



Newsletter

WEEK 3 TERM 3

4 AUGUST 2016

CALENDAR DATES

9 AUGUST

Mobile Library Day

12 AUGUST

Rescue Day

Red & Yellow Mufti Day

17 AUGUST

Scholastic Book Fair

23 AUGUST

Mobile Library Day

6 SEPTEMBER

Mobile Library Day

19-21 SEPTEMBER

Excursion to Lake Ainsworth for 2-3 Class

20 SEPTEMBER

Mobile Library Day

23 SEPTEMBER

Last day of Term 3

10 OCTOBER

Students return Term 4

3 NOVEMBER

Jacaranda Thursday

Half day Public Holiday

School closes at 12 noon.

16 DECEMBER

Last day of Term 4

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

To celebrate Education Week, on Wednesday the school engaged in a special 'Classroom without Walls' day. A Classroom without walls is a format that is a less traditional form of learning in an open classroom. 'Open classrooms' focus on students 'learning by doing'. There are no; whole class lessons, tests or detailed curriculum. The students were divided into small multi-age groups enabling a peer structured environment. The day comprised of six activities; cooking with Mrs Parnell, creative art with Tanya Howard, Parachute games and sporty activities with Mrs Hummelstad, Drumming with Jamie Trevillian, Science based hovercrafts with our Prac Student Mr Williams and with Mrs Essex a variety of activities including; tower building, riddle solving and addition fishing. The day was a fun filled creative experience for all. A special thank you to Tanya for volunteering your time and expertise.

CLARENCE DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Hunter Regan, Navrin, Samuel & Ethan S who represented our school in the Clarence Small Schools Athletics team at the District Athletics Carnival in Junction Hill last week. Regan and Hunter were selected to go on to the Mid North Coast carnival to be held on Friday 12 August 2016. Our PP5 relay team of Mandawuy, Ethan S, Regan and Hunter, will also compete at this carnival. If you haven't already done so, please return the permission notes to the office with your carnival levy of \$5 as soon as possible as they need to be forwarded to the organising committee.

RESCUE DAY—RED AND/OR YELLOW MUFTI

Students are welcome to wear red and/or yellow mufti next Friday 12/8/16 and make a gold coin donation to the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter fundraiser. This is a very worthy charity and a vital service to our region. Later in the year Mrs Brodin will once again be participating in the Hurfords Hardwood Hell on Wheels Cycle Tour. The tour is run to promote awareness and to continue to raise funds to support the service. This year the ride will be in our local area beginning and ending in Grafton, with one night stop over in Woolli. We are hoping to arrange a visit to the school if time permits. So keep an eye out for the cyclists during the week from 8th to 15th October (the first week back of Term 4). Raffle tickets will be on sale again this year. More details will be available closer to the date.

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations!! Navrin and Owen display the medals they received at a recent meet where they qualified to compete at State level in Sydney in October.



CLASS NEWS

K/1 Science



Logan is cleaning the inside of a tank with a cloth and Ella is scrubbing the rocks. They were all great helpers.

The K/1 class has now had their second lesson in their “Schoolyard safari” unit. The students got to examine real life wriggly worms under the magnifying glass and draw them after an initial attempt at drawing them without having a close look. This helped us understand after looking at our before and after drawings, that worms, although at first thought don’t appear to have much on their bodies, do indeed have segments and a “saddle” on their body for example. This lesson taught us how to handle them responsibly by keeping them moist and holding them gently.

After the excitement with the worms, the students took turns in cleaning the fish tank, and we discussed what Ollie-Tiger and Rosie-Petal (our gold fish) need to stay healthy and happy.

K-1 has been learning about MEASUREMENT



2/3 Science

Years 2/3 have now completed 3 lessons from their “Feathers, fur or leaves?” unit. Carrying on from their learning last week, students on Tuesday learned the main characteristics of animals and learned through doing an activity in cooperative learning teams that in order for something to be an animal, it must move independently (at some stage of their lives) and it must eat. Some students also thought having eyes was a characteristic of all animals, but we found out there are actually a number of animals which do not have eyes, such as certain fish, salamanders and certain species of legless lizard and more. Jamie has also been helping us compose a song to help us remember whether something is living or non-living. It will be sung to the tune of “Can’t Touch This” by MC Hammer...anything to make Science fun! When we learned about water and the water cycle in term 1, singing a song helped us remember certain concepts about evaporation, condensation and precipitation so we thought we’d try this again. We are just fine tuning the lyrics to our song about living things...stay tuned.

4/5/6 Science

Years 4/5/6 has completed their second lesson from their Science unit "Marvellous micro-organisms". In this lesson we began by reviewing lesson one, and discussing what they think they knew about yeast. They then read and discussed a procedural text for a science experiment about what happens when yeast is mixed with sugar and water. They completed an experiment in four groups of three (there was one group of four due to numbers) and worked as a team and from there they were about to deduce that yeast produces a gas when mixed with sugar and water. The students gave me feedback that they prefer to work in the smallest possible groups so each individual student gets a larger role in the experiment so we added extra resources to accommodate this. Hearing this feedback from the students is fantastic as it tells me they are interested in playing a role and are engaged in their learning. The results are shown in the picture where

the balloons are inflating in each group's bottle #2 (yeast, sugar and water). The other bottles are controls of water and yeast (bottle #1), water and sugar (bottle #3) and yeast and sugar (bottle #4).



AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR WEEK 2 & 3



FRIDAY LUNCHES - 12 AUGUST 2016

My child/children _____ would like to order Tuna Bake. I have included \$2.50 payment per serve with the order.

ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY TUESDAY FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

THANK YOU :)

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Next week we will be having Tuna Bake. If your child would like to order, please complete the attached order form and return it to school with the money by Tuesday. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time this term. We have a couple of dates to yet to be filled. If you would like to help out, please contact Mrs Brodin as soon as possible so that the roster can be finalised.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

ROSTER

5 AUGUST

Annette Gill

12 AUGUST

Nicale Gall

19 AUGUST

2-3 Class

26 AUGUST

Angela Skennar

2 SEPTEMBER

Alison Bibby

9 SEPTEMBER

Helper needed

16 SEPTEMBER

Helper needed

23 SEPTEMBER



**WEDNESDAY
17 AUGUST**

ITS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT A COSTUME DEPICITING YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER. THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO BE AN ELABORATE COSTUME AND PARENTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO GO TO GREAT EXPENSE.