Friday 4 November 2016

**Dates to Remember**

| Mon 7 Nov | Board Meeting @ 5:30pm SC |
| Mon 7 Nov | P&C Meeting @ 7pm SC |
| Tue 8 Nov | LSU Excursion: AIS Sport Day |
| Fri 11 Nov | Assembly @ 10:15am (Please note change of time) |
| Fri 11 Nov | Last day: Stickybeaks orders |

CHANGE OF DATE: MUSIC WITH STARS WILL NOW BE WEEK 8 ON FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

**News from Sally**

Congratulations to the following students who have received 60 house points for ‘being caught doing something great!’ by displaying the values of our school

**HONESTY, RESPECT, TRUSTWORTHINESS, FREEDOM THROUGH RESPONSIBILITY AND DOING MY BEST**

| Kayla M | Aaliyah B | Lindsay CB |
| Declan M | Cameron R | Alex R |
| Camden M | Thomas K | Dylan P |
| Damien L | Aisha A | Jarrad M |
| Olivia T | Phoebe L | Radhiska S |
| Kyle F |

**2016 ACT Public Education Awards celebrating excellence**

Congratulations to all of our outstanding nominees, the contribution you make to the lives of our young people, our school and community is invaluable. Thank you.

- Nathan Pepper – nominated for New Educator of the Year
- Debbie Brice – nominated for Education Support Person of the Year
- Fiona Green – nominated for Volunteer of the Year
- Kate Bindley – nominated for Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Amanda Pickering – nominated for New Educator of the Year

It was both sad and wonderful to see so many parents at the *year 6 information* session on Thursday. This year’s cohort are fast coming towards their graduation from primary school and we wish them all the very best. If you were unable to attend and need information please contact the school.
Next Friday is Remembrance Day. We have adjusted our normal time for assembly to make the assembly a Remembrance Assembly we will begin at 10.15 and conclude with a minute silence at 11.00. Please feel free to join us. Poppies and badges will be sold by Mrs King in DG square before school from Monday.

Please remind your children that they need to come into DG square when they arrive at school. Children are not to wait for friends outside in the car park. When riding to school they must wear a helmet.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Regards

Sally

**Acacia Unit**

This week in the Acacia Unit we have had many exciting events to look forward to. The kindergarten classes have been helping the pre-schoolers with their transition visits for next year. We really enjoyed practising our leadership skills while we supported them getting to know their new surroundings. ALSU has been on an excursion around Canberra and the Arboretum to look at Canberra landmarks and enhance our learning about mapping skills in maths, and life cycles in science. We are also getting ready to attend the annual ‘Be the Best You Can Be’ sports day with LSU classes from other schools at the AIS next week!

**Melaleuca Unit**

*Year 3*

It was so neat to see so many of the extended family able to attend the Grandfriends’ Day and the enthusiasm of all involved. It was sheer delight to sit back and watch all that was going on and the enjoyment of all involved. Already we are well into Term 4 and the race to the finish line of 2016.

This term we are looking at the concepts of heating up, how heat is transferred from one object to another and if a heat source is primary or secondary. We will also look at celebrations around the world and what that communicates to us about that local community. Both Year 3 classes have been trialling using Google Classrooms this semester with both teachers and students learning how to navigate it along the way. This will enable them to utilise a skill set that will be very relevant for the years ahead. If you would like to see what they have been doing, have them log in and walk you through it. There are a variety of topics to peruse. ENJOY 😊

**Grevillea Unit**

I can’t believe we are the end of Week 4, the term is flying past! The children have already participated in so many great experiences this term and there are so many still to come. Around all the wonderful learning happening in our unit we will soon start rehearsals for Music with the Stars (Week 8) and Year 5 Graduation (Week 10).

It was wonderful to see so many Grand Friends make the time to come along to our first ever Grand Friends Day last Thursday. The atmosphere in the unit and during the assembly was fabulous. Year 5 performed a very cool Phases of the Moon Rap while SLSU and ALSU performed the OXO Reel Dance. Congratulations to all of the children in Grevillea Unit for showing our community what outstanding citizens you all are!

On Tuesday we had a Relay for Life fundraiser. It was great to see so many students get behind the day and have crazy hair and dress in purple, yellow and white. $260 was raised for this wonderful community event.

Year 5 have started their unit on Growth and Development. Mrs. Cameron is coming over from the senior campus to teach the unit. Year 5 band had an excursion to Wanniassa Hills for combined band. The brass and woodwind bands together sounded outstanding.

In geography this term ALSU are studying ‘Where in the world are we?’ On Thursday as part of the unit ALSU went to the Arboretum to learn about flora and fauna. We also did a scenic tour around Canberra’s famous landmarks to learn more about our community. Next Tuesday we are off to the AIS to the Be the Best You Can Be excursion.

SLSU are thoroughly enjoying shared reading with Preschool twice a week. After the success of the shared reading with the Pelicans and Rosellas SLSU will start mentoring the preschool children during gross motor and in the Kinder playground during Preschool Transition.