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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Welcome back to Term 4!

We begin our term with an attitude of gratitude for some happenings in the last weeks of Term 3.

Firstly, I am very pleased to report the Year Six Sydney/ Canberra trip was a great success. The children were, as we would expect, outstanding in behaviour and attitude. They really demonstrated our school values, in which all children were **Responsible, Respectful, Resourceful and Safe** at all times. This fact was noted by staff present, facilitators presenting at different venues and members of the public, who commented on their behaviour. I am very proud of our Year Six class and thank them for being such wonderful young people who sincerely enter into the life and spirit of our school.

Thank you also to you the parents of the children whom attended the trip. We appreciate your trust and confidence. I know it is difficult to let your precious children go so far away from home in the care of other adults. I will never take your trust for granted.

I am extremely grateful to the many staff members who have volunteered to give up their time and accompany the children on the trip. It is 'a big ask' to have staff be away from home and their families and carry the responsibility of caring for the children for the week. Thank you to Ms. Anne-Marie Conte (Camp Leader), Mr. Heath Thomas (Camp Coordinator), Mr. Anthony D'Amico, Mrs. Jasmine McIlvena, Miss. Nicole Marevic, Miss. Linda Nguyen, Miss. Stephanie Raymond, Mr. James Quinn, Mrs. Kellie Doherty,

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Tuesday 16 October

Whole School Performance-See details below. School starts at 12.30pm

Monday 5 November

Pupil Free Day-Report Writing

Tuesday 6 November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Thursday 8 November

9.30am-10.30am. 2019 Prep Orientation

Wednesday 14 November

7.30pm-8.30pm. 2019 Prep Orientation

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 November

3.30pm-4.30pm. 2019 Prep Stay and Play

Monday 26-Wednesday 28 November

Year 4 Camp

Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 November

3.30pm-4.30pm. 2019 Prep Stay and Play

Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 December

School Closure-See Principal's message

Wednesday 12 December

Christmas Carols at 7.00pm

Friday 14 December

Year 6 students finish at 1.00pm
Graduation in Church at 7.00pm

Wednesday 19 December

Year Prep-5 finish at 1.00pm

Mrs. Anna Yorstan, Miss. Corinne Clarke, Miss. Fiona Parnell and Miss. Stephanie Adams. The dedication, time and commitment of these staff ensure your children have memorable experiences.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Levi Gambian-Lugli (Year 5R). Levi was selected to contest the AlphaBucks Kids Competition on Fox FM. Levi answered a number of questions in 30 secs on live radio, which was all set up and linked back to the station from Room 31.

Levi was most successful and won our school \$10,000.00.

CONGRATULATIONS LEVI!

We are very proud of you!

Check out the link below, where you will hear Levi win the money and also check out the photos. Levi ought to be very pleased.



Fox [DAB] 2018-09-21 08-10-19.mp3

I look forward to chatting with Levi, the School Captains and SRC about how we are to spend the money. I am sure they might have some great suggestions and since Levi won the money, he will have a say in what we do with it! Levi may only have one more year with us, but he does have younger siblings, who will benefit from the win along with the other children in the school.

Thank you also to Levi's parents Alex and Bernadette who entered Levi in the competition and have been most supportive.



We now move into Term Four and more excitement is to come!

Next Tuesday 16 October is our School Performance, LEGENDS OF ROCK. This event promises to be another most memorable event for our school community. The staff and students have worked tirelessly under Ms. Sarah Cornish's direction for the past months. Their commitment and dedication has been second to none. I am confident they have produced a magnificent show for you all to enjoy.

If you haven't already bought your tickets, or you want to buy more for family or friends, please refer to CareMonkey, on which an update for ticket purchases were sent out today. If you have any difficulties, please contact Kellie or Joe at the Office and they will assist you.

Lots of directions have been forwarded home and I am sure there will be more to come this week. However, just to remind you:

The performance is to be held at **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (1 Convention Place, South Wharf) at 7pm, Tuesday 16 October, 2018**

On this day the school timetable will be altered to cater for the night performance and ensure students are energised and ready for show time. **School will begin at 12:30pm on Tuesday 16 October. See timetable below for the run of the day.**

Please note there is parking onsite. Also make sure all permission slips have been returned. It is most important that we know who is collecting your child after the show. Ensure this information is provided via the already sent out forms to your child's class teacher. If you need any forms or need more information, please contact the School Office.

Wednesday 17 October will be a normal school day. We understand that many of you have work or other commitments and will need your children cared for. I do not want to inconvenience you over two days, considering we have a late start on the day of the performance.

