Dear Families,

Week 6 gave our students many opportunities to learn amazing things both inside and outside the classroom. I would like to thank all the staff and parents for supporting these extracurricular activities. In particular, Mick Burt for driving the boys out to Lake Keepit and back. We travelled 800 kms in the round trip so it was a big effort. Unfortunately Lucie could not attend due to an ankle injury. The rest of the school had an “AWESOME” time with Mrs Trudgett doing lots of wonderful writing, art and craft work.

On Friday we will be attending the John O’Neill Sports Carnival at Willawarrin. Bus Pick up and return times will be as normal.

We will be having an assembly this Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm. We will be using the new Interactive TV for presentations.

As it is a Public Holiday next Monday a newsletter will go out on Tuesday.

FUTURE LEADERS CAMP

Well done to Lauren, Amelia, Nick, Lehman and Jamie for their hard work at the Future Leaders Camp. This camp was very theoretical where the students were challenged to think about their personal values and beliefs, learn about different styles of leadership and apply the 5 P’s (Purpose, Products, Practices, Processes, People) to implement their BIG IDEA. The students have developed SMART goals and allocated responsibilities and class time in order to make their ideas a reality. They also had lots of fun outdoors completing initiative tasks, team building activities and getting very muddy whilst kayaking! This afternoon at the P&C meeting Nick will make a presentation about their BIG IDEA and SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievement, Relistic, Timely) goals.
**K/2/3 EXCURSION BY ALANI CURRIN YR 2**

On Friday the junior students went to the library and the vets. The library staff were very welcoming and we had a lovely time with Peter singing songs, listening to a story and doing a colouring activity. We then walked across to the vets. Lachlan and the staff were also very welcoming and they took us on a guided tour of the clinic. We got to see the consult room, the operating table, we saw Molly the dog get an Ultra sound, we saw the x-ray machine and got to look at real x-rays, we saw the isolation and intensive care room, the students got to hold some kittens, we saw the dog wash bath and the horse/cow stall.

It was a very comprehensive and thorough tour and certainly enriched and complimented all the work we have been doing on pets and animals. Alani, Wren and Willow will present a power point on their excursion to the P&C this afternoon.

**SOCCER GALA DAY BY JAMIE BURT YR 6**

On 29th May Years 4 and 6 went to Macksville Soccer Fields to play at a Soccer Gala Day. There was a lot of other schools there as well. When the Primary class got to the soccer fields, we practiced and waited for our games. We only had 6 players, so we asked Mr Buckley if we could join the Eungai team. Instead, Mr Buckley gave us three of his players. Finally our first game was on. We played Scotts Head Public School. This team was really good and we ended up losing 4 -0, but it was still a good game. The time schedule was running late so we didn’t get much of a break. With our 2nd soccer game we were up against Macksville Public School team. This game was fun. We were losing 1 -0 then I scored the equalizing goal in the last 5 minutes. After this game we got a long break, so we went to the canteen and bought recess.

At last it was our last game. We played Bowraville Central School. This game was easy because they were in Year 3, we ended up winning 8 – 0. Millie was so close to scoring. When this game finished we had to wait half an hour until the Infants class showed.

The day was really fun, we all hope we can have it again.
TARONGA ZOO VISIT  BY WREN BARNETT YR 2 AND SARA FOLEY

Last Wednesday we were lucky enough for the Taronga Zoo Mobile Mini Zoo to visit our school in their van. The van had pictures of animals and leaves on it. We met Katherine, John and Poppy – Katherine was the presenter (she was from New Zealand and had a strong accent). John was from the Cascade Environment Centre and Poppy was a kid (Katherine’s daughter). We all went inside and met the animals. Firstly we saw the spiky legged stick insect and we learned some information about it. Then we saw an echidna – I don’t think I have ever seen or touched an echidna before, so it was very exciting! The next animal was a green tree frog. Before we touched it we had to spray water on our hands so that our skin didn’t damage the frog’s skin. The next animal was a spotted python – Mrs Landers was very nervous, but in the end she touched it! Katherine also showed us a blue tongue lizard; we found out that the reason that the blue tongue lizard has a blue tongue is because it has extra melatonin in the skin to protect it from sun damage, just like a giraffe! The last animal that we met was the ring tailed possum. It was very sweet, although it was sleepy and didn’t want to come out into the (relatively) bright light of the classroom. It was an excellent presentation – we were able to look at and touch all the animals, find out their special jobs in the food web of life as well as discover all kinds of interesting facts about them. We also know that although we were able to touch these animals, if we saw them in the wild, we would not be able to touch them as they are not used to humans.
CASCADE ENVIRONMENTAL VISIT BY LUCIE MAY YR 6

On Wednesday 27th May we had a visit from John who was from Cascade Environmental Centre in Dorrigo. He showed us lots of different things like moths, butterflies, bugs, beetles and all sorts of other insects under a microscope. You could even see the tiniest details like little hairs on the insects legs. We also went around the School looking through the dirt with sieves and we found all different bugs, like ants, slaters and millipedes amongst the leaf litter.

At the end of the lesson we learnt about “Beak Spotting” which is looking at what type of beak a bird has. You could tell what type of food a bird eats by the shape of their beak, for example there are birds that have a “picker” beak and that means they like to pick small bugs or crumbs.

In all, it was a fun lesson and we learnt lots about the environment and I really enjoyed learning all about birds beaks, insects and lots more learning.

WRITERS FESTIVAL

Unfortunately we are unable to attend the Writer’s festival as all the workshops are full.

GLENN PLEASANCE – DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

On Thursday Mr Pleasance visited and reviewed our Annual School Report from 2014 and our School Plan for 2015-2017. He is very supportive of our strategic directions and he gave valuable advice on staff development goals and implementation plans. It is interesting to note that the planning process that we used for the new school plan is exactly the same that the Year 6’s used on their camp.

Thank you to Liz and all the junior children for raking up the leaves and weeding the vegetable garden in preparation for Mr Pleasance’s visit.

Regards,

Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal