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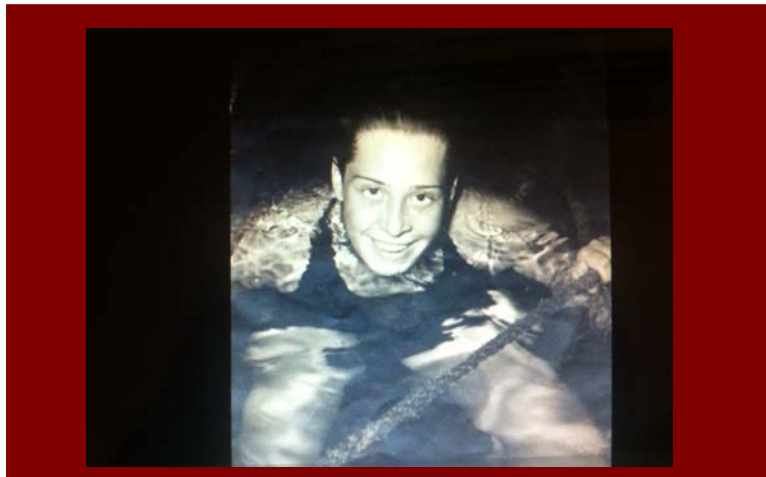


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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST COMES TO PRESTONS PS

Today, the staff parents and students had the privilege of meeting and listening to Sandra Morgan, Australia's youngest Olympic Gold Medallist at our first ever Sport Presentation Day. Sandra won her gold medal at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, and broke the World record as part of the Women's 4x100m relay team. What made this achievement even more remarkable, was that she did it at the tender age of just 14.

Sandra shared with the students and community some of her Olympic and competitive experiences, and the many hurdles that she faced on her way to achieving this incredible feat. She talked about the resilience that she required in order to ignore the negative things that were printed in the media at the time (regarding her age and weight) and how her determination and self belief was a key in helping her achieve success.

It was such a privilege to hear her speak today, and I'm sure that everyone got a great deal out of her shared experiences. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Morgan (nee Beavis) for taking the time to come to our wonderful school and share her story.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPORTS AWARD WINNERS

A huge congratulations to all our our Sport Award winners today at our inaugural Sports Presentation Assembly. It was great to recognise the achievement and effort of our students in the sporting arena, and celebrate this as a community. A BIG thank you to all the staff who worked behind the scenes to organise the event, with particular thanks to Miss Schroeder, who coordinated the event.

A big thank you also to all the parents and families who joined us on this special day. I hope that we get a similar, if not better, turnout at tomorrow's Presentation Assembly.

Special Note: Photos of today's assembly will be published on our school website soon – so stay tuned!

DISNEY DVD ORDER DUE

The 'Disney Through The Ages' DVD has now been completed and is ready for purchase. If you would like to order a copy, please ensure that you do by THIS MONDAY. DVDs are only \$5 per copy.

Mark Greentree – Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

6/12/2013
Presentation Day
9.30am

9/12/2013
Yr 6 Farewell

13/12/2013
Class Party & Reward Day

16/12/2013
P&C Christmas Raffle Drawn

17/12/2013
Yr 6 Fun Day

18/12/2013
Last day for students

28/1/2014 - Tuesday
Staff Return

Office open 8.30am -
3.15pm for uniform sales

29/1/2014 - Wednesday
Students Yr 1-6 return

30/1/2014 - Thursday
Kindergarten start

School Information

Assembly Information

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at **2.20pm**

3-6 – Every 2nd Thursday- Even Weeks commencing at **2.15pm**

Upcoming Events

- **Monday 9th December 2013**
Yr 6 Farewell
Liverpool Catholic Club
5:45pm – 9:30pm
Cost: **\$30** Due by 2/12/2013
- **Friday 13th December 2013**
Class Parties & Reward Day
Students will be advised what to bring by their teachers.
- **Tuesday 17th December 2013**
Yr 6 Fun Day
Narellan Movies
Cost: **\$20** Due by 29/11/2013
Students to depart school by 8.50am

PARENT SURVEY – MANAGEMENT (Reminder)

A parent survey was sent home to parents as part of our annual school evaluation. As mentioned in previous newsletters, **this year, we will be evaluating – School Management.** If you have not completed the survey and returned it to school, I ask that you take a few minutes to do so. The more survey returns we receive, the more effective the data is for us to analyse, as it is representative of a greater proportion of the school population. The survey deadline is tomorrow, **Friday 6th December.**

If you require another copy of the survey, please visit the front office.

PLEASE NOTE – The survey is anonymous, so names are not required on the survey.

Office Hours & Uniform Sales

Our office opening hours are from 8:30am – 3.15pm. Uniforms can be purchased during these times, Monday to Friday.



The office will be open for uniform sales till Friday the 20th December 2013 and will reopen on Tuesday the 28th January 2014.

New library bags are available for sale from the office for \$5.

