PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Families,

This week we are very focused on our classroom learning. We are getting used to our new spelling program called Spelling Mastery and the students are responding to the direct instruction model. I have high expectations that this will make a significant difference to each student’s results. Mrs Trudgett has been working through a very comprehensive maths assessment with each child and we are then able to plan and move each child on to the next level. Our current priority is fractions.

The students are enjoying the challenge of mathematics and using a new typing program that teaches them how to type. I think it is really valuable that all students learn to type correctly. Mr Simpson is working on writing, musical performances and computer coding with the class.

All the best for a great week and hopefully we will get some rain!

EASTER HAT PARADE

On Thursday 24th March will be holding our Easter Hat Parade and Egg hunt. The morning will start with a welcome by the School Leaders, Bree and Anna followed by a performance by the students. We will then have morning tea which is going to be prepared by the students. This will be followed by the hat parade and then some fun activities, the egg hunt and the drawing of the raffle. The morning will wrap up around 11.30. Raffle tickets will come home later this week.
NATIONAL SERVICEMENS VISIT

Last Wednesday we had a delightful visit from the National Serviceman’s Association from Kempsey. We had 12 people for morning tea and then we held a formal school assembly. I decided to give all the students an award at the assembly as I knew our elderly visitors would enjoy watching them. They also loved the children singing Botany Bay and the Spirit of the Anzacs. Our visitors spoke very highly of the student’s beautiful manners. Below is an excerpt from an email that I received from John and Jan Jamieson.

“We would like to thank you so much for having us all yesterday. Everybody enjoyed it and all the work you put in to entertaining us. It was very much appreciated by all. Please convey our thanks too to the other teacher Mr Terry Simpson, for showing us the classroom with the computers and for his work in the music department. Our special thanks of course goes to the seven beautiful children who entertained us. We hope they enjoy reading the books.”

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

All Medlow students received awards at Friday’s Assembly. They received their awards for:-

Tiahn – Improvement in writing

Amali – a fabulous improvement in all subjects

Willow – fantastic ideas in writing

Wren – excellent results in Spelling Mastery

Taryn – for being a quick learner in Mathletics

Bree – for perseverance and determination to master new concepts

Anna – for enthusiasm and positive participation at the peer support camp.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book Club order forms are attached to today’s Newsletter. Orders are due back at school by Friday 18th March.

Regards
Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal
ENDURANCE RIDE AT RESERVE

We had a relatively successful week-end. Numbers of riders were down on what was expected, so there were less people to eat – less profit.

Once again we had our great helpers from the P & C. A special thank you to Dawn and Sylvia who had to be “sent home” once their double shifts were finished. A pretty special effort for two wonderful ladies who do not even have children at school. Also thanks to Mark and Dave for their barbecuing skills. Thanks to Jane and Tracy for their biscuits and cakes. More information in a later newsletter as to how much money was raised. It is going to be a little disappointing I think. Julie.

COOKING WITH WILLOW AND AMALI

Today Willow and Amali will be cooking Jules’ ANZAC slice.

125g butter, 1 dspn golden syrup or honey, 1 tspn bi carb soda, 1 1/2 cup oats, 1 1/2 cups nuts – pecans or almonds, 1 cup SR flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup desiccated coconut, Pinch salt, 1 egg

Melt butter, syrup and bicarb soda. Add to fry mix – mix well, add egg. Knead and place into a large slice tray.

Bake for 15 minutes at 160c.

Anna and Bree with some of their new friends from the Peer Support Camp at Scotts Head.

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