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Education Week!

On Tuesday this week I accompanied our school leaders Jinja and Harrison and Mr English to the Bathurst Entertainment Centre for a special event to mark Education Week and the ongoing 200th celebrations of Bathurst. Students and Principals from forty Bathurst District schools were represented at the launch. Student bands, choirs and circus acts entertained the audience along with other special guests including Bathurst Mayor Gary Rush. Mr English accepted a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of our Parents & Friends Association.

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Your feedback is always appreciated.

Science Week
My warmest invitation is going out to everyone for a community lunch on Thursday August the 20th. We will be celebrating Science Week along with officially opening our Kitchen Gardens.

The students really did love visiting resident’s gardens at the start of the year, the visits inspired the students here at school and they would love to return the favour and share their garden with you. Everyone is invited, the school will be providing a BBQ lunch, we hope to see you here.

Mr G

Emergency Drill
An emergency drill was held on Wednesday. It was very good to see all students, staff and 'Little Diggers' move quickly and orderly out to the evacuation area.

Jeans for Genes
Next Friday we are holding a Jeans for Genes Day. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, please leave a donation at the school. Don’t forget to wear your jeans on the day!

CALENDAR

AUGUST

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Jinja, Mr English & Harrison with Certificate of Recognition
Brrr…. It was a very cold start to the week, thank goodness for heaters and the sunshine when we were able to go outside. Later in the week it started warming up again. Lessons continued as usual with students making pleasing efforts throughout the week. With Mr G, Mr English and our senior students Jinja and Harrison representing us at the Education Week launch on Tuesday, Mrs Price came to teach for the day. Mrs Kimm was also on class in the morning. In the afternoon the students read the poem ‘Sea is a Dragon’ They discussed poems, verses, rhyming, metaphors and adjectives. They then composed a poem together called:

Fire is a Panther
Fire is a panther, fast and smooth,
Sneaky and sleek, always on the move.
Fire is a panther, glowing with light,
Roaring with strength, ready to fight.
Fire is a panther, stalking it’s prey,
In deep, gloomy forests where it likes to stay.
Elk have escaped the panther’s mighty bite,
Being stalked by it’s hunger through the night.
Fire is a panther that sleeps in the sun,
I dream to touch it…….
Oh! What have I done?

Students of the Week

SENIOR
William Drakeford

JUNIOR
Charlotte Mobbs

Maths with Mrs Rayner

Money with Mr G

Library
Students enjoy using the school library each week as new books arrive on a regular basis. Some new titles that will appear during the coming weeks are ‘When I am Happiest’ ‘Super Sleuth’ ‘Newspaper Hats’ ‘Travels of an Extraordinary Hamster’ and lots more!

In the Playground
During sport Mr G introduced 'touch footy' while at lunch Mr English joined students for a game of soccer.
**Library Van Visit**

On Wednesday we had our first visit from the Bathurst Library Van for Term 3. Sarah and Melinda were very pleased to see all books returned. It is wonderful to have this facility come to our school. When library books go home with children it is important when not being read that they are looked after and kept together in one spot. This makes it a lot easier when the due date comes to send back on time. It is important that everyone in the family shows younger children how to look after books. Keep up the good reading!

**Parents & Friends**

On Wednesday afternoon a P&F meeting was held at HEPS. First item on the agenda was the Bunning BBQ fundraiser to be held on Saturday. Final details were confirmed for this. Other items discussed were the new homework format and the education week launch. It was great to see everyone at the meeting.

**In the Garden & Kitchen**

This week in the garden we did some tidying up. We pulled out our remaining beetroot and chinese cabbage as they had gone to seed. More of our peas are up and we noticed that one of our broadbeans was up. In the kitchen we cooked up a storm. We had a real production line going making some more SeedHearts. This was a great activity for students. They learnt to work in a team, count seeds, estimate paper pulp needed and make decisions. There was some great conversation in the kitchen too.
Well! another term is drawing to a close and the children I feel, will enjoy as well as deserve a holiday. They have been working well during this term.

Our theme for the past few weeks has been "Looking Back on the Olden Days" we have been talking about olden days, people, their houses, transport, clothing, and manners. We have discovered many interesting differences.

A "Development of Transport" freise was compiled by the children. The children also completed a sand tray model "Looking Back on the Olden Days".

All children will have a wonderful chance to look back on the olden days this Wednesday when the Cobb & Co. coach arrives in Hill End.

Class merits for last week were as follows:

**Reading:**
- Kindergarten - Lucy Haynes
- 1st Class - Dean Price
- 2nd Class - Vicki Begson

**Maths:**
- 1st Class - Peter O'Reilly 15/20
- 2nd Class - Betty Campbell & Robyn Drakeford 13/20.

**Spelling:**
- 1st Class - Warren Mobbs 9/10
- 2nd Class - Eric Wemyss & Robyn Drakeford 20/20.

**Wuzzies:**
- Jannine Sibley.

**Winning Block:**

**Special Mention:** Warren Mobbs, Good deed on Sunday.

**Art:** A combined freise.

Well! I wish my children all the very best during these holidays - and remember plenty of reading during your spare time!