Term 4, Week 5

Thursday 13th November 2014

Dear families,

2015 classes:
I am conscious of sounding like a ‘broken record’, but it is vital that we know if your child is not returning to Burton Primary next year or if you intend enrolling a child. This also applies to friends and family—please pass this message on. We have Plan A & Plan B with regards to the number of classes and the placement of students, depending on the number of enrolments. We hope to provide all families with their child’s class and where possible, their teacher for 2015 before the end of the year.

Remembrance Day
This week a group of older students led our school through a moving Remembrance Day assembly. Classes have learnt about the significance of Remembrance Day and Australia’s involvement in war and many have made poppies to wear. All children recited the following Pledge of Remembrance as part of our involvement in the Read2Remember project throughout Australia:

“I am young and I am worthy, I am brave and I am strong
In the face of any challenge, I will strive to rise above
I deserve this opportunity to live, to learn, to love
I can truly make a difference; my path is up to me
And this is my commitment – be the best that I can be.”

Late to school:
On looking at our attendance data it is very disturbing to see the number of students who are late to school. To date there have been over 4400 late arrivals. A number of students have been late on 50 or more occasions which equates to a minimum of 3 full days missed if they are late by 10 minutes. Many students arrive 30 minutes late. This has a huge impact on their learning and is disruptive for classes. Please ensure that your child is at school ready to start their learning prior to the bell ringing at 8.45am. Supervision is provided in the courtyard from 8.20am.

Alison Lynch, Principal

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Agent FYI was cool!

Room 17 enjoyed the experience.

Amer liked the 3D glasses.
Kira and Layla liked that we got to keep the rat. We named it Fatty Ratty.
Kira and Layla thought it was cool at the end because we got a spy five from Charli the dog.
Claire shared that Richard (Agent FYI) said she was a cool kid.
Jelena thought it was funny because Richard sang, “Do you want to build a hotdog?”
Summer liked Agent FYI because Richard was funny.
Cooper liked when Richard said, “This is Big Brother.”
Grace liked that Charli ate her hair and Richard sang a funny song.
Jessica liked Agent FYI because when Charli picked up the phone, it was Agent Mouse. Then Charli ate the mouse.

We also learnt many things.

Claire M learnt that you can’t have more than three days without sleep.
Jessica learnt to be responsible and not throw stuff.
Liam learnt not to squirt people in the eyes.
Amer learnt not to bully kids.
Kira learnt that dogs eat rats.
Grace learnt that Mars is hot and it would take nine months to get there.
Jake learnt to listen to the teacher nicely.
Layla learnt that you need food, clothing, water and oxygen on Mars.
Grace learnt that spies send secret codes to give information.
The “Being the Best Learner You Can Be” program (BBL) aims to help every student improve all the skills that people need to be able to learn well, manage emotions/behaviour and have great relationships with other people. To do this, the program focuses on helping students to improve attention, memory, emotional literacy and higher order thinking skills. The program also teaches the importance of looking after general health through good patterns of sleep, diet and exercise.

The BBL program is designed to help students build awareness and understanding of how their brains work and what they can do to make learning easier.

We have learnt about... interpreting patience
listening sequencing control

“My favourite game was the Marshmallow Game. We had to have self control”
(Liam and Katherine)

“Frogs, knees and stand - you had to remember the sequence”
(Martina)

Room 5 iMaths Investigations

Room 12 students attended a fruit cup morning tea organised by Room 5 students as part of their Maths investigations. To make sure there was enough fruit, students had to share equally, use time, know fractions, count in two’s and make equal groups using multiplication.
Classes for 2015

Please inform the school if your child will not be at Burton next year. If you intend to enrol your child to start next year please complete an enrolment form. These are available from the office.

Materials & Services Fees

All payments from families that are paying their school fees by instalments need to be completed by the end of this month to avoid debt collectors being involved. Payment of all fees in full will avoid further action.

Uniform Notice

No Hoodies!

This year we have allowed some leeway in the wearing of hoodies, (providing the hood is tucked in) as some parents had already purchased these items. Unfortunately this has caused considerable issues and behaviour problems with some students not following teacher’s instructions, being argumentative and repeatedly wearing the hood in the yard and class.

From the start of 2015, no child is to wear a hoodie to school.

We have designed a new zip up jacket at a reasonable price (under $30) as well as a half zip front jumper and long sleeved polo shirt. These will be available from the start of the year.