Middle Sub School Newsletter

November 2015

Dates to remember:

- Fri 6th Nov—Walk-a-thon and Fun Food Day
- Fri 6th Nov—Indigenous Dance Incursion
- Thur 12th Nov—Transition Session 1
- Sun 15th Nov—Working Bee
- Thur 19th Nov—Parent Support Group Meeting 9am
- Thur 19th Nov—Transition Session 2
- Thur 19th Nov—Level 4 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Fri 20th Nov—Level 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Thur 26th Nov—Transition Session 3
- Sat 28th Nov—Christmas Market Day and Car Boot Sale at CHPS
- Thur 3rd Dec—Transition Session 4
- Tues 8th Dec—Statewide Transition
- Fri 11th Dec—End of Year Celebration and Christmas Carols
- Thur 17th Dec—Reports to go home
- Fri 18th Dec—Last Day of the year 1:30pm dismissal

WELCOME BACK:
Welcome back to the final term of 2015! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for all the fun we have in store this term. This term we will begin preparing to go into Levels 4 and 5 so we will be working hard to refine our organisation skills and independence. Our transition sessions will begin on Thursday 12th of November, which will give us an opportunity to see what Levels 4 and 5 are like!

ENGLISH

WORK ON WRITING:
After mastering ‘Read to Self’ and ‘Read to Someone’ our students began to focus on ‘Work on Writing’. Work on Writing aims to build writing stamina and provide students with freedom to write in any form they choose. Work on Writing has seen our students approach writing with increased enthusiasm and as a result the volume and quality of their work has also increased.

WORK ON WRITING:

Maths:

We began this term looking at data and graphing. The students developed their own questions and collected data from their chosen data groups.

This data was then graphed and analysed by the students. We found out lots of interesting things about our year levels and teachers.

Our topics for the remainder of the term are ‘Shape’ and ‘Money’ with a bit of revision of the four operations as well.

So far we’ve been really enjoying our maths topics... especially the bits where we get to use the iPads to support our learning!

Level 3 Students Practising Work on Writing

3Bs graphing on display in the hallway
INQUIRY

Our Inquiry topic this term is ‘Our People – Who Are We?’. On Friday 6th of November we will be visited by a presenter from ‘EG Incursions’ to learn about Aboriginal dance and culture.

Our Level 3s were lucky enough to have a visit from David Weir, Dad to Noa in 3A. David lived with an Aboriginal clan for 10 years and came to share what he knows about Aboriginal culture with us. He also played his didgeridoo.

Don’t forget our upcoming Melbourne Museum excursion! See the calendar on the first page for dates.

LEVEL 4 CAMP:

Towards the end of Term 3, our Level 4s went to Golden Valley Lodge in Flinders on their first ever camp. The camp required our students to be brave and overcome many fears (heights, sleeping away from home for the first time, etc), be their own bosses and take responsibility for their belongings. We were very proud of how well all the students behaved and would like to say a big thank you to our helpers that came along to help supervise.

LEVEL 3 SLEEPOVER:

The final day of Term 3 was a BIG struggle for the Level 3 teachers and students as we were VERY sleep deprived after our big sleepover the night before. We went on a night walk around our local area and had yummy hamburgers for dinner. Ms Johannsen almost had to sleep on the floor because she lost her mattress and Ms Milana & Miss Jeanes were silly enough to start a pillow fight. A HUGE thank you to all the parents who helped make the night a success, especially Georgia Walsh, Rachel Crick, Tasa Sharp and Jane Barker who stayed the night with us. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Paula Baker, Paul Duncan, Michaela Jeanes, Amanda Johannsen and Kim Milana