FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PRESCHOOL EXCITEMENT

Children of our Preschool were very excited on Wednesday when they received a visit from the local fire brigade. Children got a close up look at the fire engine, and accompanying fire-fighting equipment. The highlight though was when the firefighters turned on the sirens and flashing lights.

A big thanks to parent Jason Goodhart, father of Iyla (Preschool) & Mia (K/1CT), for arranging the valuable experience for our preschoolers.

BOOK WEEK

There was much excitement across the Junior School last week as our community celebrated Book Week. Two specific highlights during the week were Grandparents Day and our annual book character parade.

On the Wednesday grandparents joined their grandchildren for lunch, and then accompanied them to classroom activities. The day finished with a Preschool to Year 6 Assembly. Students and their grandparents received an insight into cross cultural mission work. Matthew Hawkes’ (1/2T) grandfather shared with students about life on the mission fields of New Guinea, while Poppy Gee, Mum of Ruby (K), Eva (Year5) and Molly (Year7) about their ten years of service in Indonesia.

Thursday saw students arrive at school dressed as their favourite book character. Among the crowd we had visitors from Narnia; gumnut babies; Darth Vader with Storm-Troopers in tow; and even a few crayons that had ‘quit’. Teachers appeared to have worked out a theme among themselves and came as the loveable and mischievous Dr Seuss characters, Thing 1 and Thing 2, with Mrs Short donning the red and white of The Cat in the Hat.

Reading is a gift from God, serving not only practical purposes but also bringing joy to the lives of children and adults alike.

YEAR 9 ELECTIVES

When I arrived at school early on Wednesday morning several students were lined up outside reception, and by 8am the line stretched from the reception doors across the ramp up to the bus bay. The reason for the gathering, Wednesday 8am was the time for students moving in Stage 5 next year to hand in their elective choice forms.

The crowd testified to student enthusiasm for our new approach to electives. As has been communicated at the information sessions at school, during Years 9 &10 students will have over 40 electives to choose from. To allow students to experience differing options as they think about the future, the courses run for a semester. At the end of that time they can choose to continue in a related line of interest, or try something completely new.

Examples of the options for next year include:
  • **Build it, Break it**: A practical unit combining design, construction with an emphasis on engineering.
Fingers, Toes and a Cute Little Nose: For those students with a love for little children and may be considering childcare as a career.

This innovative approach to the elective program will further enhance the already strong programs offered to students in Years 9 & 10.

ICT SURVEY

Having introduced the BYOT ChromeBook program (Years 7, 8 & 11) at the start of this year the ICT Committee is keen to receive parental feedback as we move to broaden the program to other Senior School years. Recently parents with children in those year groups were invited to provide feedback via an online survey.

To date only four parents have responded. I would encourage relevant parents to respond over the next week to provide the School with a more reliable sample group. The link to the survey can be accessed via the Parent Portal on the School website or by following this link: http://goo.gl/eqx70n

IMPROVED PARKING AT WARRIMOO OVAL

I was invited to attend a meeting of the Warrimoo Citizen’s Association in relation to a proposed car park upgrade at Warrimoo oval.

Local Council is placing a grant application with the State Government seeking $2.5 million to upgrade parking at the oval. The informal parking spots are to be improved with asphalt and marked parking bays. This should assist in bringing greater order to pickup from that area at the end of the school day.

It was obvious at the meeting that our immediate neighbours hold the school in high regard, and appreciate the efforts of the school, especially in relation to parking when the school holds significant events. I encourage staff, students and parents to keep working with our neighbours in assuring safety around the local streets, especially by following the appropriate speed limits.

K-6 MOVIES ADVENTURE

There is an air of excitement as the K-6 afternoon at the movies with Mr J (and staff) looms closer. Notes have been sent home with students and already tickets are being purchased.

It is important to finalise numbers before the day. Students are required to return their permission slip, along with $10 per child for admission, in a sealed envelope posted in the special Secret Lives of Pets ‘letterbox’, at reception.

The screening will occur on Tuesday September 20th September with students assembling at Glenbrook Cinema at 4:00pm. Parents are encouraged to socialize over a coffee at one of Glenbrook’s neighbouring cafes.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

This week we feature Amelie Stefferson (dressed as ‘Amelie the Seal Fairy’) and Zac Wright (as ‘Where’s Wally’). Amelie and Zac not only went to a great effort for book week, but are enthusiastic and cooperative in all their class endeavours.

