ prize for the person who sells the most raffle tickets.

All money raised, plus ticket stubs and unsold tickets must be returned to school by Friday, 1st August

The winners will be announced on 19th September 2014.

There will be a prize for the highest ticket seller.
On the 17th of June, the 5/6s went on an excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance as we are learning about Australians at War.

We left school around half past nine. While on the bus, Mr Gallagher helped the driver, Mr. Jones, reverse so we did not cause any traffic along David Collins Drive. As we approached the Shrine we were all surprised to see the structure and how it was built. It was amazing that Phillip Hudson and James Wardrop could build it.

We all walked to Botanical Gardens to have our snack. Everyone sat happily under trees to eat their snack. It was muddy but firm enough for us to walk on! After our delicious snack we all walked back in an orderly manner to the Shrine and waited in front of the museum for our tour guides to come. They were named Vic and Keith and were both Vietnam War veterans.

We got into 2 groups (Alpha/ Delta and Beta/ Gamma). On the tour we were encouraged to ask questions and Vic and Keith answered them for us. They knew everything about the wars and all that entailed such as how it felt, the food they ate and the various experiences because they had served in the Vietnam War. They showed us some statues of men in World War I and World War II. We went inside the Shrine and stood around the Stone of Remembrance. We stood in silence for 1 minute.

Later on we went into a shed and in the shed there were the soldier’s costumes and tins of the food they ate at the time of the war. Some of us got to dress up and wear some of the uniforms. After that we all met up and got poppies (ANZAC flowers). We said thank you to Vic and Keith for the tour they gave us and the valuable information they shared with us.

Next we all walked to a nearby garden and had our lunch. We all had a good play. On the bus everyone was looking out the window to see all the amazing things in the city. Everyone learnt heaps and had a great time. When we arrived back at school we had to complete a booklet that had activities about the war. Thank you to Mr Gallagher, Mrs Singh, Mrs Blackman and Mrs McKenna for planning this excursion for us.
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Captain Ace
Wednesday 2/7
Magical and comedy routines, puppets, dancing and other tricks to entertain young and old.
11.15-11.45am Ages: 3+

Commotion in the Ocean
Friday 4/7
Listen to some fairy stories and make your own rainbow fish.
11.15-12 noon Ages: 3-6

Moveable Mummies
Tuesday 8/7
Make a spooky Mummy and bend him into wacky poses.
2.30-3.30pm Ages: 7+

Tinies Time
Wednesday 9/7
Sing, dance and rhyme with your tiny tot.
11.15-11.45am Ages: 0-3

Dinosaurs Roar!
Friday 11/7
Stories, songs and stomping! Make a dinosaur craft to take home.
11.15-12 noon Ages: 3-6