THURSDAY  APRIL 4 2013

Year 3 Midginbil Hill Excursion

Year 3 students, Mr Evans, Mrs Cork and Mrs Gluyas had a wonderful trip to Midginbil.

Students participated in Outdoor Education Activities and learnt more about each other. Students have a myriad of experiences and memories to share.

The teachers would like to thank the students for their positive behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the camp.

Mrs Cork, Mrs Gluyas and Mr Evans

Highlights

Ryan Kernaghan – “Canoeing was fun because you worked together as a team and got to help each other out. There was a headwind and we all had to work together to get back. There was a movie set being built near Clarrie Hall Dam, which was interesting. They will start filming in a couple of months time.”

Elodie Crichton – “Rock climbing was fantastic. It was the best thing about the camp to me.”

Sally Gillott – “At camp I really loved the canoes and rock climbing.”

Kobi McCombie – “It’s hard to choose one thing I liked best as there were lots of things, maybe rock climbing and bush walking.”

Mrs Cork – “I don’t like leeches.”

Tamika King – “I loved archery.”

Elijah Loveday – “The rock climbing was fun.”

Brianna Watkins – “I liked canoeing because we got to capsize.”
A Word from Deb

Welcome back after our mini Easter break!
Hope you all had an enjoyable long weekend; the weather was relatively kind to us.

We have this week and next week of school to complete before we have our Term 1 holidays.

Our last day of term will be Friday April 12. Pupils will resume on Wednesday May 1. This is due to two staff development days at the beginning of next term.

This extra day has been given to all schools across the state, in order for us to do extra training around the new Australian National Curriculum which will be implemented next year. This is compulsory for all teachers. All staff have already completed two modules in-school this term and will complete the next module on our extra development day.

Gold Coast Theme Parks Discount Vouchers
The school has received discount vouchers to some of the theme parks on the Gold Coast. These are valid for purchase between April 12 to June 23. If you are interested, particularly if you are planning a trip to the Gold Coast, please call into the front office to pick some up.

Staff Car Park
The back car park near the hall is for STAFF ONLY. Please respect this request.

School Contribution 2013
An invoice for Voluntary School Contributions including Happy Harold Life Education as well as two shows/performances for the year will be sent home at the start of Term 2. If payment is made by the end of Term 2 you will be entered into a lucky draw for a dinner voucher from Mi Thai, kindly donated by Andrew Kneipp.

Woolies Earn and Learn Promotion
The Woolies Earn and Learn promotion is back! It starts on Monday April 8 and runs until Sunday June 9 2013. Please collect your stickers as you go through the checkout and return them to school and place them in the collection box which will be located in the front office. You receive a sticker for every $10 spent.

Remember the more stickers we get the more great resources we can purchase for our school.

Happy shopping

Annual School Report 2012
The Annual School Report 2012 has been completed and is available for viewing on the school website. A limited amount of hard copies are available from the office.

Deb Langfield
Acting Principal

Caring for our School Community

Peer Support Groups
The issue of bullying is just one of a much broader range of issues that contribute to how safe children feel at school and whether our school represents a positive experience for them. This week children have the opportunity to reflect on what a positive school looks like and how they can play a role in creating and maintaining a positive school environment.

We have included a copy of the “Y” chart we started with today. A “Y” chart discusses the points of “looks like”, “sounds like” and “feels like”, and can be used for a variety of concepts, not only Peer Support concepts.

Student Welfare Team

P&C Items
I hope everybody had a wonderful Easter and didn’t eat too much chocolate.

Just a reminder, the next P&C meeting is on Tuesday April 9 at 7pm in the NEW I.T. ROOM (old library).

There will be a fundraising meeting commencing 6.30pm prior to the P&C meeting. We would like to encourage all parents, grandparents and carers to attend and look forward to seeing some new faces.

Those who are unable to attend are welcome to contact me if you have any ideas. Ph: 0431 703 515 email: kergra@optusnet.com.au

Kerren Kernaghan (P&C President)

Stage 3 Excursion Deposits
Please note if you have not paid your child’s $50 deposit for Year 5 Tallebudgera Excursion or for Year 6 Sydney / Canberra Excursion, this was due on Wednesday April 3. Please send the payment ASAP.
Library Events

CWA Competition

Information will be given to the children very soon so those interested can make a start over the holidays. The country of focus this year is Morocco.

