3/4O

In 3/4O we can not believe that it is already week four! You know what they say - time flies when you’re having fun. Here is a sneak peek at some of the wonderful things we have been up to in our classroom.

Computers

Art

Writing

Grandfriends Day

NRMA Road Safety

Research Projects

We even had a special visitor
From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

What a great time everyone had at our ‘Grandfriends Day’ last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and friends attend and bring a smile to many children’s faces. Some residents of the Queen Victoria Nursing home also visited us and thoroughly enjoyed the morning. In fact, one or two said it was the best day out they’d had! Our students were wonderful in the way they interacted with so many guests and in how they shared their drawings and even their grandparents!

Our new Community Room also opened on the day and morning tea was served in there. I’d like to congratulate the following teachers who not only worked very hard to organise the event but also secured a grant which paid for the morning tea and some books about grandparents for our library. Thank you, Mrs Neich, Mrs Syphers, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Britton and Mrs Bentham for your work. Some grandparents also talked in the assembly to our students about things they remembered from their childhood; thank you to Mr and Mrs Fenning and Mrs Peachey.

Strengthening community engagement is a key focus in our School Plan. On Monday night the ‘Parent Focus Group’ met with the executive staff to discuss ways in which the school can communicate more with parents and engage with the community. The group now has 8 parents attending. You are warmly invited to the next meeting which is on Monday 9th December at 6.30-7.30 p.m. Some parents from the group very kindly offered to come in to school and speak with our students about their career and the importance of using Mathematics and English in their job. This week Kirsty Ferris visited to speak about nursing, Jake Peacock brought an ambulance and spoke about his work as a paramedic, Michelle Gallo visited today to speak about life as a ranger and previously a zookeeper and Pete Tindall about his job as an electrician. Many thanks to these parents, our students enjoyed each of the talks and learned about the relevance of what they do in school to the outside world.

I have already mentioned the ‘Community Room’. This is a vacant classroom which is now also being used for community events. At a recent meeting of the P & C we discussed the introduction of a Mother and Toddlers Group meeting in the room once a fortnight. The P & C will leave a book in the room with minutes from their meetings for parents who are unable to attend evening meetings. Parents will also be encouraged to put forward ideas for discussion at the P & C meetings. We need some toys for the Community Room for the toddler group, nothing too large please! Parents will need to use the room and not outside as classes will be operating in the vicinity. Mrs Hogan has kindly offered some toys, if you have something you can contribute it will be very much appreciated. The ‘Toddler Group’ will be able to meet in the room from 9.15-11.00 starting on Wednesday 18th November. I will send home a letter with further information regarding the use of the room next week.

A term planner has been sent out today for each family. It can also be accessed on ‘Skoolbag’ and our school website. This will assist in providing families with advance notice of school events for planning ahead.

Sue Davies
Relieving Principal

Whooping Cough Information

For Schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
ATTENDANCE

What are my legal responsibilities?
Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time
Arriving at school and class on time:
• Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
• Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
• Give students time to greet their friends before class
• Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?
On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
• being sick, or having an infectious disease
• having an unavoidable medical appointment
• being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
• exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Term 4
Tuesday, 27 October: Road Safety Day
Thursday, 29 October: K-2 Excursion
Friday, 30 October: "Day for Daniel"
Assembly 2pm 1/2X & 2T item

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Friday, 16 October 2015

KB: Excellence in Learning: Paige
Student of the Week: Holly, Kobi
Writer’s Award: Toby

K1U: Excellence in Learning: Angus
Student of the Week: Gwen, Jaxon
Writer’s Award: Amelia

1/2X: Excellence in Learning: Sienna
Student of the Week: Ivy, Xavier
Writer’s Award: Logan
PBL “Learner” Award: Lachlan
PBL “Responsible” Award: Caidan

2T: Excellence in Learning: Indianna
Student of the Week: Hannah, Connor
Writer’s Award: Ethan

3/4N: Excellence in Learning: Ryan C
Student of the Week: Amy, Eli
Writer’s Award: Joey
PBL “Learner” Award: Ryan S, Heath (2), Connor, Katherine

3/4O: Excellence in Learning: Bladyn
Student of the Week: Shae, Dominic
Writer’s Award: Jocelyn

5/6P: Excellence in Learning: Ashley
Student of the Week: Brittany, Isaac
Writer’s Award: Jack
PBL “Learner” Award: Tarlyia, Gareth
PBL “Responsible” Award: Ashley

5/6 S: Excellence in Learning: Harry
Student of the Week: Annabelle, Keanan
Writer’s Award: Max
PBL “Learner” Award: Jade, Chloe, Kiarri
PBL “Responsible” Award: Luke, Liam

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Isabella – 2T
Caleb – 5/6P
Mittagong Blue Light Disco
Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date: Saturday 31st October
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 yrs

Due to this being Halloween – let’s dress to impress – so if you would like to come dressed in your favourite Halloween Hat, Dress or costume if not just come and have a great time.

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FAMILY GP

Tahmoor Medical, Allied & Alternative Therapies P/L
Dr Ros Campbell B.Med (Hons), FRACSP, B.Pharm, B.Sc.
Grad Cert in Medical Acupuncture

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Hair Of Angels

Opening 22nd August 2015 Please call for appointment

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