However, if you choose to keep your children home from school on the Wednesday or choose to bring them to school at a later time, it is totally your choice. We understand the children will be tired. It will be a fairly low key day at school, in which we will not be placing too many demands on the children and there will certainly not be any new concepts taught that day. **It is absolutely your choice.**

Thank you for your support of our performance and allowing your children to take part in this wonderful event.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note all the diary dates for this term....

Some advanced notice though, so you might be able to do some planning.

The school will be closed to students on MONDAY 10 and TUESDAY 11 of DECEMBER 2018.

On these two days we will be meeting and planning for 2019 in our new teams and meeting with new staff. We will also be holding transition meetings, where we pass up information and results about students. Primary school is a seamless process, so it is important your child's teachers know their class group as individuals and can prepare adequately to address each child's needs.

More information to come, however I wanted to give you notice and in anticipation, thank you for your support.

We do have a lot for which to be grateful!

Lots more to come in future Newsletters...

Have a great week everybody.



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

2018 TERM DATES

Term 4-Monday 8

October- Wednesday 19

December

Parent Engagement

Subway Days- Now open on flexischools.com.au

Next date: 02 November, 2018

Orders close Friday 26th Oct at 7pm

Pasta Day- Friday 19

October. Now open to order on

flexischools.com.au

Hoyts Movie Night-

Wednesday 5 December,

Hoyts Watergardens at

6.30pm to see Wreck it

Ralph 2-more details soon.

The wisdom of

St. Mary MacKillop

***"May God give to us
what is best"***

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Mr. Anthony D'Amico, our Deputy Principal is on Long Service Leave for this week. Anthony returns next Monday 15 October.

Mrs. Jennifer Brittain, our Year 4 Yellow teacher is on extended sick leave. We wish Jenny every best wish for a full and speedy recovery.

We welcome **Mr. Grant Lewis** who has taken on the care and education of the students of Year 4 Yellow.

School Performance Timetable-Next Tuesday 16 October

12.15 pm	STUDENTS ARRIVE AT SCHOOL
12.30 pm	School bell rings to start the school day
12.30 pm - 12.40 pm	Mark roll & change into costumes
12.40 pm	Senior students (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) board busses and travel to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
3.30 pm	Junior students (Years Prep, 1 & 2) board busses and travel to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
4.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Orientation and organisation: Pep talk/ eat dinner/ hair and makeup touch ups
5.00 pm - 6.45 pm	Whole school dress rehearsal
7.00 pm	Curtain (Performance begins)
At the conclusion of the performance	Departure: Students will be dismissed only to the Parent/Guardian nominated on the previously distributed CareMonkey form. At the conclusion of the performance Parents/Guardians will be notified of the specific doors within the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre where they can collect their child(ren)

2018 Sydney/Canberra Trip

Year Six trip was the experience of a lifetime, even though the flight was delayed. In addition, we missed Mass celebrated with Monsignor Portelli but we still got to go to Mary MacKillop Place. We saw Mary's tomb it was really beautiful. At night we went on a Sydney Harbour cruise and the sights were fabulous. After that we walked over to the Opera House to see it up close. It was really cool.

On day two, we travelled by bus (3½ hour drive) to see the most important parts of Canberra including the embassies and New Parliament House. At Parliament House, we got to see the House of Representatives and the Senate. In the Senate we got to see Pauline Hanson (sadly we didn't get to meet her) but we got to meet Maria Vamvakinou. Next we went to the Australian War Memorial and learnt a lot there, we got to see relics from wars in the past and we got to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We all had the opportunity to be a part of the Last Post ceremony at the pool of reflection looking into the eternal flame.



On the last day, we got to go to Mount Ainslie and the view was absolutely beautiful, looking over the landscape of Canberra. Then we went to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) and got to see their training facilities and electronic minigames in Sportex.

The best part about Canberra was when we went to Questacon and saw the water being poured into different tubes and holes. There was also a real life periodic table and of course the... 'Giant drop'! It was so cool because it felt like we were holding on for dear life then letting go was scary but awesome.

(Costa T and Hannah A, 6B)

On the 10th September, 2018, the Grade 6's began their Sydney/Canberra experience. The students were forced to wake up and come to school at 6:30am and then went to the airport at 7:00am which is where our journey began, so we thought. Our flight was delayed but eventually we did reach Sydney.

In Sydney, we drove to the Travelodge which is where we stayed for the night. That night we had dinner at a really nice restaurant and went for a walk in the park, we had the opportunity to see St. Mary's Cathedral. Not long after, we went on a cruise around Sydney Harbour. We saw the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House, Luna park and loads more.

We left Sydney and after a three hour bus trip, we finally arrived in Canberra and that's where the fun began.

After dinner, we arrived at Questacon a 10-15 min drive from the YHA. That's where SMMPs attempted the Giant Drop, even Mr McCluskey had a go.

