Message from the Principal

Artists In Residence Project

Earlier in the year, our school was successful in receiving a grant for the Artists in Schools Program. The overall aim of the program is to provide students, teachers, parents and the wider community with first-hand opportunities to work with professional artists over a period of time, to enrich school arts programs and to encourage future artists and arts audiences. The aim of our school project is to introduce the students to the rich Aboriginal heritage of the Macquarie Marshes area, and to allow them to respond to their learning through art.

Our artist is Sam Newstead. Sam's artistic career has taken her from the UK, through Hong Kong (where she lived for 8 years), to Australia where she now lives. Her illustrations, public art and murals can be seen throughout the UK, Asia and Australia. Sam studied graphic design and illustration in the UK. Sam has worked with the Gulargambone community for the past 10 years, and has a great passion for our local area and heritage.

The project will begin on Tuesday 23rd October, with a field trip to the Marshes. This will be the beginning of the journey, with the art project to follow on from the trip. Students will develop a visual arts diary to document their learning, and will participate in print-making workshops with Sam. As a part of the project, we will also work to develop a landscaped garden and school mural/sign for the front of the school that will reflect their understanding of the Aboriginal Heritage of our local area.

Gymnastics

This term our school are using Activated Group to run a Gymnastics program for PE. The program will run for 5 weeks on Wednesday mornings. The program will steadily progress from week to week to teach students specific gymnastics skills whilst developing overall fitness, core strength, flexibility, and enhancing spatial awareness. It is a well-renowned program with a reputation of outstanding quality and most importantly - fun! The Gymnastics program will be delivered by specialist gymnastics coaches using high quality equipment. Please note that sport will be on Wednesday for the duration of the program.

Kind Regards,

Kim Watt

K/1/2 News

We have been focusing on Narrative in writing this week. We will continue to identify and discuss the structure and language features of narratives as we work towards writing narratives independently. Well done to all students on their improved reading this term!

Our topics for Maths this week include Whole Number, 3D Space and Patterns. We are consolidating what we have learnt in these topics this week.

We are continuing our PDH unit on Feelings & Relationships, and will begin our HSIE study of indigenous culture in our local area.

Kind Regards,

Miss Watt
**News from the 3-6 Class**

The first week of this term has started really well in the 3-6 classroom. Everyone has come back from the holidays refreshed and has settled into working hard again. We have been lucky enough to receive an allocation of new laptops, and this week the primary class has been giving them a test run. So far the reviews are all good!

This week the primary boys are going to travel to Brewarrina for a football gala day on Wednesday. I’m sure they will be on their best behaviour and represent our school well by showing great sportsmanship. Best of luck boys and have a great time!

Just a reminder about my expectations for students’ homework this term. Each week students are required to:

1) LCWC (Look, Cover, Write, Check) their spelling words each night.
2) Complete the maths mental questions marked under the relevant day.
3) They are able to complete the English side of the sheet how they wish. E.g. Read and complete the questions all at once, or read through the text and then answer a few questions each night.

This needs to be handed in each Friday; if it is not handed in or is incomplete students’ will finish it at recess and lunch time.

Students are rewarded for handing in their homework each week by receiving a *Winner’s ticket*. If they hand it in each week until mid-term break they receive 1 *Goldie*, if they continue until the end of week 9 they receive 2 *Goldies*!

**Kid’s Council News**

Thank you to all the students that supported Pirate Day at the end of last term. The day was a great success, with lots of fun had by all.

**Icy pole Friday!**

**What:** Kid’s council is selling icy poles.

**When:** Every Friday at lunch time.

**Cost:** 50c
### Week 1 Awards

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Angus Harris |
~ GOLD AWARDS ~

Congratulations

Lara O'Brien

Sarah McNamara

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR TERM 3

Shakira Vella with her Principal's Award

Harriet O'Brien, Holly Turnbull, Laine Dewson and Sarah McNamara with their ribbons from the Athletics Carnival at Gulargambone which was held last term.

QUAMBONE P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2012
At 3.15pm

Regards
Justine Bucknell

The primary class using their new laptop computers which arrived last week.