“You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.” Ecclesiastes 11:9

Peter Jamieson
Principal

SPORT NEWS

NEPEAN ZONE AND CSSA STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Congratulations to all our Secondary Athletes who represented our School and the Nepean Zone at the CSSA State Athletics Carnival. It was a wonderful day as our athletes competed against talented athletes from around the State on the first class athletics facilities at Homebush.

It has been a very good athletics year for our students and once again our athletes were wonderful ambassadors for the school as they gave 100% in the events. A number of athletes were excited as they achieved personal bests.

Congratulations to the following athletes who have qualified to compete at the CIS (Combined Independent Schools) Athletics Championships:

- Ayesha Anning-Cadell 16 years girls Discus
- Isabella Casey 15 years girls Discus
- Frey Ward 16 years girls 1500m
- Hugh Catchpoole 17 years Boys Javelin
ADDITIONAL RESULTS FROM THE PRIMARY ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Well done to our Primary Athletics team that moved up from last year to come 2nd in the schools overall points at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival. This was an exciting team result and one the school will build on for next year.

From the carnival the following athletes were age champions:

- Ivory Osborne 8 years Girls
- Lydia Hubbard 12/13 years Girls
- Connor Edwards 12/13 years Boys

Once again, well done to all athletes in what was a wonderful day.

SPEED TRAINING

A reminder to Parents and students that the school runs 2 Specialist Training sessions to assist athletes with their speed. Monday lunch times with Mr and Mrs Morgans and Wednesday Morning at 7am with myself on the small oval for students from year 6-12.

For students attempting to trial in October/November for the 2017 out of school rep football (soccer , League, AFL) teams I would suggest that you attend as the additional speed will help you at these trials.

Andrew Stewart
K-12 Sports Coordinator

CIS RUGBY LEAGUE

Once again the CIS Rugby League 7 a side Gala Day was a highlight for our boys. Wycliffe sent two teams contesting the 13’s and 15’s divisions.

The 15’s team coached by Mr Osborne won through to the Trophy division with two good wins in their first two games and played strongly in their final two games.

13’S BOYS

The 13’s boys had a fun day packed with lots of footy as they played 6 games. The boys won their first game against William Carey 14-12 and I wish I could have bottled the excitement.

Despite losing the next 4 games (one of them by only 2 points) these boys were real champions as they never dropped their heads and came off each game with a smile.

An exciting thing was how the boys grew in confidence as the day went on and this team, that started as shirt grabbers, developed into a team making some copybook tackles followed up by some bullocking runs.

The final game was held in the rain against Penrith Christian School and it was very exciting for all as the boys tackled well and won the game 32-22.

Lachlan Whitehouse was exceptional as he played with skill, strength and showed a good turn of speed as he scored countless number of tries. Lachlan was also a team man and his experience and leadership helped all the boys as they developed throughout the day.

It was wonderful to see a number of parents at the carnival and thank you to Mr Scott Gash who not only acted as First Aid Officer but helped with the management of the 13’s team.

Congratulations to all boys and thank you for such a wonderful day.

THE TEAM

Lachlan Whitehouse (c), James Clain, Jeremy Colburn, Connor Edwards, Jacob Gardiner, Matthew Gardiner, Thomas Miller, Matthew Gilchrist, Eli Little, Sebastian Mackie, Matthew Samuelson, Patrick Taylor, Andrew Stewart (Coach)

BOOK FAIR

Students who missed out on being able to purchase their chosen book last Thursday or Friday have been invited to place an order for that book via Mr Turner or Mr Cooney. These books will be ordered, if available and the children will be notified when the books arrive and a note placed in School Talk. If the title is not available, the supplier may send a substitute title. The books will then need to be paid for in the same way as for the Book Fair, either by cash or credit card, through the Carnival website.

Mr Cooney

CENTRAL MTS BAPTIST HOLIDAY CLUB

26th-28th September, Hazelbrook Public School

Register: goo.gl/vaoE8c

Contact: Wayne Robilliard on: 4758 8778 or 0404 804 778