Principal’s Report - Term 3, Week 8...

Last Friday under the COLA we hosted our Bookweek celebrations for 2015. Many children came to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. The variety and quality of the costumes were outstanding. Thank you to everyone that had a hand in coming up with some great costumes. The winners of the costumes for each class were:

- KK - Clare Amery
- 1/2J - Harry Robinson
- 1/2WS - Mikayla Hughes
- 1/2KF - Jessica Golden
- 3/4N - Dale Ryan
- 3/4H - Nicholas Rodney
- 4/5M - Ben Hurst Strange
- 5/6C - Sarah Glanville

The winners of the best description for their book character were:

- Kindy - Savannah Bruce (Stage 1)
- Stage 1 - Sally Albadran
- Stage 2 - Alex Moore (Stage 3)
- Stage 3 - Anna Hunt

Mr Martens said that the standard of the writing was very high and he needed assistance to judge the winners. It has been quite some time since we’ve hosted a book parade and from the response, it is certainly something worth considering to hold on a more regular basis. Great work to everyone.

School Disco

The school disco last Wednesday was a huge success with all children having a great time and socialising with their friends. Thank you to Ms Hunter for her organisation, John Gorman and Paul Taylor for cooking the BBQ, as well as the staff who gave up their time to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Western Athletics

Congratulations to all children who competed at Western Athletics last Friday, 28th August. The weather was certainly damp and a little cool. All children competed very well.

Grenfell Show

Grenfell show is on next weekend and many of our students will have work on display in the pavilion. Mr Cartwright has been devoting time to putting together a Marimba item to be performed on the day. Details for the children involved will be sent home this week. Hope to see everyone there over the weekend.

Excursions

Both Stage 1 and Stage 2 excursions are fast approaching. Please make sure your final payments have been made and any medical notes required are returned to school promptly. The cost for Stage 1 is $50.00, and Stage 2 is $190.00. All of these things take time to organise and it does make it easier if staff don’t have to keep chasing money and notes. I’m sure all children will have a great time, both excursions look to be full of great places to see and great things to do.

Also Stage 3 students should be well and truly on top of their payments for their excursion. If you’re not sure how much money is still to be paid for your child, please contact the office. The cost for the Stage 3 Excursion is $380.00.

Just a reminder to everyone, if your child’s behaviour has not been of a high standard during recent times their attendance on the excursion may be questioned. Contact with parents will be made prior to this decision being made.
Staff Development

All staff will be involved in CPR and Emergency care this Tuesday evening as a part of mandatory training. Following this they will continue on with professional development on the English syllabus. Our school, THLHS and Caragabal are all a part of a pilot program across NSW. The program relates to the English Syllabus and a draft document that will be published and distributed to all schools in 2016. The three schools are currently receiving professional development, writing units and will be ready to trial units next term. Tracey Cartwright has offered us all great insight into the document and tremendous support as we learn more and develop new programs. This process is another one that strengthens our transition program to High School from Year 6 to 7.

Yr6-7 Transition Program

Dates have been set for Transition to High School for term 4. The first day will be Wednesday 14th October. Parents and students are invited along to the morning session where introductions and presentations are given in relation to what happens at High School. There will be a tour of the school and a morning tea where parents can informally chat with the staff from the High School and ask any questions they may have. Students are then teamed up with peer mentors and spend the rest of the day at the high school being involved in lessons and normal high school routines.

The next two days are Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 18th November. On all three days the children will be expected to make their own way to the high school in the morning and then they will be dismissed from the high school in the afternoon. There will be another note sent home closer to the time.

Monica Joyce - Relieving Principal

Quality Work Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Quality Work Award for writing at the Stage Assembly last week:

Dylan King, Hugo Fenton, Amy Parsons, Lee Ryan, Hugo Wood, Nic Heathcote, Ella Mitton, Riley Clarke, Clare Amery.

Father’s Day Stall

Our Father’s Day Stall will be held this Friday, 4th September. Students can bring in $1 to $10 to buy their Dad a Father’s Day gift. If you are able to help out on Friday morning, please come to the school hall at 9.00am.

Attached to this newsletter are tickets in our Fathers Day Raffle - 1st Prize is a Solo Chain Saw (valued at $400 donated by Lachlan Fertilizers Rural), 2nd Prize a $100 Gift Voucher at Oliver’s Hardware and 3rd Prize a $50 Gift Voucher at Oliver’s Hardware.

Tickets are $1.00 each and need to be returned by Friday.

