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DENTAL HYGIENE VISIT

Students from K/1/2 had the pleasure of Emma and Jodie from Kempsey Dental visit yesterday with lots of important information for maintaining good oral hygiene.

Healthy teeth not only enable you to look and feel good, they make it possible to eat and speak properly. Good oral health is important to your overall well-being.

The hands-on session included demonstrations for the correct brushing and rinsing technique which will help stop problems before they develop and is much less painful, expensive, and worrisome than treating conditions that have been allowed to progress.

To ensure good oral hygiene, there are simple steps that you can take to greatly decrease the risk of developing tooth decay, gum disease and other dental problems.

These include:
- Brushing thoroughly twice a day.
- Eating a balanced diet and limiting snacks between meals.
- Using dental products that contain fluoride, including toothpaste.
- Making sure that children under 12 drink fluoridated water or take a fluoride supplement if they live in a non-fluoridated area.

YEAR 5/6 BATHURST/SYDNEY EXCURSION

Departure time is 7.00am on Monday 8th September, 2014 from Smithtown PS. Arrival time back at Smithtown PS on Friday, 12th September is approx. 2.30 pm.

Key things to Remember:
- Contact the school if you have lost your itinerary so you have a copy of where we are and when.
- No phones will be permitted on the trip.
- Students are allowed iPods but they take them at their own risk. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Medication handed to your schools co-ordinating teacher on arrival with a medication outline of what/when.
- Please label all your child/children clothing and items.
- Recommended no more than $50.00 spending money (up to parents discretion)

CANTEEN NEXT MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

The canteen will be open next Monday. Thank you to Samantha Campbell and David Aulsebrook and all our wonderful parent volunteers who continue to volunteer their precious time in running our school canteen.
AROUND THE ROOMS

5/6
In the senior class this fortnight in spelling we have been looking at “s” and “qu”. Our writing genre at the moment is “Discussions” and we will be looking at these in more depth over the next 2 weeks.

In Maths we have separated into Year 5 and 6 groups. Year 5 have been looking at estimation, averages and division, while Year 6 have worked with triangular numbers, tonnes and averages. All have been working well. The whole class has been actively learning about perimeter and we will now progress to area. We have also looked at chance and data and will continue throughout the next couple of weeks to interpret this information and place into different types of graphs.

In HSIE we have been looking at Gold and how it was discovered in Australia. This is in preparation for the senior excursion to Bathurst next week.

Mrs Nicholson
Principal/Teacher

3/4/5
This week the 3/4/5 class is looking at the ‘ie’ making an ‘ee’ sound and ‘ff’. In grammar we are working on plurals and pronouns.

The students have been producing some excellent narratives in their writing tasks.

In mathematics we are focusing on fractions and decimals this week and recognizing that the written form of money is a form of decimal.

In HSIE we are creating our own itinerary for a trip to the Bathurst goldfields.

Mrs. Kerrigan
Teacher

K/1/2
The K/1/2 students have been working together to create a fantastic art work for the upcoming Spring into Art exhibition.

In writing, we have been using and writing procedures. Last week we had a lot of fun making fairy bread. We then wrote a procedure to explain the steps we followed.

KINDERGARTEN
The Kindergarten students have been continuing to build their bank of known high frequency words in reading and writing. We are continuing to learn about alternative ways of spelling the vowel sounds, in particular the magic e (a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e and u_e).

In Mathematics we have been looking at ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) and halves. We are continuing to look at representing our teen numbers as a bundle of 10 and ‘leftovers’(E.g. 13 is 1 bundle of 10 and 3 leftover.)

YEAR ONE
The year one students have been working on the ‘ow’ sound, as in ‘owl’. They have been looking at nouns and verbs in grammar.

In Mathematics, the year one students have been looking at arrays to represent numbers and solve word problems. We are continuing to work with the number line to solve addition, subtraction and find number patterns. We are also practising our doubles facts.

YEAR TWO
The year two students have been learning about silent letters in spelling. This week their silent sound is the ‘silent c’. In grammar, the year two students are learning about adjectives.

