Newsletter – 6th November 2014 Term 4 Week 5

CALENDAR

Term 4
November 10  New Kindergarten children attend school from 8.45am to 11.00am
November 12  Assembly 2.00pm in LLLCC
November 17  New Kindergarten children attend school from 8.45am to 11.15am (Lunch)
November 17  P&C Meeting at 6.00pm in LLLCC
December 3  Assembly 2.00pm in LLLCC
December 10  Presentation Night 6.00pm
December 16  Year 6 Farewell
December 17  Last Day Students

Reminder for the Week

P&C Notice
Canteen Roster

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Hello, Giinagay, Hai

Indo Corner

Rumah dan alamat (Home and address)
Dimana kamu tinggal?  (Where do you live?)
Possible responses  : Saya tinggal di Scotts Head.
                     Saya tinggal di Grassy Head.

Dimana alamatmu?  (Where’s your address?)
Possible responses  : Alamat saya adalah Vernon Street nomor 21.
                     Rumah saya ada di Vernon Street nomor 21.
                     (My address is 21 Vernon Street)

School Surveys
Part of our Annual School Report involves evaluating two areas within the school. This year we wish to evaluate our School Culture and our Bilingual Program. We are sending home our School Culture Survey as a hard copy and request that you complete this and then complete our Bilingual Survey on line at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WJWLCGCL

Both surveys need to be completed by Friday 21st November. Please take the time to complete both surveys. This should take no more than 10 minutes. Thank you in anticipation of your support.
Outstanding Fees
If you have not paid for your child’s Work Books (Text Books) please do so before 30th November

Selective High Schools Year 7 Placement in 2016
Parents wishing to enrol their child/ren in a Selective High School in Year 7 (now in Year 5) in 2016 are requested to apply on line. Parents must apply on line at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015. Current Year 5 students have received the form “Intention to apply:
Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Principal’s Award: Week 4
Last week’s Value of the Week was: Honesty and our recipients of this award for week 4 are: Charlize Blair and Charlotte Gowing. Week 5 Value is Respect
Reaching Out, Reaching In
A school–university partnership to promote Indigenous community engagement through the linkage of design activities with Indigenous ways of knowing

The Scotts Head Primary School Reaching Out, Reaching In project was conducted with Southern Cross University during Terms 3 and 4, 2014. The pilot project received a small amount of internal funding for research purposes through the School of Education, Southern Cross University. Physical resources for the garden such as plants, mulching and maintenance personal were drawn from funding obtained by Scotts Head Primary School.

The project involved building on the current Bush Tucker Garden area as a ‘Pathway of Knowledge’; a self-guided educational walking trail through a section of the school site. The project engaged a front-end design process with the aim to identify existing and establish new Indigenous plant species.

There were five workshops provided to the school by SCU staff and an external botanical expert. One Indigenous elder, currently working at the school one day a week, was a key participator in the project.

The first one-day workshop was held for the teachers and teacher assistants on the 14th July 2014. The workshop opened by Indigenous Elder Aunty Shaa, who spoke about “our place in nature, ways of knowing and telling the story”. Dr. Jenny Johnston from SCU provided a positional and directional language session, while Wayne Brennan (botanist) discussed plant species and engaged everyone in a garden walk. Dr. Judith Wilks shared teaching ideas for topography and geographical tools through various activities, while Dr. Angela Turner shared ideas for Nature Journaling and facilitated a 2D conceptual garden design activity. The purpose of this workshop was to provide ideas the teachers could implement in their classroom lessons.

Dr. Angela Turner and Wayne Brennan conducted four structured workshops for the students and the teachers. These workshops occurred toward the end of Term 3 and continued through to Term 4. In these workshops, students were exposed to Nature Journaling techniques, which involved conceptual manual drawing skills, tactile experiences and measuring various leaf shapes. Botanical aspects engaged the students in understanding what the purpose is for trees, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds. Tactile experiences and bush safety were explored and locating, measuring and counting existing flora involved practical based activities within the garden. During this period Aunty Shaa shared Indigenous perspectives with the students and concluded by sharing this knowledge with the teachers as a reflective recount in the classroom.
We have found some Fantastic Christmas cards that we know you will love. These fantastic cards are seed-Embedded. So your Christmas card this year will keep on giving, each card has a special Christmas tree inside that has some seeds in it. Once you take the Christmas tree out and plant it some beautiful Swan River Daisies will begin to grow.

Each Fantastic Christmas Card pack is $6. You get 5 cards per pack with 4 different designs and there are 2 different packs available.

We will be sending a note home next week with an order form and the options to take home a carry bag of cards to sell.

We have only ordered a limited amount. So you will have to be quick.

If you would like to order one of these wonderful products with your child's artwork on it or a photo of your choice please get your orders in by tomorrow (Friday 7th November, 2014).

If you need an order form you can either pick one up from the front office or April Oxlade can email you one. Her email address is: oxladefamily@gmail.com