The following day, we went to Parliament House as part of our Government unit. We had the opportunity to see both the Senate and House of Representatives.

The best part of the day was going to the Australian War Memorial. We explored the Australian War Memorial with an amazing guide who reminded us all about Australia's past. We stayed for the last post and paid our respects, with Marial and Carla representing our school by carrying a wreath.

On our very last day in Canberra, we went to Mt. Ainslie lookout followed by lunch outside Old Parliament House.

Shortly after that we were on our way to the airport, preparing for our journey home. (Yasmine W and Milana P, 6G)



Year 6 Trip was the best ever, although the flight was delayed. The best part we liked was when we went to Questacon and saw the water being poured into different gadgets. In addition, the 'Giant drop' was so cool because it felt like we were falling in the air.

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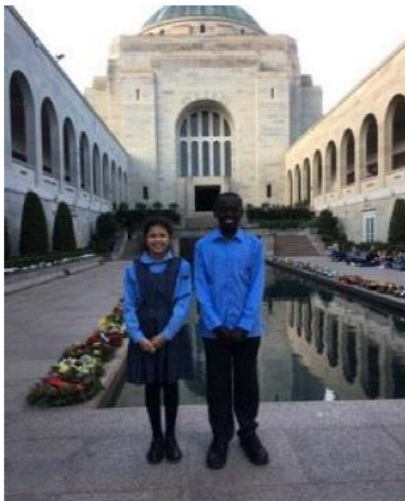
House and had hot dogs in the gardens. What we learned about Canberra is that many people entered a competition for the design and name for Canberra. The next day we arrived at the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport), a place filled with fun activities and where famous sport players train. After that, we went to a mountain called 'Mt. Ainslie'.

The view was breathtaking as it looked over the entire Canberra landscape. On the same day we had our flight back to Melbourne. Although it was sad leaving Canberra, we managed to enjoy our time while we still had it. It would be nice to visit it again and we highly recommend going on the Canberra Trip. (Isabella A, Duc-Tin C, Jordan L 6Y)

When we reached Sydney, we were excited to finally be there and experience all the activities. Group 1 got organised and settled in the Travelodge rooms, getting ready for our Sydney walk. While Group 2 ate their servings of food.

Both Groups went to the Harbour Cruise later that night, looking at the view as the boat sped across the freezing water, which we really enjoyed. The next day we had the pleasure of visiting Mary MacKillop Place, exploring the estate with a tour guide. We ate lunch later on Bondi

Beach to prepare for our long bus trip to Canberra. We went straight to the hotel and quickly unpacked before going out to get ice-cream with Mr. McCluskey. On the third day, it was Marial's and Carla's birthdays and we celebrated it. We had an embassy tour to see the embassies, which everyone found exciting and fun; as we were pointing out the different embassies loudly.

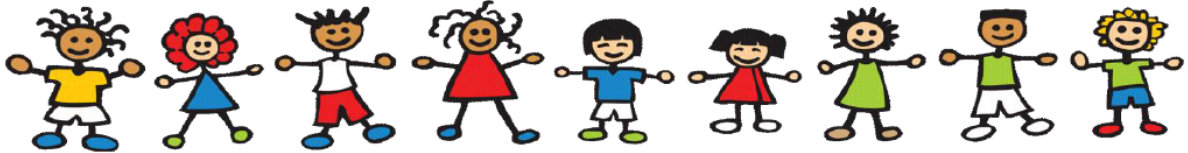


Going to the museum to learn more about Federation was fascinating, as well as the Parliament House, where a Bill speech took place in the Senate and House of Representatives. Later going to the War Memorial, we learned lots of facts about the wars and stories of soldiers and took part in the ceremony. On the day of arriving back to Melbourne, we explored The Australian Institute of Sport where we saw many people training. We then went back to the airport to take the flight back to Melbourne. I [Amar] found the experience really fun and it really teaches you about Australia and how Australia's system works, I say that you should go on this trip if you have the chance to. I [Yvonne] enjoyed the camp, especially the cruise as it was very relaxing and a fun time to hang out with my friends.

(Amar Singh and Yvonne Le 6R)

Term 4-Book Club

This week all children should bring home a book club catalogue. All orders must be done online. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH TO SCHOOL.** All orders must be done by next Friday 19th at 2pm



Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear Families and Care Givers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great holidays and are looking forward to another great term!

Please be aware that on **Tuesday 16th October**, Before and After School Care will be **closed** due to the School Production.

We thank everyone for their continued support.

From the OSHC Team.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SMS :

All bookings and cancellations: 0450 211 909 before 11.00am

Regarding accounts: Mary Zambara - 0478 746 370

Please note cancellations after 11:00am will incur a full fee charge.



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