Lachlan Fertilizer Rural (LFR) Expo Catering

Last Thursday the P&C catered for a morning tea and a BBQ lunch for the LFR Expo. The P&C would like to especially thank the following people for helping out on the day – John Gorman, Peter Mitton, Paul Taylor, Keith Starr, Penny Starr, Nicole Skipper, Rob Johnson, Tamara Ingrey and the LFR Staff. And also to the providers of morning tea Nicola Mitton, Emma Amery, Faye Aspin, Marnie Moore, Trudie and Steve O’Byrne and LFR Staff. The assistance from these people was greatly appreciated. Thank you!
School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Current rewards available include: Glow in the Dark Solar System, ET DVD, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rocket, Scented Pencils, Headphones, Knuckles Game, Projector Cup, Shark Keyring, Swimming Bag and Dollarmites Moneybox.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Grenfell Public School.

Winning written entries for 2015

Savannah Bruce: My character is Tinkerbell from the book “Peter Pan”. This book is written by Disney and it Lights up my World because Tinkerbell can fly and is magic and I wish I could fly. I like the part when the crocodile chases Captain Hook, it makes me laugh and it’s pretty cool that the mermaids can breathe underwater and they have pretty tails.

Sally Albadran: My character is Tinkerbell from the book “Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure”. This book is written by Kimberly Morris and it Lights up my World because the book is talking about friendship and how friends are important in our life. How a true friend can help you in your hard times, like Terence helped Tink in her journey to fix the sceptre. Tinkerbell is my favourite character because she is friendly, creative and stubborn to get her goal. From this book I learned that the greatest is not gold or jewels, but it is treasure of true friendship.

Alex Moore: My character is Quinn Freeman from the book “The Mapmaker Chronicles: Race to the end of the World”. This book is written by A. L. Tait and it Lights up my World because it has some funny moments. The characters are quick thinkers which helps them in every situation. They have adventures and some are dangerous because they face perilous beasts and unknown people. This book’s setting is like the medieval times and it is cool how you can learn a bit about the ships, weapons and castles.

Anna Hunt: My character is Katniss Everdeen from the book “The Hunger Games”. This book is written by Suzanne Collins and it Lights up my World because it’s a very adventurous book. It takes you on a journey that no other book can, you get lost in your own world. You can feel how they really feel because Suzanne Collins puts so much detail into the Hunger Games series. That is why I love this book. There was a heap of outstanding characters that I could have chosen to dress up as, but the reason I chose Katniss Everdeen as my character for this 70th anniversary for the Children’s Book Council of Australia is because she is a hero, and unbeatable person and she’s bullet proof.

Community News!

SWIMMING CLUB

The first swimming club meeting of the 2015-2016 season will be held on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in the club room.

All are welcome to join us as we commence planning another great swimming season.
AGFARM CARAGABAL SHEEP RACES
SAT 12 SEPT 2015

The Caragabal Sheep Races are a great local family event celebrating our rural heritage. Come along and enjoy:
- 6 race event with pre race sweeps & auctions.
- Great prize money!
- BBQ, lamb spit and canteen
- Full bar (no BYO)
- Quick Shear Competition
- Lolly drop from a plane
- Watch the kids chase the sheep towards the finish line

Want to bring a group? Marquees and hospitality packages are available, please contact Daniel on 0404000334
- EFTPOS facilities available
- Entry $10 adults, $5 school age kids
- Live band 3rd Bas3 from 6pm - 10pm
- Gates open at 11.30am at the Caragabal Country Club
- VIP Bus Package from Grenfell, must pre-book Call/SMS Karen 0400809166

We look forward to seeing you there!
www.visitcaragabal.com.au

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

A tennis coaching clinic will again be held over the school holidays at the Grenfell Tennis Courts

Dates: Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th September (week one of hols)

The tennis clinic caters for players of all levels and children as young as 5yrs to 18yrs.

Beginners 5yrs to 8yrs (approx) 9.00 to 11.00am
Intermediate 8yrs and up 9.00 to 1.00pm
Advanced (tournament level) 12.00 to 1.30pm

The tennis club will be operating a canteen throughout the week.
There will be major prizes of tennis racquets in two divisions and the club will be running a raffle which will be drawn at the end of the clinic.

For enrolment and further information please contact Danny Joyce 0428436266

Cancer Council SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way
...to protect your skin at the snow!

Did you know that you can almost get a double dose of ultraviolet (UV) radiation at the snow?

Snow and water increase your risk of sun damage as they reflect up to 90% of UV radiation on a clear day. Are you heading for the slopes? Check out these SunSmart tips:

✓ Slap on a winter hat, such as a balaclava, hood or a beanie with flaps to cover your ears
✓ Slide on goggles or wrap-around sunglasses
✓ Apply SPF30+ or higher, broad spectrum and water resistant sunscreen and lip balm at least 20 minutes before going outside
✓ Reapply sunscreen every two hours – put a small tube in your jacket pocket
✓ Take a break from the slopes during the middle part of the day.

Be SunSmart and your children will follow your lead. Enjoy the winter!

To help keep your kids safe, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

You can control your asthma.
Ask us how.

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