In Mathematics, the year 2 students have been looking at equivalent sums and creating their own addition and subtraction problems that are equal.
SPRING INTO ART
It is Spring! Which means it is time for Spring into Art! Students across all classes have been involved in the creation of art works that will be on display at the Gladstone gallery. The exhibition is open to members of the public and showcases the talents of students across the Macleay Educational Community.

Where: Gladstone Art Gallery
Time: 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

SPORT
The students are continuing with tee-ball and their skills are really beginning to improve! The seniors are beginning to hit home runs and throwing and catching balls to their chosen bases.

LIBRARY
Just a reminder Library will be on Tuesdays for the remainder of the term. Please make sure your child has their library bag and books to be returned.

COOKING AND GARDENING
In the kitchen, students prepared a delicious (and healthy) coconut rough slice, healthy 3 ingredient cookies and chewy chocolate cookies (yes, also healthy!)

The garden has been harvested and prepared for the new season. Students have planted cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and sweet corn. We can’t wait for the delicious spring produce.

Ms Foulkes
Teacher

Almond Butter Balls

- 2 tablespoons roasted almond butter
- 1 cup almonds
- 1 cup medjool dates, seeds removed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon concentrated natural vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- extra roasted almond butter to fill (optional)

1. Place all of the ingredients except for the extra roasted almond butter to fill into your food processor and blend until very smooth and well combined.
2. Press relatively large balls of the mixture into your hand and flatten. Dollop the centre of this now flat circle with half teaspoons of the roasted almond butter that you had reserved for filling. Press the sides together and shape into a ball. NOTE: It may take one or two to get the hang of it but even the imperfect ones will be delicious. Alternatively completely skip the filling step and just roll into balls, every bit as good.
3. Place in the fridge to firm up a little.

Thank you to Sally & Joey Newton who spent today taking our school photos

BANISH THE “I’M BORED” COMPLAINTS THESE HOLIDAYS
It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

Destination NSW (http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI)
Winter school holidays in Sydney (http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
School holidays in Newcastle (http://bit.ly/1nljpg)
Winter school holidays Central Coast (http://bit.ly/1iqSwX)
Attractions for kids in regional NSW (http://bit.ly/1IE8vMw)
Australian Museum (http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation (http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)

COMMUNITY NEWS

SWR NETBALL CLUB
Presentation Day - Junior presentation will be held on Sat 13th September at Little Bay shelter shed from 11am.

MILOin2CRICKET
Monday afternoons Term 4, 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm. This program is sponsored by Cricket Australia and is run by qualified Level 1 Coaches. The program is an excellent introduction to learning how to play cricket.

The equipment is modified to ensure everyone’s safety. The balls are soft and the bats are light, and most importantly, the lesson plans have been carefully developed to ensure that everyone gets a go! All participants receive a MILO starter pack with a backpack, bat, ball, hat, t-shirt & MILO giveaways.
Cost is $65.00. Registration days Tues 2nd September & Wed 3rd September. 4.00 pm-5:30pm at Kempsey Bowling Club, Austral Street, Kempsey. Enquiries to Sam Preston (6562 4045).

NULLA CRICKET CLUB
Junior Cricket commences 11/10/14. Matches played Saturday mornings, training is Tuesday afternoons from 4.00 pm -5.00 pm. Registration days Tuesday 2/9 or Wednesday 3/9, 4.00 pm-5.30 pm at the Kempsey Bowling Club in Austral Street. Registration fees are U10 $45, U12 $55 U14 $65. Registrations close 21st September. Enquiries to Sam 0458567214 or Kristy 0467623272.

PROFESSIONAL GUITAR & KEYBOARD TUITION
We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 4. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition.

Music Stars provides:
- Group guitar and keyboard tuition Caters for all grades & music levels
- Weekly 30 minute sessions Convenient! Lessons at school!
- Very Affordable! $110 per term - 70% less then out-of-school lessons

Guitars and keyboards supplied for every student to use during lessons! Registrations Close Soon!

Please register online via www.musicstars.com.au Payment is not required when registering. Limited spots are available so be quick so you don’t miss out!

If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

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