Community Noticeboard

On Tuesday David Vincent came and told us about his story. He was taken away from his mother when he was 8 years old because there was a war going on. He was trained to be a soldier but luckily was sent to Australia. When he was on the plane he did not know how to turn on his TV. When he arrived in Melbourne he saw a lot of new things. David’s story was very inspiring and made us realize how lucky we are to see our mum and dad everyday.

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Important Dates
October
Friday 10th Kangaroo 6 Cricket – Grade 3/4
PnF Meeting 9.00am
Tuesday 14th Immunisation talks – Grade 6
Regional Aths – selected students
School Council
Thursday 23rd Summer Basketball Comp – selected students
Family Portraits
Saturday 25th Painting Working Bee
Sunday 26th

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Term 4—Integrated Studies

You are a genius and the world is waiting.

Genius Hour has arrived with much anticipation, nervousness and excitement. This week sees the start of seven - eight weeks of students being able to create, invent and produce a solution to a problem. This is a learning project that comes from Google, who grants their employees 20% of their time at work to work on a project of their choice as long as it improves the company.

Students have enthusiastically been thinking hard about how to go about this - they are able to produce a model, a musical piece, a website, an electronic device, a crafted project ...basically, they need to create a product that solves a problem, in negotiation with their teacher. Some ideas that have been finalised are a natural material nesting box for endangered birds, a wildlife thoroughfare to prevent road kill, crocheted blankets for the village in Sudan that our guest speaker this week came from, sewn reusable bags for use at school for holding snacks...it's really very exciting and teachers have been blown away with the creativity and thought shown by our genius students. You may have items that you no longer use at home that may be of use to our Genius Hour task - fabric, wool, glue, wire, etc....

All donations welcomed. The Genius Hour will culminate in a whole school exhibition in eight weeks time where students will have their creations on show, as well as a journal of their creation.

PE

This term in PE the students will be exploring different bat/racquet sports, such as cricket, baseball/tee-ball and tennis. We will be looking at all aspects of these sports from fielding and catching, batting and striking the ball as well as bowling and pitching. Last term a lot of emphasis was placed on understanding the roles of the game, sportsmanship and roles we can play within a game, this will be carried on into this term. The students will also be undertaking swimming lessons later in the term. Let's all have a great term 4, and hope the weather warms up, stays dry and we get many sunny Thursdays!

EMA

A reminder that there will be no EMA in 2015. We understand that following Christmas money can be hard to find so if you would like to consider a payment plan please contact the office. At any time parents can put small amounts of money into their own account at the school to maintain a credit for use when times are tight. $10 per week per child between now and the end of the year will pay off more than half the fees by the time the school year starts in 2015!

Mental Health Week

The KidsMatter initiative is based on fostering good mental wellbeing in students as we'd like to acknowledge that this week is Mental Health Week. Mental Health Week aims to activate, educate and encourage people to talk about mental health through a week of interactive events across the country. The ABC is also supporting Mental Health Week by going "Mental As" and discussing mental health in its various forms on Triple J's radio program, Hack from 5.30pm each night. For more information click on the links below.

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http://www.abc.net.au/triple/hack/

VIBs of the Week

Tyler

A droplet from Misha & Mrs Turner
You are a nice boy. You always have a go at things.

Your happy helpful personality makes it a joy to see you at school everyday.

Angus

A droplet from Ryan & Mrs V
You are good at footy and sport. You are a great friend.

I am enjoying watching you develop more responsibility and independence! You have worked sooo hard to improve the quantity and quality of your writing. It is inspirational.

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