Thursday March 19, 2015

**Diary**

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**Items Distributed With Newsletter Today**

- Active Way to School Notice (P-6)
- ANZAC Day badges available at the office

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

What a busy time at the Views.

Our *Rhythm of the Night* was a spectacular success thanks to the hard work and organization of the planning team of parents and Mrs Donaldson and we were finally blessed with great weather. The hours that these parents spent in organizing, gathering and putting together items was outstanding. They were well supported by other parents who helped with the stalls and the teachers, parents and friends who contributed greatly on the night to ensure that everything went smoothly. The stalls were well supported and the disco was both colourful and enjoyable with many fancy moves on the dance floor. The photo booth was extremely popular and some of the photos were extremely colourful. The feedback from the students and families was extremely positive. Congratulations to all the prize winners and to the students for their excellent behaviour on the night. The money raised on the night was $6745.35 which will go towards our IT program.

**Anti-Bullying Program.**

Each class attended the program, students were given a range of strategies to deal with different situations that may confront them. This is a part of our student welfare program and is an ongoing theme across the school.

**Healthy Breakfast Program**

As part of the initiative Healthy Together Victoria, our student enjoyed a healthy breakfast. This program was overseen by Ms Cetin and was a great success. The students really enjoyed having a healthy breakfast. We
also conducted a workshop for parents to prepare healthy food. This was well supported by the parents and they took away a range of healthy recipes they could prepare at home.

**Grade 5/6 Camp**

Our students are attending camp at Portsea and are all having a great time.

**School Council Elections**

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The following office bearers were elected at the School Council meeting held on March 17, 2015:

- **President:** Andrew Cliff
- **Vice President:** Samantha Hills
- **Treasurer:** Kerri Cliff
- **Secretary:** Jane Donaldson

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*Have a great week and holiday break*

*Michael West*

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**URGENTLY NEEDED**

Shoes, clothing, bedding, belts, underwear, paint, toothbrushes, toothpaste, computers, speakers, cutlery, kitchen ware pots/pez. Sports Equipment, Musical Instruments, Stationery, art supplies, exercise/educational books, tools, dvd players, generators, towels, hats, solar equipment, mobile phones, sports uniforms, water tanks, eskies, flasks, drinks bottles, digital cameras, school bags.

Ebola specific – buckets, soaps, sanitizers, general medicines, first aid kits, iodine, chlorine, plastic gloves, disinfectants, facemasks.

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**Curriculum Day**

Next Monday 23rd March
No Students at school
Science Term 1, 2015

What a fantastic Term 1 we have had in Science learning about living things. Students across the school are to be congratulated in the way they have worked in all Science lessons. They have listened, contributed to class discussions, participated in investigations and recorded accurately all they have learnt.

Prep students have been investigating the things that we all need to live and be safe. Harry and Jack, our pet budgerigars, are back and students have been able to observe that, like humans, they need food, water, air and shelter. Preps have undertaken investigations to show how our senses keep us safe and what our basic needs are for us to live healthily.

Grade 1 and 2 students have had a very exciting time looking at creatures we have found in the playground, in particular snails, ants and earth worms. We have looked into the differences and similarities among these creatures and how they move, what they eat and how they protect themselves. We are totally amazed at how much our students have learnt and the fabulous labelled diagrams they have produced.

'Feathers, fur or leaves?' was the title of the unit undertaken by the Grade 3 and 4 students. These students have been looking at what makes a living thing and then what features make an animal. How interesting is this when you start looking at a wide variety of animals. We had some great discussions, especially when we started classifying animals.

Grade 5 and 6 students have been looking at how animals and plants are able to adapt to their environment, in particular desert environments. This is relevant when looking at huge areas of Australia. While we were able to look at lots of native plants it is always more difficult to study animal adaptions first hand. We undertook some investigations that helped students understand camouflage and water evaporation and how, over a long period of time, living things adapt to their environment.

Sylvia Davies and Penny Mallia
Sushi rolls will be available every day at the Canteen in Term 2.
We will have 2 varieties -
- Tuna and Corn
- California (Crab meat & green bean)

Cost: $2.00

Further winter meals are also coming in Term 2.

K. Cliff - Canteen Manager
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