5S impress the assembly with their dramatisation of an Australian Text

Cockatoos flew around the hall and students went on a journey to where the forest meets the sea in far North Queensland as 5S recreated the story of Where the Forest Meets the Sea at the assembly last week. The students have been exploring the text during their English sessions in the classroom and brought the story alive in the dramatisation. Learning about how an author creates a text is an aspect of the English Curriculum that students learn about through the reading and dramatisation of quality children’s literature. We all enjoyed their interpretation!

You'll gradually see some new ways of operating in the office through the 2016!

Our office is preparing for a new learning and business operating system (LMBR) which will see some changes in the way it operates. Our school is transitioning to the new way of operating this year and expects that students, parents/carers and staff will benefit from the improved practices. It will mean that parents will be able to make payments for school items and events online and the ordering and financial management of the school will be upgraded.

To assist the office in making the transition, we can all assist by remembering that the office is open from 8.30am until 3.15pm and enquiries may be made during office hours. Uniforms may be purchased in the morning from 8.30am until 9.00am. We look forward to keeping you updated with the changes as they come about. We thank the office staff for their commitment to the change and for preparing our school well for the transition. Mrs Leondis, Mrs Wickett and Mrs Ella are all working hard together to make the transition a smooth one. We are lucky to have such dedicated staff supporting our school!

Kindergarten and the “best start” to school!

Parents and carers had the chance to hear about the best start assessment and the learning continuums in literacy and numeracy that teachers use to guide their teaching and observation of student learning. Ms Leonard shared some great tips for helping children in the early weeks of school and parents and carers enjoyed some morning tea as they took a closer look at the learning continuums. All parents and carers will have the chance to speak to their child’s class teacher later in the term and be provided with some information about ways you can assist your child with their learning. More details will come home later in the term.

Teachers are refining their skills in improving students’ numeracy competence

All of the teachers at Matraville have been undertaking after school workshops in teaching numeracy skills to further improve our students’ understanding of early arithmetic strategies. At the moment, the teachers are working closely with the numeracy continuum and developing teaching strategies to meet students needs at each stage of the continuum.

Our students are sure to enjoy many of the learning experience the teachers have planned as they work towards developing flexible strategies for solving numerical problems!

Fruit and Scoop Day a delicious success!

A big thank you to parents and carers who provided a delicious and healthy treat for the students last Wednesday! The students enjoyed delicious fruits and a scoop of ice cream on what was a very warm day. Some of the teachers enjoyed a cool treat as well! The students are fortunate to have such a supportive P and C who provide a special food day for the students a few times each term. Helpers are always welcome to assist on these days. Please see the office or Kylie, Joyce or Bernadette from the P and C if you’d like to help out.
School attendance

It has been excellent to see an improvement in the arrival time of students for classes each morning. Classes commence at 9.00am and students are expected to be ready for lessons at this time. Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that students are at school and ready for class by the time the bell rings. In the afternoon, please note that students are required to be picked up at 3.00pm from their classrooms if they are in kindergarten to year two, or, if they are in the primary, travel home according to parental instructions.

The office is not able to mind students after school however, before and after school care is available through the Little Bay Community of School (LBCoS) where the students travel to Chifley in the after school care bus. If you wish to apply for the after school care, please see the office for an application form or click on the link for details, http://www.ymcansw.org.au/what-we-do/out-of-school-hours-care/before-after-school-care.

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1 Green   Trinity, Ryan, Adwoa
2 Red     Declan, Eisho, Dexter
3 M       Raffo, Adib, Nyssa
3/4S      Crystal, Linda, Ahmed
4 R       Mahib, Rozana, Mohammad
5 S       Marina, Dilma, Joshua
6 U       Waleed, Sarthak, Shania

TERM 1 CALENDAR – 2016

WEEK 7
Friday, 11th March  SRC Clean Up Australia Day and Fruit Ice Block day $1.00
PSSA Sport Week 4 - Softball vs Daceyville, Cricket vs Malabar @ Heffron $2, AFL vs Pagewood @ Heffron $2

WEEK 8
Wednesday, 16th March  School Photo Day
Friday, 18th March  PSSA Sport Week 5
P&C AGM at 9.15am

WEEK 9
Tuesday, 22nd March  “Parents as Partners” in Community Room at 9.15am - All about NAPLAN!
Thursday, 24th March  Easter Hat Parade Years K-6 in Infants Playground at 2.00pm
P&C Easter Raffle to be drawn
Friday, 25th March  Good Friday - Public Holiday

WEEK 10
Monday, 28th March  Easter Monday - Public Holiday
Friday, 1st April  PSSA Sport Week 6

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Basket & Easter Egg Donations
Donations of eggs, chocolate, bunnies and chicks are all welcome at the office. Any baskets are also appreciated for the P&C Raffle! Thank you!

Easy ways to get active

“I’m bored!” will become a distant memory these holidays with this great range of fun active ideas:

* Bushwalking
* Shoot some hoops at the local courts
* Kicking goals at the footy field
* Gardening
* Bike riding
* Dancing around the house
* Have a picnic and run some games such as egg and spoon race, three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, play ‘Simon says’.

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