Great fishing stories

Students of the Week

Mrs Corke’s class
Week 2 - Jack K - independent work skills in addition to ten and writing.
Week 3 - Fletcher G - positive attitude and working hard.

Mrs Faulkner’s class
Week 2 - Sari E - being a delightful positive and hard working student.
Week 3 - Clinton G - always going the extra mile to help his classmate and to contribute to his class.

Mr Faulkner’s class
Week 2 - Daryl G - more positive attitude to schoolwork.
Week 3 - Sean D - thoughtful and attentive learner.

Reading Awards
50 nights - Laura P
75 nights - Clinton G, Jack K
125 nights - Airlie B, Zac N.
150 nights - Patrick B, Russell W, Samantha N
175 nights - Ryan P

Upcoming Dates for your Diary
31 Oct - School Captain Speeches
10 Nov - Broken Bay excursion
1 Dec - Swim school begins
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Get Hooked Fishing Workshop
What a great day the Primary kids had last Friday as they ventured into town to take part in a fishing workshop. From all accounts the kids really enjoyed the day and behaved to the usual high standard. Congratulations to Paddy B on landing his Monster Carp, and thanks to Mrs Horan and Ms Kenny for taking the kids to and from this event.

K-2 News
K-2 enjoyed playing tennis for sport last week. There were some amazing volley and back hand shots. We managed to avoid the heat by playing our games early in the morning. Great effort everyone! We enjoyed cooling off after our tennis game with some fun water play. Thank you to Mrs Isbester for helping us.
We would like to welcome our prac teachers Mr Ward and Mr Allegri from Charles Sturt University (Bathurst) to our classroom. We look forward to learning some new and exciting activities with them both. Mrs Corke
News from the “Middle”
It’s great to be back at school and I’d like to thank Miss Rees and Mrs Kenny for taking the class during my absence. While away, Miss Rees and the children took time to learn about ancient Aboriginal culture through Dreamtime stories. Here are two stories retold by Kate and Jasmine...

The story of the first didgeridoo
A long time ago, so long ago it happened in the dreamtime. Some ancestors decided to go camping. They went off and had a great time but the weather turned cold at night so they built a warm campfire.
As they sat around the campfire adding more sticks for warmth, one ancestor noticed that a branch was about to be tossed into the flames contained small white ants. The ants had eaten away the branch until it was hollow and they were still living and crawling inside. Since the ancestor respected the ants and did not want to toss them into the fire, he pointed the stick towards the heavens and blew gently to remove the little creatures. As she did, the white ant flew out of the stick and up into the heavens to become twinkling stars that we see in the night sky today. To everyone’s surprise, the stick made the most unique and incredible noise. It was the sound of the first didgeridoo!
This story tells us how the first didgeridoo was made. It also tells us that by respecting creatures you will be rewarded. By Kate

The Wagalak sisters
This story came from Amhem Land in the Northern Territory. The Wagalak sisters were responsible for creating the landscape. One day they heard men’s voices and put their dilly bags with their power in it down. Later the oldest sister had a baby, they went hunting and caught animals to eat and built a hut out of bark. While the animals cooked, the oldest sister washed her baby in the river. The Wagalak sisters saw the animals get out of the fire and run to the river. The sisters went to sleep hungry that night. A storm woke them and they saw a dingo. The dingo had come to find the baby. It changed into a rainbow serpent and ate the Wagalak sisters.
The meaning of this story is to warn mothers about the care of their babies. It also warns women to guard their power from men and always make sure they do their jobs. By Jas

Library
“Is there any way you can make Thursday come quicker? I’ve read all my library books and want some more!” Yes, library is on again this Thursday! Bring your bag, your enthusiasm and join in on the library buzz! Remember, borrowing each week means you can attend Library’s magic trick tutorials at the end of the year. Can’t wait to see you there! (Ms Kenny)
Broken Bay Camp
We have been discussing the arrangements with the kids most days now, so we thought we might offer a time to talk with the parents of any campers next Wednesday afternoon at school at 3.15pm. Just to ensure there are no little glitches in the lead up to our departure.

We are asking that each child wears a red hat to allow us to keep a very close eye on them during transit. Most of the kids received one at the Get Hooked workshop so they will be fine to use. Anyone else may need to either speak to someone who attended the fishing workshop for a loan or obtain a red hat for the camp.

