Visit from the Director General

Last week we received a request for the Director General Dr Michele Bruniges to visit our school. Dr Bruniges was particularly interested in finding out more about our L3 (Literacy, Language and Learning) programs operating in Kinder and Year 1, our Preschool and our Instructional Leader. Dr Bruniges really enjoyed her experience here and stayed for more time than expected engaging in lessons with students and talking to staff. We are always excited to showcase our school and to share with others the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place here every day.

Principals’ Conference

Last Wednesday and Thursday I attended the Regional Principals’ Conference in Albury. This conference provides principals with the departmental and regional directions for the year. This year, as we know, the changes related to the ‘Local Schools Local Decisions’ program will be implemented. Both the Director General Dr Michele Bruniges and the Deputy Director General Mr Greg Prior spoke to the audience about the new changes and structures. Information gained from these conferences forms the basis of school direction for staff and executive.

Professional Learning- 

Our staff is committed to their own professional learning which is reflected in the delivery of quality teaching programs in classrooms. As part of the school’s commitment to its staff, all teaching staff are provided with additional release from class to work with our Instruction Leader, Mrs Nicole Smith. Also as part of this process all teachers undergo teaching observations by Mrs Smith and myself to evaluate teaching practice. Over the past two weeks all classes have taken part in these observations with lessons involving reading and comprehension.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented our school in yesterday’s Zone Swimming Carnival. Our swimmers braved the first rain for a month to give their best in the pool. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Dent for organising our swim team for the day.

Medical Conditions

It is vital for the school to have up to date and accurate medical information for all students. We welcome information from parents/carers about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child, however it is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents.

Kindergarten Photos

Earlier this week our 2013 Kindergarten students were photographed by the Border Mail for the ‘First Class’ supplement. These photos are scheduled to be printed on April 11. Make sure you get a copy.

Assemblies

Each Friday one of our classes will be hosting the weekly assembly. Last week 6 Ba presented our assembly and provided a powerpoint snapshot of their learning which was displayed in the foyer. This week 3 Ro are our class in focus and they will share some of their learning journey with us at tomorrow’s assembly.

Russell Graham
Merit Certificates

K/1 Cl
Ayla Sedgwick
Tyler Green

K/1 Pa
Tanah Allen
Zion Stewart

1 Ho
Jaleah Firebrace
Raymond Mitchell

2 Sc
Fae Lowden
Alex Zahrooni

3 Ro
Katelyn Smith
Amit Subedi

4 Th
Antonia Wenke
Tyler Vandersluis

5/6 Ma
Emly Uppal
Rodney Allen

5/6 Ba
Gabrielle Head
Wesley Williams

Snr Ll
Brianna Dowell

Learning Journeys - Coming soon
Your child will be inviting you to a Learning Journey in Week 9 or 10. You will have the opportunity to listen to your child as they share their learning with you. It is an exciting time for your child because they love inviting you into their classroom and showing you their books and learning journals.

You will also enjoy this opportunity for asking questions to your young learner eg; What are you proud of in your room? What was something that was easy for you to do? and What would you like to get better at?. We hope you can join your child for this exciting Learning Journey.

Nicole Smith/Instructional Leader

Keeping you in touch...

Breakfast Club
The P & C would like to remind families that the Breakfast Club runs 3 days a week from 8.30 am to 8.55 am. Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If anyone is able to donate some Jam, honey or margarine to the breakfast club, it would be gratefully appreciated. Please leave items at the office.

Easter Raffle
Please keep the Easter Egg donations coming in.

P & C meeting
Our next P & C meeting is on Monday, March 11 at 7 pm. Please come along, we would love to see there.

Year 6 T Shirt
The Year 6 T Shirts are being ordered soon and the cost this year is $35 each. Students have tried on shirts for sizing and have indicated what size they would like. If you feel you would like to check the size yourself please call in and ask at the office. All shirts must be paid in full at time of order.

School Jackets
Orders must be in by next Tuesday, March 5. Deposit of $20 must be paid for at time of order. To place an order we will require a few more orders than has already been received.

Next week
Thursday, March 7
- Hockey Clinic for Years 3 & 4
Friday, March 8
- Mufti Day- Easter donations

Down the Track
Monday, March 11
- P & C meeting at 7pm

Canteen Roster
Wednesday, March 6
Lillian Hake

Thursday, March 7
Thea Howell

Friday, March 8
Michele Brown

Community News...

Locker Room:
Make your own zines, animations and panoramic photographs. Are you a budding film maker, photographer or author? We’ll be there on hand to help get you started. Suitable for all ages.

Melbourne's Asanti Dance Theatre can take you on a journey through dance and music to celebrate culture.

Junee Rhythm N Rail Festival
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Junee’s Rhythm and Rail Festival is fast approaching so come along to enjoy the festival highlights. Junee's distinctive rail heritage and features lots of fun activities for the whole family. The Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival is a great way to discover everything Junee has to offer.

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The workshops are free and open to children and adults alike.

Join in the fun workshops in visual decor and costume, all staged by professional artists. What is created will then be displayed during the popular Carnivale Parades on Saturday 9 March (5.20pm and 7.45pm) http://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/dnn/WhatsOn/tabid/85/ModuleID/429/ItemID/96/mctl/EventDetails/Default.aspx

Melbourne’s Asanti Dance Theatre can take you through drumming and dance moves. Just turn up ready to get into the groove. Drums and stools will be provided.

Thursday 7 March
5.30 – 6.30pm in Woodland Grove.
L3 in our classrooms
It’s been lovely working with some familiar faces again this year! We’ve enjoyed setting up our new classroom and entering the Primary Section of the school. Our term started at the Swimming Carnival – congratulations to Piper and Rhiannon for qualifying to represent Hume at the Zone Swimming Carnival!

We are currently examining ‘Living Things’. We have been learning how to research and highlight key words in a text. Reading facts about the praying mantis was most fascinating. In Maths, we are improving our understanding of the place value of four-digit numbers and using mental strategies to solve equations. We can name all the lines of symmetry in two-dimensional shapes and are getting better at pronouncing ‘dodecagon’! We have been fortunate to participate in Blue Earth Sports Sessions, every second Thursday. We are engaging in team activities to improve our collaborative skills, honesty, decision making and spatial awareness. This week we have been frantically practising our assembly item for tomorrow, Friday, March 1. Please come and watch our class shine.

We hope you enjoyed reading about what happens in our classroom and we look forward to seeing you at our assembly item.

Class 3 Ro