

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

In a primary school you have to expect the unexpected, I will be honest, prior to this week Covid had not been in the front of my mind for a very long time. This week it came back in a big way. With over a third of our school away for most of the week teachers had to be very adaptable with the lessons taught this week. It has also unfortunately meant the postponement of a couple of events. Our PnF was going to be making Mothers' Day/Special Persons Day gifts with the students today and then Miss Shelley and Mrs Smith's grades were having a special morning tea; we will make sure that we organise other days for these events in the near future.

At the school we have managed to source some spare Rapid Antigen tests. If you need any please don't hesitate to call us or just drop into the office. This week has been a timely reminder to ensure that we do the little things to help stop the spread, such as hand sanitising, keeping our distance when possible and regular testing.

Swimming program

Yesterday our grade 1/2 students completed their swimming program with Bec Kranen. Bec does a wonderful job with the students and it was fantastic to see their progress in a short amount of time. As a community that lives close to the ocean, learning to swim is a valuable skill that we want our students to have for life. Under this program students have learnt safety survival strokes and what to do in emergency situations, in addition to improving their swimming ability.



Winter sports

Grade 5/6 winter sports training with Meeniyen Primary School was meant to be happening tomorrow afternoon. As there is a lot of covid at Meeniyen as well, we have decided that we will just run a sports afternoon at each of our schools rather than meeting together this week.

Marc McBride

Today we hosted renowned illustrator Marc McBride. Students had a great time working with Marc. It is great that they get the opportunity to work with an artist of his calibre.



Cross Country

Next week in PE Mr Couper will be doing grade 3-6 cross country trials, so make sure your child wears appropriate footwear for this event.

Cheers
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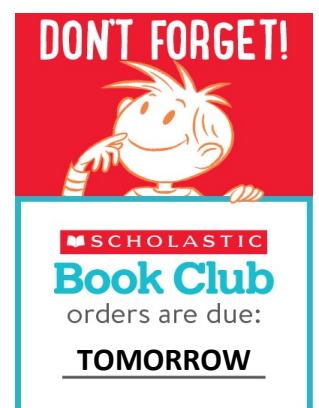
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IMPORTANT DATES

May	2023
Fri 19th	5/6 Winter Sport
Thu 25th	Division Cross Country
June	2023
Fri 2nd	Report Writing Day (Student Free Day)
Fri 9th	Winter Sports
Mon 12th	Kings Birthday (Student Free Day)
Mon 19 - 21st	Grade 3/4 Camp (Phillip Island)
Mon 19-23rd	Grade 5/6 Camp (Alpine Camp)

PRIMARY WELFARE

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Student of the Week



Primary Welfare

For a fragment of my life, in my 20s, I had a fabulous job as a tour guide. On a 2 day tour my job expected me to drive a tour bus from Alice Springs to Kings Canyon – do the 6km hike with all the passengers, make them lunch THEN drive to Uluru by sunset, cook dinner, set up camp and then get everyone up for sunrise. This was a massive day with about 7 hours of driving and no real rest time.

It was often VERY hot by the time we had finished hiking Kings Canyon, so one of the things I would do was run down the last hill to the bus to crank the air conditioner before my passengers got back to the bus. I remember feeling so nimble and sure footed as I bounded down that hill jumping from rock to rock, not even considering that one day I might be stiff or too scared to bound down a hill like that.

This weekend I did a fun run at the prom and came across a similar hill. I did not bound down it, instead I carefully jogged and at times walked. Watching every step, taking my time – still proud of my efforts but noticing the adaption I had made so I could still participate.

I thought about all the kids I have taught and worked with over the years and thought about the adaptations we made to support learning and growth for them. I thought about how sometimes those adaptations naturally evolve to something else over time and other times we need to check in with what they are doing and ask, 'is this still what they need?'

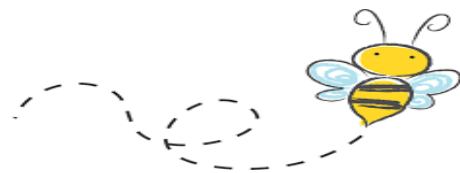
Learning is usually bumpy, sometimes we go through it sure footed and confident and other times we need more care and support so that we can participate and bound down the next hill.

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World Bee Day

On the 20th of May it is National Bee Day, where we celebrate our little friends, the bees. During Environmental Science, we have been learning about and celebrating bees. We celebrate them because they give us honey and food and if we did not have them there would be more sickness due to the lack of filtered air. Bees help pollinate plants and eliminate carbon dioxide from the air. This is why we need bees, trees and plants to help us breathe. We want to give the bees something in return and celebrate them for all of their hard work and generosity. You can do this by planting some flowers to give the bees some food. Next time you see a bee, make sure you say thank you to them for everything they do! – Jack Francis, Year 6, Environmental Captain.

Please follow the link below to find some interesting facts about Bee's. <https://prod-media.coolaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/06191751/Some-Interesting-Facts-About-Bees-2.pdf>



Head Lice

There have been recent cases of head lice in the school, so it would be great if you could check your child/ren's hair tonight and treat appropriately if head lice are found.