It’s getting closer now. Just under 2 weeks until our Broken Bay camp. November 10-14. (Week 6 of term 4) It may be worth going over the arrangements with your child, particularly if this is their first time away, just to ensure they feel comfortable and to ensure that they are packed and fully prepared. Remember that your child needs to be able to carry and move with their luggage.

Parenting Information
Being away
It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event. This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences. Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day. There will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

Mrs Corke
Tootie Fruity

Our pasta theme over the past two weeks has consisted of fresh lasagna sheets and risoni. We used fresh lasagna sheets and rolled our Spinach and Ricotta mix to become cannelloni tubes.

Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni

1 ¾ cup tomato passata, 250g ricotta, 250g cottage cheese, 1 tsp garlic, 300g chopped spinach – lightly blanched, 2 tbs chopped flat leafed parsley, 20g parmesan, Salt pepper, 8 fresh lasagna sheets, 1/2 cup grated mozzarella

Method

Lightly grease 20cm x 28cm x 4cm ovenproof dish. Pour in 1 cup tomato passata, spreading evenly over base. Lightly blanch spinach in hot water, Rinse in cold water, chop finely. Place ricotta, parsley, spinach, garlic, parmesan, salt and pepper in a large bowl and mix to combine. Place a mixture in a tube shape onto one end of the lasagne sheets and roll. Cut and continue the process. Lay tubes side by side in the dish, spoon over extra tomato passata to coat. Sprinkle with cheese and bake for 25 minutes or until golden.

Honey Mustard Chicken Risoni

500g chicken breast, 2 tbs olive oil, 1 red capsicum, 1 carrot, finely chopped, 1 onion finely chopped, 1 clove garlic, 2 tbs honey, 1 tbs grain mustard, 300ml thickened cream, 100g green vegetables, snow peas, beans etc, 1 ½ cups cooked risoni, 2 tbs chopped parsley, Salt & pepper

Method

Heat half the oil in a frying pan on high. Brown chicken for 3-4 mins until cooked through. Remove. Cook the risoni according to the directions on the packet. Cook the finely chopped carrot with the risoni. Heat remaining oil in same pan on high. Saute capsicum, onion and garlic for 5 mins, until tender. Stir in mustard, then the cream. Simmer for 4-5 mins stirring until sauce thickens. Return the chicken to pan with greens and parsley. Heat gently for 2-3 mins. Add the risoni and carrot and toss until coated.

Coconut Ice

1 can condensed milk, 3 ½ cups coconut, 2 cups icing sugar, ½ tsp vanilla essence, food colouring.

Mix all ingredients together except the food colouring. Halve the mix and make one half one colour and the other half another colour. Spread the first colour in the base of a tin, add second colour to top. Refrigerate until firm

Chewy Chocolate Cookies

1 ¼ cup butter, 2 cups white sugar, 2 eggs, 2 tsp vanilla extract, 2 cups all-purpose flour, ¾ cup cocoa, 1 tsp baking soda, 2 cups choc chips.

Preheat oven to 175°C. In a large bowl cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Sift together the flour, cocoa, baking soda and stir into the creamed mix. Mix in the chocolate chips. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 8-9 minutes. Cookies will be soft. Cool slightly on cookie sheet; remove from sheet onto wire rack to cool completely.
FREAKY FACTS
Strongman John Evans holds the world record for the heaviest weight balanced only on his head. He balanced 101 bricks that weighed 188kg.
Ninety nine percent of all extinct species are birds.
True berries include the grape, tomato and eggplant, but not the raspberry or blackberry.

Giggle Spot
Q: What is the easiest way to double your money? A: Put it in front of the mirror of course!
Q: What has a neck but no head? A: A bottle!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“A woman’s mind is cleaner than a man’s: she changes it more often.” ~Olivier Herford

Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.
3 Oct Campbell R 11 Oct Cooper N
13 Oct Sam S 18 Oct Sean D
27 Oct Russell W

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2014 school term dates
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Term 3 14-7-14 - 19-9-14  Term 4 7-10-14 - 19-12-14

Mr Faulkner
29 October 2014