Library News

Library Stock take has commenced. Students with borrowed books please return these to the library as soon as possible.

Ready For High School

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/language/support/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

Summer Holiday Fun

Sport and Recreation is giving away a kids' camp for two. Simply tell them in 25 words or less why you'd love to win a Sport and Recreation holiday, and like their [Facebook page](#). The competition closes on 13 December, 2013. Enter the competition:

dsr.nsw.gov.au/win



Pleasures of Free Play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination. Under scheduling your child:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

P&C Christmas Raffle

Students have been issued their raffle tickets. Tickets and money need to be returned to the office prior to the morning assembly on Monday 16th December.



Extra tickets can be collected from the office.

K-2 Movie Excursion

On Tuesday 3rd December, students in K-2 went to the movies in Dumaresq Street Campbelltown to celebrate the end of their school year.

They watched the movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 and enjoyed it thoroughly.

After that students walked to Koshigaya Park to have lunch and play on the equipment.

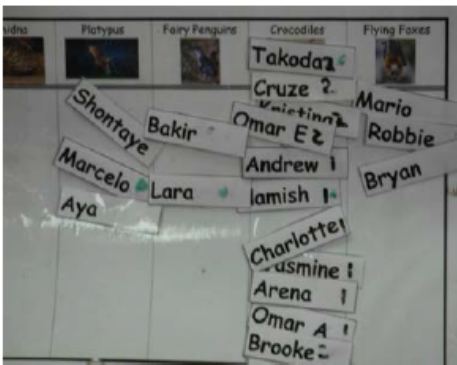
Then we came back to school because we were so tired after such a great day.



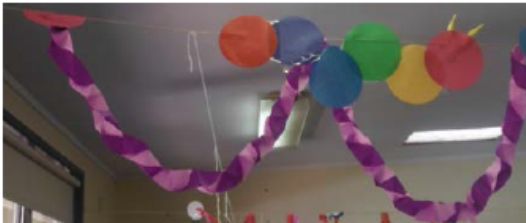
Classroom Chat with

1K News

1K are proud to tell you how well the TEN Maths is going! We now have no-one in the Echidna group and not very many in Platypus and Fairy Penguins. We have been working really, really, hard for this! Congratulations to all 1K for getting better at Maths.



This term we have been learning about lifecycles and how to explain what happens. For example a caterpillar (see our cool caterpillar art). It goes into a cocoon.



When it comes out it has grown into a beautiful butterfly. Aren't they lovely? We can't wait to bring them home.

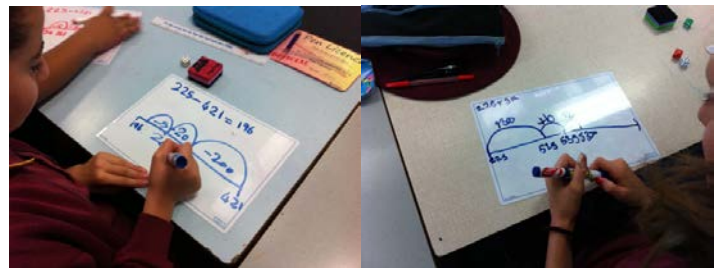


Now we are looking forward to our frog lifecycle art.....

Mrs Kingston

4E

4E has had a very busy term and has enjoyed the unit of study, 'Australia'. We have been working hard in our TOWN groups and each student has made fantastic progress in number over the term. 4E students are now using various mental strategies to calculate answers to addition and subtraction questions. We are also writing our own word problems and using Newmans analysis.



Students have continued guided comprehension groups throughout the term and competently read for meaning. We have had interesting experiences during 'clubs' on Fridays as we have done gardening, cooking and clay work this term!



GIANTS HOLIDAY CAMP

FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY 2014
9am – 1pm
 (Registrations from 8.30am)

PETER MILLER RESERVE
 Cedar Road, Prestons

AFL NSW/ACT & GWS GIANTS would like to invite all boys and girls aged 5 - 12 to attend the GIANTS Holiday Camp.

For \$30, children will:

- Participate in skills & fun games
- Receive prizes and giveaways
- Be provided with morning tea and lunch
- Meet GIANTS mascot G-MAN

To register your attendance, please contact:
 Wesley Sefuiva –
wesley.sefuiva@aflnswact.com.au or 8867 7405

If your call is directed to voicemail please leave your child's details and contact number to complete registration.

Christmas Family Night

FREE

Thursday
5th December
6pm – 8pm

- Santa's Little Helper Kids Workshops
- Gift Wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings essential – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store.

BUNNINGS warehouse

LOWEST PRICES ARE JUST THE BEGINNING...

PRESENTATION DAY

2013

(K – 6)

The 2013 School Presentation Day will be held on Friday 6th December (Week 9) in the School Hall.

The presentation ceremony will begin at 9:30am. Come and join us to celebrate the students' academic and creative achievements.

Hope to see you there!

You're invited

