Term 4 Week 5

3rd November 2014

Calendar

AQUA-A-THON
Thurs 6th November

What’s happening @ Rooty Hill PS

Thurs 6th Nov
Aqua-a-thon
Thurs 13th Nov
- Kindy 2015 Orientation Parent Session
Wed 3rd Dec
- Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Mon 8th Dec
- Presentation Assembly
Thurs 11th Dec
4-6 Party day
Fri 12th Dec
K-3 Party Day
Tues 16th Dec
- Year 6 Graduation & Farewell
Wed 17th Dec
- Students Last Day
Term 4

Focus of the Fortnight
* Always arrive at school on time
* Walk when the bell rings

From the Principal

Thank You

To those families who have returned our recent parent survey – thank you. We will commence work on our 2015 School Plan this week – your thoughts and insights are certainly appreciated. If you would still like to contribute to shaping the future of our school, please return your survey by the end of this week.

A job well done

It was with some sadness that I received a letter last week from the local Essie Women’s Refuge announcing that, due to government funding redirection, the service would cease to exist in its traditional form as at October 31st.

The Refuge has operated for the last 37 years and throughout that time, our school has been privileged to enrol, welcome and nurture many hundreds of children at a time of personal crisis. I received a very touching letter from the committed and highly skilled staff at the Refuge and would like to share just part of it with you in this Newsletter.

Dear Mrs Malecki,

Essie Women’s refuge recognises your school as a very special and valued resource that we have relied upon over all the years of providing a community service for women and children escaping domestic violence. We want to acknowledge that your school has made a significant difference for many children. We know this from the children’s opinions and the very clear sadness many of them expressed when moving on to other areas. We know this from the number of mothers who would prefer their children to continue their education in your school. Also we know it from the mothers who have been determined to secure accommodation in this area for the sole purpose of ensuring their children have the experience of a top class primary school education. Finally we know this from our own experience of the respectful and welcoming manner that has been so consistent over the years. For this we thank you.

Sally Steele, on behalf of the Essie Women’s Refuge Inc.

Kind regards,
Jackie Malecki
Kindergarten Excursion to Fagan Park

On Tuesday, Kindergarten and 1C travelled to Fagan Park at Arcadia to experience houses and gardens from many different nationalities. Here’s what some students had to say.

- The Japanese garden was very pretty with purple and blue flowers. (Mahika KF)
- I liked the Chinese Garden because there was water and lily pads. I could hear a noise, it was the mother duck calling her baby ducks. (Cheryl KF)
- I liked the Australian hut because there were no doors and nothing inside. It was funny. (Kevin KF)
- I liked the Chinese house and we could stand on the verandah and we could look over and see the rocks. (Malae KR)
- I liked the Japanese house because the walls are made out of paper. They need paper because sometimes there are earthquakes. (Joshua KR)
- I liked Fagan Park because there were lots of fun activities to do there. (Madeleine KM)
- We saw a big house. It was made out of bricks and it was nice. (Yonalee KM)
- We were walking around the park and it looked like a jungle. (Lucas KE)
- At Fagan Park I saw an eel, it was black. (Omar KE)
- I saw the windmill in the Dutch garden. It was painted red and white. (Amari K/1C)
- I liked walking around and looking at the fish. (Braydan K/1C).

Fiona Mackenzie
Kindergarten Supervisor

SRC Aqua-a-thon....

When: Thursday 6th November 2014.

Sponsorship Cards have been sent home and now is the time to ask family members, friends and neighbours to sponsor your child for this event! The money raised from the SRC Aqua-a-thon will be used to purchase equipment and resources for the school.

NEW PRIZES:- For each $10 students raise they will receive a ticket into the major prize draw. If a student raises $50 then they will have 5 tickets (chances) to win. If a student raises over $100 we will double their chances, they will receive 20 tickets.

10 Major prizes to be won

On Thursday 6th November, after the Aqua-a-thon, students will take their cards home to collect the money promised from their sponsors. Tickets for the prize draw are awarded on return of raised money. The winning tickets for the prizes will be drawn at the last K to 6 Assembly of the year.

Assembly of the year. Make sure you have returned your money and card by Monday 24th November. We thank you for supporting the SRC and are looking forward to the day.