Message from Sally Alexander

Thank you to all the families who brave the cold every day and join us at morning assembly. It is lovely to have everyone there especially when we are celebrating the values of our school and recognising children who are showing strong citizenship skills. We have many children who daily do their best and are showing initiative and leadership in their actions. We also love to celebrate the children who are completing their reading practice and their maths at regular intervals.

Thank you to the families who are joining Steph McLoughlin every Thursday afternoon at the arts and craft club. I am looking forward to seeing the amazing work decorating the school. The bird feeders are already attracting some beautiful birds.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Tuggeranong Athletics Carnival. We have students from the Junior Campus who will be representing the ACT, confirmation of those children will be coming very soon. We have eight children going through to the ACT Primary Chess Championships.

Year 5 students are involved in a gymnastics program for this term. It is proving to be a big hit. Their core body strength and posture is being given a good work out once a week. The program is being run with the assistance of a professional coach and year 9 students who have been trained recently.

The year 5 band will be having a combined rehearsal on Monday 18th August. Families are invited to join us all at 12:00 noon in the hall to enjoy a short concert. School satisfaction survey time is coming again, information regarding the survey will be going home in the near future. We look forward to your feedback, it assists us to meet the educational needs of our community.

It is hats on time at school. August, although cold, is when daily UV levels start rising again in Canberra to levels that can cause damage to unprotected skin. In Canberra average daily UV levels reach 3 and above for part or most of every day between August and May. When UV levels reach 3 and above, Cancer Council recommends sun protection to reduce the potential risk of skin damage which lays the ground work for skin cancer later in life, including deadly melanoma.

Next week is Book Week we are really looking forward to dress up day on Friday and assembly. Children are encouraged to come as their favourite book character. We will have a short parade at 8:55 am in the hall and then assembly will be at 2:00 pm.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend
Sally Alexander
Thank you to all those families that have supported our Book Fair. It was lovely to see children looking at, and being excited by the books on display. Sales were over $2000 which allows me to purchase even more books!

Next week is Book Week. There will be a special Book Week Assembly on Friday. All classes will have a part to play at the assembly so I am looking forward to many of you being able to attend. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character on the day.

The following week we have a visit from Cameron Stelzer. He will be running workshops with all the classes in the library on Wednesday 27th August. Many of our students will remember Cameron's very popular visit from previous years. Cameron is visiting again this year to extend our students further through a variety of creative writing and illustration workshops. Year 5 students will be participating in a hands-on imaginative illustration workshop. Cameron will be engaging Year 3-4 students in a workshop that will motivate and inspire students with their writing, and help prepare them for the NAPLAN writing task by exploring both the persuasive and narrative genres. He will be assisting Year 1-2 students to create their own space rocket for story adventures. Preschool and Kinder students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading with Cameron, with Kinder students also participating in a creative activity.

In conjunction with the Author Visit, families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the next morning, Thursday 28 August, to the colourful box in the Library. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child's name and a message) and students will receive their books the following week.

In our Integrated topic this term we are looking at “I'm Alive” so we have undertaken a gardening project in our play area that we can monitor each week to see if the plants are still alive and find out what they need to keep them alive. Come and check them out too. As it is now heading toward Spring we all need to have a broad brimmed hat to wear during Recess.
2M has been learning about using skip counting to multiply by 2, 5 and 10.

We learnt about arrays and turnaround facts.

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Report Writing
Our Literacy group has been learning about report writing. We read the book 'Make way for ducklings'. Through the books we learnt information about a specific type of ducks – Mallards. We then did some research on the internet to find out more information about Mallards. We used this information to write a report. Here is the report we wrote.

Recently 3/4 R visited the Rosella group at our preschool as a class reward for great behaviour. The class was very excited particularly as they had voted on this as something they would really like to do. The class enjoyed reading, playing soccer and playing on the equipment with their preschool friends. Noah and Brandon were introduced to us by their little brothers and many students from 3/4 R shared their memories of the preschool.
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