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Term 1 Week 9

Year 4 Science Incursion....
Last Thursday students from 4F, 4L and 4/5J had the opportunity of stepping inside a ‘Cosmodome’. The ‘Cosmodome’ provided a theatre setting for 360 degree 3D digital images with surround sound that was totally interactive. Whilst inside the ‘Cosmodome’ the students learnt about:
- The Solar System
- How night and day works on Earth
- Constellations
- Season changes as a result of Earth’s movement around the sun

Listed below are some things that the students learnt from the incursion:
- Saturn has over 11000 days in a year compared to Earth that only has 365 days in a year **Jericho Del Rosario 4F**
- Astronomers believe there are over 2000 galaxies in the universe **Emily Nobbs 4L**
- Saturn has 62 moons **Reuben Perez 4F**
- In the Cosmodome we got to watch a movie and it taught me that the different seasons occur on Earth because Earth is tilted on an axis **Lexie Auld 4L**
- The Milkyway galaxy is in a spiral shape and the stars sit in a straight line when you look at it from the side **Eljohn Mercado 4F**
- Images of animals are used to help remember constellation names. **Bryon Murphy 4F**

Mr Fitzgerald
Year 4 Co-ordinator

Harmony Day....
At the Harmony Day we went to a concert at Rooty Hill High School. At the concert there was a Hula dance, Indian dance and a robot dance. I liked the robot dance and the Indian dance. There was another concert outside the hall. The high school children were dancing and singing there as well.
With my tokens I bought a spider drink. Other things for sale were the cakes, popcorn, ice cream, butter chicken and nachos.
I felt tired when I came back to school.
**Ghazala 3K**

At Harmony Day we went to Rooty Hill High School and got tickets to buy things. First I got a badge, next I got my hair sprayed. Finally I got a spider drink and finished.
**By Rushil 3K**

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Parent Teacher Interviews Next Week

Wed 25th March
- Indigenous Afternoon Tea

Thursday 26th March
- Winter PSSA tryouts

Friday 27th March
- Last day Summer PSSA

Monday 30th March
- Parent Teacher Interviews K-2

Tuesday 31st March
- Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6

Wednesday 1st April
- District Anzac - Service Yr 6, SRC attending

Thursday 2nd April
- Easter Happening - Last Day Term 1

Tuesday 21st April
- Students return for Term 2

Focus of the Fortnight
* Allow others to learn
* Be sensible in and near the toilets
Parent Workshop - Home Reading Success....
Last Thursday, 19th March, I met with an interested group of parents to discuss ways to help make Home Reading a success. There was a wide range of student ages represented within the parent group so we started by identifying the challenges we all face with Home Reading. We then examined ten simple tips to make reading at home an easier, more enjoyable time for everyone. It was encouraging to hear parents share their stories and help each other with some ideas they use at home.
If you would like to read more and get a copy of the tips we discussed, please go to the TeachThis website using the following link: TeachThis.com.au/parents
Thank you to those parents who gave up their morning to strengthen the “learning to read” partnership with the school. If you would like further information please contact me through the office.

Mrs Fiona Golder

Regional Swimming Carnival....
On Monday 16th March, sixteen students from Rooty Hill Public school participated in the regional swimming carnival which was held at the Sydney Olympic Pool Homebush.
Each student tried their best and many placed in their heats on the day.
Mr Fitzgerald and Mrs Epps were extremely proud of all the students’ performances and behaviour on the day.

Mrs Epps

PSSA - AFL ....
Both the junior and senior teams have had a terrific start to the season. They both won their first two matches against Tregear Public school and Mt Druitt Public School. Last Friday they were up against the tough competition of Hebersham Public School. The juniors played really well and were making some strong tackles. The senior were playing as a team and making strong marks all over the field. Unfortunately both the junior team and senior team lost their matches, however they tried their best and had fun.
The standout junior players from these first few matches have been Aaron Foster, Shaun McCann and Rossles Stanley. The standout senior players from these first few matches have been Xavier Tuigimala, Jackson Handley, Lachlan Aboud and Connor Jago.
Keep up the great work boys and girls. We are definitely looking like we can go all the way to the Grand Final this season. Congratulations on doing a superb job in representing Rooty Hill Public School.

Mr Fitzgerald
AFL Coach