Prep-2 Classroom News

On Tuesday students created some Valentine’s Day crafts and cards. They also cooked some delicious sugar cookies for their parents. The cookies couldn’t go home without a taste test themselves. They got the thumbs up.

As part of our reading focus I want to stress that it is important for your child to read every day at home. I know life can get busy but if you can find 10 minutes either in the afternoons, at night or even the next morning before coming to school it will make a huge impact on their reading exposure. We endeavour to read with every child when they come to school each morning before the bell but don’t have the time to sit with each child for 10 minutes. So you assisting us to sit and read at home for 10 minutes would be a great help. Students also participate in their Reading Mastery program daily and we have been working hard every day this week to work on our reading stamina as a whole group. I would love to build a love of books and reading. It should be something that is enjoyable and a great time to spend together also. Some students may go home with an extra reading passage in their homework folders. If you can sit and listen to your child read this, as they are working on their speed and fluency. It is a part of the new reading program and children are given an allocated time to complete reading the text with a set number of errors allowed also. The more they practice the better they will become at reading the passage. Students that I have tested this week have made huge progress from their results of the first reading to their second. It’s very pleasing.

Mrs Harvey

Science

For Science this term, the Year 3-6 class have been studying a unit called ‘Our Changing World’. They have been exploring ‘forces of nature’ and changes that occur to the earth as the result of earthquakes, volcanoes, erosion and weather events such as cyclones. Also as part of their earth studies, the students have developed a keen interest in rocks and some have brought in their collection from home to share with the class. The Prep-2 class have been exploring the changes in weather and are beginning to learn about Earth’s resources. This week they learnt about the ways that water goes from being rain, to coming out of a tap. The students keenly engaged in a ‘water walk’ around the school—finding tanks, spotting pipes and exploring the small creek within the school grounds.

Mrs Burt
Interschool Softball
Last Friday was the first game of softball for both teams with Dalveen travelling here for a home game. After lots of coaching throughout the game the final score was 4-2 to Thulimbah. Well done to all students who played on the day as it was quite warm.

Today the Thulimbah team is heading to The Summit to play. The Thulimbah/Dalveen team will travel to Dalveen to play against Amiens.

Hot Shots Tennis
Hot shots tennis lessons have started again today. The school receives a grant for students to obtain tennis coaching. Students will participate in tennis lessons each Friday for the duration of the first semester. Later on in the term students will receive a tennis hot shots shirt to wear.

Absences
As previously explained, text messages will be sent to all students who are absent and no contact has been made with the school to let us know why your child is away. If you receive a text message please either respond to the text message or call the school. It is mandatory for the school to contact parents. We would appreciate you calling to let the school know if your child is away before 9am or responding to text messages promptly.

Parade
Parade will be every Monday afternoon at 2.40pm. We will be issuing certificates for Student of the Week and children will be chosen to present their best work. Children receiving awards and presenting on Parade will be named in Friday’s newsletter. All parents are welcome to attend Parade. It is held in the 3-6 classroom.

Students of the Week:
P-2: Montanna Casey for being a responsible class leader
3-6: Alex O’Brien for following class rules and setting a good example

Bell times
The bell will ring at 8.50am for class to begin. Children are encouraged to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am to get settled and to get themselves ready for learning. All children are expected to be at school before the 8.50am bell. We will be starting our Spelling Mastery at 9am sharp.

P&C
Our next meeting is our AGM, date to be advised, and all of the positions will be vacant. We welcome you to nominate for a position. You will be fully supported in fulfilling your role so you don’t need any experience. Please come along. The meeting will start at 2:30pm and will be in the Music room. The roles up for nominations are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tuckshop and Uniforms.

Sport - TRANSPORT NEEDED
There has been another Softball draw—the changed draw has been attached for the players from the upper class. Please take note of the times and dates, and let us know if you can assist with transport. These changes affect both the Thulimbah team and the Thulimbah/Dalveen team. Parents who wish to help convey children for away games, please bring in your licence and a copy of your full comprehensive car insurance.

Eisteddfod Street Stall
The Border District Eisteddfod committee are holding a street stall on Saturday 25th February from 9am to raise funds for the annual Eisteddfod in May. The committee are asking for donations of baked goods to sell. If you can help, please drop your items off with the committee members outside Office Smart from 8.30am on the day. If you have any questions or can help in another way please contact Amanda Reimers on 07 46856138 or info@borderdistricteisteddfod.org.au

If you have any concerns, please email me on rcall32@eq.edu.au
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