Dear Families,

Our Pupil Free Day last Friday provided staff with the opportunity to work with Val Westwell, Manager of Pedagogy and Learning Areas in DECD. The focus of the day was on strategies to transform learning so that the students are doing the thinking. This includes having the students identify the problems to solve, making connections, providing many entry points and using questioning. Some valuable resources were provided which will be used in classes.

Our 25th Birthday celebrations were well attended on October 23rd. The collation of children’s drawings of themselves are now on display between Room 12 and 13. Photos in this newsletter show how we celebrated the day.

Transition Program

We have been meeting our new Reception students for 2016 as they visit for increasingly longer times. They are participating in ‘school’ activities as they become more familiar with the environment and expectations. Our Junior Primary classes use a play based methodology but there are many differences between preschool and school. These include the number and age of students around them and the longer time away from home. To assist the settling in of students at the start of next year, Reception classes will finish at lunchtime for the first week. Times each afternoon will be allocated so that every family can meet with their child’s teacher to share information from home and expectations for school.

Alison Lynch, Principal

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**Petition to sign**

The younger sister of a child at Burton Park Preschool has been hospitalised with Meningococcal B Septicaemia. Unfortunately she has had limbs amputated and will be in hospital for months to come.

All children should be vaccinated for Meningococcal C at 12 months. There is now a vaccine for Meningococcal B which is the most deadly strain, but it costs $250 per child as it is not yet on the National Immunisation Program.

We have a petition in the front office that we ask parents to come in and sign to support the inclusion of the Meningococcal B Vaccination on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the National Immunisation Program so that other children do not have to suffer. Please support.

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**What’s happening?**

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All classes here at Burton Primary School identify with another class known as their “Buddies”. The Year 1’s of Room 7 and the Year 4/5’s of Room 20 come together each week for various activities designed to develop Respect, Cooperation and Trust - to strengthen Positive Friendships and Working Relationships.

Some of our activities included......
Creating an Anzac Day commemorative display.
Performing an action dance at Assembly,
Brainstorming a list of things you can do with a paperclip and creating rain gauges with recyclable materials.

Our Buddy Class Experiences
Special Events, Science and Technologies

Comments

“I value the quality level of positive role modelling the primary students provide my Year 1’s who are learning so quickly to persist with ideas and contribute confidently to challenging tasks.”
Miss Rivett, Room 7 Year 1 teacher.

“It’s good to see the positive interaction and learning between the two classes. The Year 4/5 students learn many strategies to engage younger children in learning tasks.
Mrs Kefrt, Room 20 Year 4/5 teacher

We liked sports day practice and going to the gym.
Eli and Jeremy

Learning the ‘Lion sleeps tonight’ song was fantastic.
Chris and Richie.

It was interesting when the Army medic visited us to share her experiences.
Blake and Tanner.

We loved making dream catchers and having a go at Mrs Kefrt’s 30 second talk.
Sarah and Chanelle

Sometimes we play soccer together in the yard at playtime.
Brad and Jhun

I liked making the little people with corks.
Feroza.

We like working together and cooperating.
Danae and Asha

We have a lot of fun making friends and creating art.
Lucas and Mikayla

We liked reading together and talking about technology ideas.
Tayissa and Tina
**End of Year Celebrations**

Our end of year concert will be on Wednesday, November 25th at 5.30pm. Students are to arrive from 5.00pm—5.15pm. It is anticipated that the concert will go for about one hour. There will be no food available.

We are once again running a raffle for a Christmas stocking. Please donate suitable items or vouchers. Items to send along include toiletries, toys, books, new electrical products, Christmas items (food and decorations), unwanted gifts etc. These can be brought in to school from now until the end of November.

Raffle books will be coming home soon.

All money raised will provide additional iPads for classroom use.

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**Materials and Services Charges**

Parents are invited to attend our next Governing Council on Tuesday December 1st, when we will present the Materials and Services Fee schedule for 2016. There has been a slight increase in these charges as set by DECD. Our school charges the minimum amount of $229. Invoices will be sent home early in term 1.

**2015 Fees**

Outstanding fees for 2015 (and in some cases 2014) are now well overdue. Families have been contacted again regarding payment and must make full payment by December 8th to avoid debt collectors being involved.

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**Computers for sale**

We are selling off ex classroom iMac computers for home use. Please see Carmen in ERIC if interested. We have 11 available for $50 each.
Harcourts 2015 Annual Burton Christmas Party

**WHEN:** Sunday 29th of November

**WHERE:** Burton Primary School Reserve

**TIME:** 12pm to 2pm

**WHAT:** A FREE fun filled family day in the park with free sausage sizzle, cheese, crackers & nibbles, soft drinks for the kids, selected Beer, Wine & Champaign for the parents with plenty of activities on hand including kids playground, blow up bouncing castle, face painting, sporting activities and lots of giveaway raffle prizes, presents for the kids and of course Santa Clause!

**STAY TUNED:** For updates in your letterbox, SMS, Burton Primary School Newsletter & Local Community updates.

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