Week 6 Term 4

Monday 16 November 2020



"Te Ako i te Ora" "Learning through Living"

From the Principal's Pen Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a fortnight of weather, events etc! The term seems to be going so fast and we have still so much we want to do and achieve before we say 'goodbye' to the 2020 year at school.

Kapa Haka, Ukulele and Drumming Groups

Two weeks ago (Week 4) was a very busy week with the Kapa Haka, Ukulele group and the Drumming group performing at the 60's Up club in Glenfield. They performed beautifully and were a credit to you all. Thank you to Miss Kim, Mrs Martel and Mrs Allen for all the hard work that goes into preparing the students to be the best they can be, ensuring their performance is first-class. As usual our children's behavior was excellent and a credit to you all.

Last Thursday the Year 6 teachers met with Glenfield Intermediate School teachers to discuss those children who have currently enrolled there for 2021. On the same day, some of the Year 5 children were working and training with the Community Police Constable to learn about the duties and responsibilities of being a Road Crew member for 2021.

Diwali Celebrations

On Monday of last week, the children and staff dressed up in bright colours to celebrate Diwali. We all met at 10.10am to watch a Bollywood dance performance, followed by a whole-school Bollywood Jump Jam number for everyone to join in with. The children had been practicing this in their year levels. Thank you to Mrs Leathart and Miss Malhotra for all the work they have put in, training the dancers. It was lovely to see the staff dress in sari's and bright colours to support and be part of the celebrations.

Year 5 and Year 5 Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

Last week the Year 5 and 6 children participated in EOTC for four days. Thank you to all the parents that were needed to support the many children's activities. Without your support the days events could not have gone ahead. Thanks must also go to Mrs Beattie for her detailed planning and organization that made the days so successful.

- Day 1: Indoor Rock Climbing, High Ropes, Archery, and Swimming at the Birkenhead Leisure Centre.
- Day 2: Tramping in Smiths Bush for the day
- Day 3: Long Bay Beach sand sculpture and orienteering
- Day 4: Sports and Games at school

Here are some articles written by some students: -

"EOTC was a blast! My favourite thing was the Birkenhead Leisure Centre. The first thing my group did was the High Ropes Course. It was so fun. Everyone challenged themselves". by Prisha

"When we went on the Bush Walk, some of us took the wrong track! It was so muddy. We lost sight of the ribbon markings because we were so busy trying not to slip over. It was a wonderful adventure". by Kaylee

"Seeing one of the Leisure Centre staff doing the high ropes made it look pretty easy to me. It looked quite fun as well. I was actually excited. Soon it was my own turn. Climbing the ladder was not that hard, but as soon as I got up high, my heart started racing, arms trembled and to make it worse, I looked down! Seeing how high I gave me butterflies in my stomach. Finally I came down, relieved that I had made it. It was an amazing experience." by Lorraine

CALENDAR DATES

• Tuesday 17 November Year 2 Visit Little Shoal Bay

Wednesday 18 November Senior Sports Day

Wednesday 18 November FOS Ice block day

 Friday 27 November FOS Donut day

Friday 4 December 9:05am Year 0-2 Prizegiving

> 11:00am Year 3-5 Prizegiving

Monday 7 December Year 6 Graduation/ Prizegiving and Disco at Glenfield Intermediate School

Term Dates

2020

Term 4 Monday 12 October to Friday 11 December

2021

Term 1 Tuesday 2 February to Friday 16 April

Term 2 Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July

Term 3 Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

Senior Athletics Day

The annual Marlborough Year 3-6 Athletic Sports is being held on Wednesday 18 November (this week). Children can come to school wearing their sports gear.

Sports gear is the following:

• Shorts and T shirt

NO: dresses or skirts **NO**: sleeveless tops

All children MUST have a sunhat, sun block and a water bottle.

Events will be getting underway at approximately **9:15am** and we will start with the sprints. Once the sprints are completed, children will compete in the field events. We are hoping to be finished by lunchtime. Parents are welcome to come along and support the children. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Beattie in Room 4.

Principal's Awards

Parker C., for his wonderful reading and the completion of the Reading Programme.

Have a great week everyone Sue Bucklev "Learning is at the heart of our journey together"

Naming of Clothing

Please remember to name your children's clothing, as we are gaining quite a few sweatshirts and lost clothing. If your child is wearing a 'pre-loved' sweatshirt, please make sure it has your child's name in it. It can be very frustrating trying to return an item to a 'previous owner' who has donated it to someone else! Remember also, to name togs and towels as they are frequently left outside the classroom to dry. Thank you for your help in these matters.

Return of School Journals and Reading Books

Please check under beds, on shelves, in bedrooms, back seats and the floor of your car, under the couch and other little places for those elusive reading books. We are about to start stocktaking them in Week 8 and would love to have as many returned as possible. Can you also please check that all library books are returned to the library so they can be added to the stocktake total.

A big THANK YOU

Thank you Bunnings Glenfield for their recent and ongoing donations to our school garden projects. We greatly appreciate the generosity.

Scholastic Book Orders

A new brochure is coming home tomorrow. This will be your last chance to purchase great Christmas Gifts for friends and family. If you would like the books to be a gift, just mark it 'gift' beside the Room Number on the order form and it will be kept in the Office for 'secret collection'. Orders will close on Wednesday of next week (25 November).



Donut Day - Friday 27 November An orange notice is coming home today—please look out for it. Orders close on Thursday of this week.



