

Respect Honesty Pride Success

JUNE

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| MON 2 | Math's Parent Forum—Maths games you can play at home. 9.15 in the Gym Foyer |
| WED 4 | Year 2 Swimming continues Prep Farm Incursion |
| FRI 6 | Primary Music Institute Music Open Lesson Day |
| MON 9 | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday |
| FRI 13 | Year 5 Imax Excursion |

Andy Griffiths is coming to the Craigieburn Library.

Join in the fun with Andy Griffiths, one of Australia's most popular children's writers, with more than 20 bestselling books, including the JUST! and BAD book series. (For children aged 7+)
Saturday 7 June 2014, 2–3pm
Craigieburn Library, 75–95 Central Park Ave, Craigieburn
Bookings essential: Tel (03) 9356 6980

A Message from the Principal

A huge thank you to our Prep teacher, Suzie Hicks and her team of helpers for organising the Book Fair that ran during Education Week. It was also great to see families formulating wish lists and purchasing books to share. The money raised from the Book Fair along with money raised from the Chocolate Drive will go towards cooling in the gym. This was approved by School Council at the beginning of the year. The money raised from the Easter Raffle went towards the Mothers' Day stall. We have about half the funds required for the large ceiling fan in the gym. The cost of the fans is approximately \$16,000. The fan will benefit all who work, learn and play in the gym, especially as the weather gets warmer.

Thank you to the parents who have recently come to see me with regard to student safety after the recent media items involving primary school students. Our school processes with regard to excursions and yard supervision comply with the Department of Education standards. I appreciate your concerns and want to assure our school community that we have practices in place that not only comply with the Department of Education requirements but where possible, are above the minimum ratio for teacher / student quotient on yard duty, excursions and camps. We believe students need to be educated in adhering to stranger danger warnings. Students are repeatedly told not to play near fences or leave the school grounds to retrieve balls. It is important we reassure our children to be alert but not fearful. To look out for their friends and to let an adult know immediately if they are feeling unsafe or threatened in any way. By educating our children we hope even if they are not within the safe environment of school or home they continue to follow safety processes.

Barb Adam

STUDENT ABSENTEEISM

This term as part of our improvement agenda we are conducting a number of different approaches to improve our student attendance data. Michele Middenway is chairing a committee with a representative from each year level to improve this data. Some of the approaches being trialled are new process for extended absences, updated roll procedures, promoting 'Every Day Counts' by recognising and celebrating the grades that have outstanding attendance results. On page 2 of the newsletter is a table indicating the average number of days absent in each grade level and excluding students that are on extended family holidays. The table will be updated fortnightly and published in the school newsletter.

Anthony Simone

BEANS BAGS FOR SALE

We have some large beans bags for sale for \$50 each. They come in black or brown.

We have a limited number so first in best dressed. Payment is cash on pick up.

Sebastian Naselli



STUDENT ABSENCE SUMMARY BY GRADE 29/01/2014 - 19/05/2014

| Year Level | Total Average Days Absent | Total Days Absent excl Family Holiday |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4 Ang | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Prep Melissa | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 4 Alex | 3 | 1.9 |
| 6 Matt | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Prep Julia/Elissa | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| 3/4 Clare | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| 1 Jo | 4.2 | 2.6 |
| 4 Liz | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 1 Erin | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| 2 Jess | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| 4 Bay | 4.3 | 2.7 |
| Prep Jo | 4.45 | 2.8 |
| 2 Mel | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| 3 Matt | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| 3 Claudine | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| 5 Pat | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Prep Suzie | 3.9 | 2.9 |
| 2 Chrystalla | 3.4 | 3 |
| 2 Emma | 4.6 | 3.1 |
| 1 Bianca | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| 2 Kellie | 4 | 3.3 |
| 5 Mich/Lena | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| 3 Rachel | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 5 Narelle | 4.7 | 3.6 |
| 1 Jess | 4.3 | 3.7 |
| 6 Lisa/Nat | 4 | 3.7 |
| Prep Jessie | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 5 Peter | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 3 Michael | 6.1 | 4.4 |
| 6 Dale | 5.8 | 4.8 |
| TOTAL NO. OF DAYS | 107.65 | 90 |
| Whole School Average | 3.4 | 2.9 |

| Current Leader board | | |
|------------------------|--|------------|
| 4 Angela | | 1.2 |
| Prep Mel/4 Alex | | 1.9 |
| 6 Matt | | 2.2 |

Medicating students at School

If it is necessary to have medication at school for your child the following process needs to be followed:

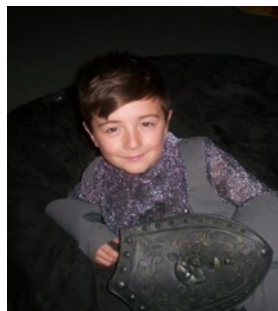
Parents are reminded that if you have a child that needs to be medicated during the school day, you will need to bring the medication to the general office in the morning and complete a form giving us permission to medicate your child. At the end of the day the medication must be collected by an adult and signed out.



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

This week we thought we would profile a couple of our children that have been regular attendees of our Before, After & Vacation Care Programs. Inessa is 8 years old and is in grade 3; Lucas is 10 years old and in grade 5. Both children started with us from grade Prep and have older siblings that also attended. We asked them what their earliest memory here was, what is your fondest memory and what are your favourite things to do at care.

Inessa's earliest memory was coming in with her dad to pick up her big brother and hiding behind his legs because she was shy; her fondest memory is when she made a really big hama bead with her friends and watched Danielle ironing it for her, hoping that it would not break; now she enjoys playing outside on the play equipment with her friends and helping make the latch hook rug.



Lucas' earliest memory was the food that we offered for afternoon tea; his fondest memory is of making friends with Zac; they both started here when they were in Prep and still remain good friends; his favourite thing to do is play with Zac and his other friends outdoors and playing with the Lego and card games.



If you would like your children to be part our program, please phone 0417594511 or call in and speak to one of our friendly staff. We would love to hear from you!

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The 2014 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge has been open for quite some time now and we have 38 students already registered.

Since 2005, the Challenge has inspired students to read more and has encouraged families to support the literacy development of children.

The Challenge is not a competition - the emphasis is on individual challenge, participation and achievement, which we like to celebrate at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School.

The Challenge will remain open until late Term 3 so I would invite you to encourage your children participate. There's still plenty of time for students to reach their reading goals. From Prep to Year 2, students are challenged to read 30 books, or read these with their family, guardian or teacher. Students in Years 3 and beyond are challenged to read 15 books.

There are so many books to choose from, with fiction, non-fiction, picture books, plays, poetry, short stories and graphic novels on offer.

Please see Holly if you have any questions.



WHY "IT'S NOT OK TO BE LATE TO SCHOOL"

Students being late to school can have an effect on the teacher, other students in their class and themselves in the following ways.

Latecomers:

- ◆ Miss out on playing with other children before school
- ◆ Miss out on organisation time, for example, getting their workbooks and pencil case from their tubs
- ◆ Can arrive at the classroom to find that their class has gone to a specialist lesson and they do not know where to go
- ◆ Miss out on hearing what's happening for the day
- ◆ Miss out on roll marking, lunch orders being sent to the canteen and taking the roll and cash book to the office—their money and lunch orders often stay in their school bag