We have come to the end of another busy term where our students have been able to shine in many different ways. We congratulate our grade three and five students who have received their NAPLAN results and are busy setting new learning goals with their teachers. Students have also had the chance to test their abilities beyond the school gymnasium with students displaying their sporting skills and sportsmanship behaviour at hoop time, district and regional athletics and the North Melbourne football clinic visit. Learning doesn’t just take place in the classroom. Excursions are a fantastic way for children to expand their knowledge of the world around them and bring the lessons learned in class to life. We have had the preps visit the zoo and the traffic school, grade 5 students extending their knowledge of the goldfields with a trip to Sovereign Hill, grade 2’s cementing their knowledge of the importance of recycling at CERES and the grade 3 students discovering the exciting world of robotics at Lego Land. Of course the most thrilling event that included all of our students and their families was of course our whole school concert, Roxy in Storyland. I have thanked staff and once again acknowledged the work of Karen Wurr and Claudine Lagier, particularly as both have been unwell leading up to, throughout and after the concert. It was a will of iron from both ladies to ensure the show would go on for the sake of our students. We also must thank our wonderful parent helpers who have supported the school and worked tirelessly alongside staff to ensure the concert was such a marvellous success. We would like to thank the following parents: Meghann Brogden for working tirelessly on a daily basis throughout the year, Rita Roeschmann for her fabulous seamstress skills in producing such delightful costumes along with Heyman Masri in ensuring our students looked the part! Thank you to Rose Irgat, Angela Marchese, Semra Yurtsever, Zuhal Pir and Maureen Ross for their amazing props and the following parents who supported classroom teachers; Mel Gay, Keri and Rachel Bishop, Jo Papa, Craig Smith, Heidi Badawi, and Bill Rowe, Jacque Rowe’s father. Thankyou also goes to Zena Farache and Jennifer Doumas (student teachers) who supported Prep J/E and 1Jo throughout the lead up and on the night. Another thankyou goes to Emily Middenway our choreographer and Natasha from Aitken College who worked back stage. If I have left any parent out please accept my apologies. These were the names passed on by staff. If you came along to the special night last week I know you will join me in congratulating our talented students, who never cease to amaze me with their acting, dancing and singing prowess. The concert also supported students in stepping out of their comfort zone to build their self-confidence. An unexpected treat of the night was having Felice Arena in the audience who arrived just in time to see his book, Specky McGee come to life with grade 5 Pat and grade 6 Lisa/Nat interpreting his book through song and dance.

Change to community assembly schedule.

Next term, will again be a very busy one. To accommodate the work that needs to be done in the final term and ensure our community assemblies are well attended by parents, we will be conducting our community assembly in week’s three, six and nine. There will be a final assembly at the end of the year. The assemblies will still take place on a Friday afternoon at 2:30pm.

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ITALIAN FACT OF THE WEEK
As stated previously, there are many connections between Italian and English. In Grade 6 this term the topic has been 'Hobbies' where students have discovered that many of the words they have learnt form the basis of related English words.

Here are some examples:

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ROXY IN STORYLAND!
On the 10th of September we had our school concert at Hamer Hall. After a lot of work from the students and teachers, it was finally time to perform. Everyone remembered their lines, it was full of humour and it was very entertaining. My class (6Nat/Lisa) and 5 Pat’s class did Felice Arena’s book "Specky Magee". We were extremely lucky to have Felice in the audience. After the concert he even came to meet us! It was an amazing and nerve wracking experience that we will always remember.
By Anisa Haddad

Helping your child at home with Maths

Here are some activities that will continue to develop your child’s understanding of maths.

- Let your child help with the shopping. Allow your child to handle coins and discuss their features.
- Play counting games whilst driving in the car.
- Let your child help with the cooking – weigh ingredients and check on the cooking times.
- Let the children set the table – count out how many knives, forks, plates etc needed for the meal by the family.
- Take every opportunity to read numbers in your environment e.g. house numbers, signs.
- Encourage your child to keep a record of his/her height and mass (weight).
- Talk about time with your child – e.g. concept of morning, afternoon and night, time for bed, time for bath or shower, time for lunch/dinner, today, tomorrow, yesterday
- Lots of games have maths ideas contained in them such as – monopoly, snakes and ladders, connect 4, card games, dominoes and dice games.
- Observe shapes and objects whilst at the park, at home and discuss the correct names for the shapes.
Literacy Tip III: Reading

Positive Attitudes are the Key!

Think for a moment about what you’ve been successful at lately – learning to drive a car, taking a test, baking a cake or playing tennis. Feeling confident and in control, believing you can do it and being able to get help, make all the difference. Having a positive attitude is the key to success.

Having a positive attitude is as important for children as it is for adults. As parents, we can do a lot to boost children’s confidence. Saying to a child, ‘You can do it’ or ‘You’ve done more than yesterday’ affects the way they think about themselves. It is important to be realistic about what they can do but seeing our children in a positive light and telling them so, helps stop anxiety and builds their confidence.

Encouragement vs Praise

Encouragement recognises effort and improvement. It is different from praise. Praise is only offered for acts well done rather than for effort and improvement. It can teach a child to compete in order to receive praise rather than to learn for enjoyment. In the long term, praise can make us feel that we can never measure up, because it’s too hard to stay the best.

Catching the Moment

The moment for learning passes quickly. Children want answers then and there – we need to respond to questions when they occur.

Use fun jokes, riddles and word play as you go.

Let your mind listen and play with the words too.

Switch quickly from your ideas to your child’s. Remember – some of the best learning is unplanned.

Learning about Books and Print

Talk about how books of all shapes and sizes are fun to read. Discuss how books tell stories or give information.

Let them know that the print has the message and the pictures help get the message across.

Talk about how books are arranged: they have a front and back cover, a spine and pages; they are read from front to back and print runs from left to right and top to bottom.

You can predict what might happen in a book.
Why it is not OK to be late?

JORDYN AND MAYAR ‘S WORK FROM PREP MELISSA

HUME CITY COUNCIL—HOMESTEAD LONG DAY CARE has vacancies from birth to 6 years old at Homestead Child & Family Centre.
For more information telephone 9308 9066

The Craigieburn Eagles Softball Club is recruiting new players to play in the Softball season starting on 4 October 2014.
Age groups are T-Ball (4-8 years), U12, U15, U17, U19 and Open Men and women.
For details, please visit craigieburn.softball.org.au, email to craigieburnsoftball@gmail.com or call Jackie on 0402 242 684.

PARAMOUNT CALISTHENICS COLLEGE

Paramount Calisthenics College is running a fun six week ‘Introduction to Calisthenics’ program.

WHEN: Tuesday October 21st for 6 weeks. (No class Cup Day).
WHERE: Aitken Creek Primary School Gym, 51-81 Grevillea Street, Craigieburn
COST: Only $50 for the 6 week program!
For further details, and to secure your place, please contact us:
Website: www.paramountcalisthenics.com.au
Email: paramountcalisthenicscollege@gmail.com
Phone: 0417 786 615 or 0433 689 200

Why is it not OK to be late?

Draw a picture and write a sentence about why it is not OK to be late.

We can’t Miss Miss SliCe because we HfFt to Learn.0

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