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Book Week

With book week this week, we have been busy: students rotated between classes on Monday morning to participate in activities and yesterday morning a number of parents visited classes to see their child working. Tomorrow will be an opportunity for the students to dress up as a book character and share their book with another in the shared reading session.

STEM Panels

I have been privileged to sit on panels this week to hear from the Year 4-7s about their ideas for the redevelopment of the northern side of the yard, where the trees were felled.

Governing Council representatives, Lyn Zanker and Matt McCallum were also a part of the panel with Mrs Staker. The students have presented some interesting and creative ideas about how this area can become an interactive and sustainable area of our yard. They are to be commended in their presentation skills as well as their ideas.

This unit of work has provided students with real life problems to solve, given them opportunities to work collaboratively, included authentic assessment and given them a voice in what happens at school. All of these aspects are part of our site improvement priorities.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN reports are being sent home today and there is an information sheet accompanying this newsletter as a guide for parents. We have been pleased with our results, overall and will spend staff meetings analysing this data, together with the PAT data later in the term. This information helps us to evaluate our learning programs, provide intervention programs and set learning goals with students. Of course, there are a number of sources of data that help with this, the most important being teacher observations and knowledge of their students.

Long Service Leave

Mrs Staker and her family will be off travelling in the second half of this term and we hope they have a lovely time seeing some of Australia. Mrs Ferguson will take the class fulltime for the rest of the term and Mrs. Zander will be working 0.8.

Sports Trophy

The Amey Family Sports Day Shield is full. Since the 1990s the shield has been awarded to the student with the most tabloid points on the Laura Primary sports day. We are very grateful to the Amey family for their support of our students over more than 20 years.

Amalgamation

Things are still moving forward, with the architect visiting last week to complete some accurate measuring for the final drawings. Once these are done, the project control group will be given some costing before we can make final decisions about building works.

The Identity group have combined the ideas from the submitted logo designs to create a new school logo that will be used for signage, uniforms and letterheads. This will be published soon.

In consultation with the Education Committee, I am working on staffing for 2018 and have a meeting in Adelaide today. We are also beginning the process of developing the combined budget for next year.

Our staff will visit Wirrabara Primary school in Week 7 to identify resources that will be moved to Laura.

Finally, Ashley Smith will be here before the next project Control group meeting to discuss bus runs.

Have a great week
Prue



*FATHERS DAY STALL

On Friday 1st September students will be able to purchase gifts for Dad ranging from \$1-\$10.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Imogen Pech received this award for consistently trying her hardest and making excellent improvement in all areas.
Well done Imogen!



Samuel Shepherdson received this award for demonstrating excellent leadership qualities and a positive enthusiastic attitude in everything he does.
Well done Samuel!

Awards

Kayden Mill – for outstanding work on subtraction.
Sophie Clogg – for excellent dragon art.
Darcy Cowin – for great maths (more than & less than).
Tyler Ziepes – for improved spelling & writing.
Jackson Fudge – for excellent work in maths (created a fun board game to help learn times tables).
Noah Squire – for being kind towards others.
Jake Schultz – for showing improved leadership skills while working on his STEM project.
Angus McCallum – for showing good leadership while working on his STEM project.
Lucy Clogg – for working diligently in history and on her STEM project.

Recognition

Oscar Fudge – for reading with fluency & expression.
Rohan Smith – for excellent stories & picture about dragons.
Tiesh Ackland – for great work learning how to 'Count on' in Maths.
Isabelle Jackson – for great work with her STEM task with Mrs. Staker.
Mharlly Gilby – for her great work ethic in STEM.
Taylah Palmer – for excellent work with the STEM challenge.
Tess Cleggett – for excellent work in STEM with Mrs. Staker.
Jed Griffin – for being a great leader in the class and helping his peers while Miss Fejo was away.
Talia Ziepes – for enthusiastically trying new things on camp.
Lara Zanker & Lillie Shepherdson – for great leadership & a positive attitude on camp.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2017

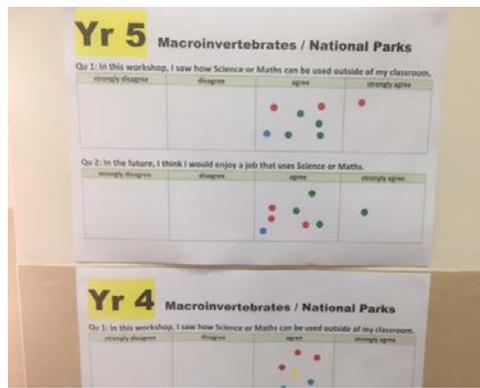
Friday 25th August DRESS-UP as your favourite book character.

Parade at 9am – Parents welcome!

THEME: ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE



On Friday 11th August the 4567 class went to Port Pirie for a STEM excursion. We were split into groups and did different activities. The Year 6's had to make a rocket out of balloons, string, paper and clips in a competition with other schools. The Year 4,5 & 7's got to design a national park, attend a reptile show and find macro vertebrates in an aquarium which was really cool. My favourite was the reptile show, it was great to be able to see and touch a crocodile, goanna, gliding possum, frogmouth owl and of course snakes, which was a bit scary for Mrs. Staker.
Jackson Staker



STEM

QUESTACON



On Friday the 18th August the Questacon Circus visited Laura Primary School along with students from Wirrabara Primary School. Two ladies presented many science experiments and students got selected out of the audience to help participate. We learnt many things about Science in a fun way and it was a great end to an informative Science Week.



The 4-7 Class went to Swan Reach to Illawonga Campsite. Wow, what a great camp, made a success by engaged and well behaved students. Activities included fossilling in caves, an eco boat tour, karaoke, gym activities (including a foam pit) and archery. Thankyou to Illawonga for providing us with great meals and a well run programme also to Nikki Fejo for filling in for Mrs. Staker at last minute, Matt Staker and to all students for making the camp 2017 a great educational experience.

Hilary Ferguson



The students in the 4567 class would like to thank Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Fejo and Mr. Staker for keeping us safe and helping us have a great time on our camp! It was awesome.