Children in Years 1 and 2 complete a poster showing “Life in the Kingdom of Morocco”. The poster should be mainly pictures with very little writing.

Children in Years 3 and 4 complete a flyer on A4 paper folded into three on the topic “Let’s visit the Kingdom of Morocco”. The flyer is used to advertise and sell so should be colourful and eye catching.

Children in Years 5 and 6 complete a book on “The Kingdom of Morocco”. It should include information such as history, geography and culture. Further information can be found on the information sheet handed out to the students.

Kindergarten students have a colouring-in sheet on Morocco that may be completed in class or at home.

Overdue Notes

These went out again this week. Please check with your children if they received one and return overdue books as soon as possible.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

All students should be well and truly underway with their reading. I have children who have already finished the challenge for this year! Kindergarten to Year 2 children need to read 30 books that have green stickers on the front. Years 3 and 4 students read 20 books with blue stickers and Years 5 and 6 students read 20 books with red stickers.

If you have any questions about the reading challenge don’t hesitate to ask. Children receive a certificate at the end of the year from the NSW Education Department for completing it.

SRC Fundraising

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

The SRC will be supporting Mrs Blair in organising the Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday May 23.

The SRC is asking for students in Years 2, 3 and 4 to bring along slices, biscuits, muffins and small cakes (like yummy cupcakes) to help raise money for the Cancer Council. Please label cakes/slices with ingredients.

All students are asked to support the cause by wearing something pink.

Thanks for supporting your Student Representative Council.

Sports Bits

PSSA Cricket Knockout

Lennox Head Public School played Alstonville Public School in the second round of the PSSA Knockout competition. Lennox Head won the toss and sent Alstonville in to bat. Lennox Head bowled extremely well, bowling Alstonville out for 18.

Lennox Head then went in to bat. Our openers quickly pasted 18 in the 3rd over.

Thank you to Steve Lennon for coaching and Leigh Asser for scoring.

Well done Lennox Head cricket team on an excellent win and a great team effort.

Mark Whitney

Zone Winter Sport

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Zone Winter Sports Trials last week.

The following students have been selected in Zone Teams to compete at the North Coast Trials next term.

Football: Blake Kernaghan
Karina Hartley
Holly Mannion

Open League: Jordan Chapman

Congratulations and good luck next term.

NSW PSSA Swimming

Nathan Mackenzie competed in the NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships at the Sydney Aquatic Centre last Wednesday. Nathan swam very well finishing 32nd in Breaststroke and 33rd in Butterfly, this was an excellent effort.

Congratulations Nathan we hope you thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

NO apologies, NO excuses

When it comes to child safety,

Ballina Shire Council makes no apologies for issuing infringement notices to drivers who break the law in and around school zones. Illegal parking in school zones puts children at risk and endangers lives. Parking offences in school zones carry heavy fines and loss of demerit points.
Our healthy canteen

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Thank you, Sue Tatum Ph: 66877141

- All sausage sizzle money is due tomorrow Friday April 5.
- Helpers for the sausage sizzle are needed, so please let me know if you can lend a hand. Most help is only required from 11am.
- Sushi orders are due by Tuesday.

Community Announcements

Run away to the CIRCUS this School Holidays!

Circus Skills Workshops, Flying Trapeze & Play Space!
Every Monday to Saturday from 9.30 - 4.30pm
Half, Full & Multi-Day Workshops!
Places filling fast ... Book now!

www.circusarts.com.au
Ph: 6685 6566

Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for Kids!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old?
Are you worried about their weight?
Go4Fun programs run for 10 weeks after school hours. Sessions are fun, interactive and help kids build their fitness and motivation!

*Registrations for Term 2 are now open for:
  • Murwillumbah
  • Tweed Heads
  • Kyogle
  • Casino
  • Grafton
* numbers depending

To book or find out more, call: 1800 780 900

Scope Club of Ballina Inc.

INVITES YOU TO
“Afternoon Tea By The Sea”
(Formerly Death By Chocolate)
Saturday 20th April
Masonic Hall Cherry St. Ballina 2 p.m
$12 - Adults
$5 - 5 to 18 yrs
Under 5's Free

Huge Tombola
Wonderful Prizes
Donated by our generous businesses in
Ballina & Lennox Head

Proceeds to Hope Haven (Women’s Refuge)