A BIG THANKS TO THE SPONSORS OF OUR ‘KIDZ MINI MUDDA’

Michael Beatty

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Grade 5/6

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SLC Student Show Case
Friday 4th December at 9:15am. Students in grade 5/6 will be showcasing their Poetry and Geography Projects.

Number 38

From the Principal

Guitar Concert

Tuesday lunchtime, our community had a wonderful guitar concert. The dedication and skills that these students demonstrated was a delight to be part of. Congratulations to all the students and to Mark Finster for teaching them throughout this year. These students have clearly displayed confidence to try new things and take on challenges.

With our end of year performances (Artist in Residence Concert) and family functions just around the corner I thought it might be useful to discuss a common trait of self-consciousness that we all experience. This can make school concerts and end of year events daunting for some children. Some children find it difficult to do anything in public for fear of being noticed and perhaps laughed at. They think, quite wrongly, that everyone is looking at them. The truth of the matter is that most people aren’t looking at them. If they are performing in a school concert most adults have eyes only for their children.

Here are some ideas to help your child conquer their self-consciousness:

1. Help them prepare for public performance. They can practice a talk or even rehearse to help them break the ice in social situations. Practice leads to competence, which often alleviates self-consciousness.

2. Use baby steps in social situations. If they feel uncomfortable meeting a whole bunch of new people, then they can just meet one new friend at a party, rather than try to meet too many people, which can be overwhelming.

3. Practice strong self-talk. Self-conscious children often have atrocious self-talk. They say everyone is watching them enter a room, when the reality is quite different. Help them develop some realistic and more constructive messages about themselves. “It will be fun going on stage at the concert with my friends” is far more helpful than “Everyone will be staring at me” or “What if I muck up?”

4. Catch children being brave. What you focus on expands so make sure you highlight children being brave and overcoming possibly embarrassing situations. Also, let them know that even though they may have stumbled or fluffed a line or two the room didn’t cave in. It wasn’t so bad.

5. Breathe in, breathe out. Some children and young people can be so debilitated by their self-consciousness that they work themselves into a frenzy with worry. Deep breathing where they count to 3 breathing in, but count to 6 when breathing out will help children regain calm, control and hopefully perspective.

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Leonie Anstey

26th November, 2015

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This year we are pleased to announce ASIA RAYA (Grand Asia), with our program being led by two Artists, Aaron and Nita. They will be facilitating a week of music, puppetry and dance from Asia. Think Taiko drumming; massive traditional drums from Japan! Think Chinese percussion! Think Indonesian dance; graceful and expressive! Think food from the region and language classes!

Our Annual Artist in Residence event will commence at 9am on Monday 7th December, with a concert welcoming & meeting our Artists. Families are encouraged to attend this initial show and throughout the week when their child/ren have scheduled classes.

The week of workshops will culminate on:

- Friday 11th December with the Annual Family Picnic (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- and the Annual Concert (6:00 – 7:00pm)

Pre-ordered Japanese food will be available.

A weekly timetable and more information will be coming home in a separate note soon.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

00A  Tane T.  Working hard on listening.
00B  Reign F.  His descriptive and entertaining story about Mrs Leversha, The Witch.
01A  James R.  Great thinking in Mathematics.
01B  Alannah L.  Maintaining a hard working ethic in all tasks.
02A  Camryn M.  Getting to work straight away when writing about what she has enjoyed this year.
02B  Macy P.  Always keeping her work books very neat.
03A  Nathan M.  Making great improvement in his writing.
03B  Ryan C.  For developing a great work ethic.
03C  Jessica R.  For signing beautifully at the guitar concert.
03D  Chad C.  For excellent improvement in reading.
04A  Kyla M.  For being so wonderful at finishing all her work.
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SAFE TO SCHOOL AWARDS

Presented to the students by James Bremner, Brad Hodson and Andrew Phillips

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READ AWARDS

NEW SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS IN 2016

If you are expecting your child to be travelling to and from school by bus next year it is time to lodge an Application to Travel on a School Bus.

We have sent home notes to those children we believe will be new bus travellers in 2016, which will need to be returned as soon as possible to secure a place. If you did not receive a letter and you want your child to travel on the school bus please contact the office on 5672 1600.

MUSIC NEWS

During assembly yesterday, we were treated to 3/4A’s parody based on their ‘Philosophy for Children’ discussion about whether you can learn anything if you don’t go to school. This performance marked the end of 12 original songs (yes, that was 12 original songs!) demonstrating the links between Literacy and Music and displaying first-hand the learning of our students. We are compiling our school song book, providing a valuable reading resource for classroom use.

This week in class students have been completing their self-assessment reports for Music, writing about what they have learned and preparing for their next step in Music. Look forward to reading these when reports come home!

Our Artist in Residence focus on the Arts from Asia (music, dance and puppetry) is also forming part of our Music lessons. Students have been encouraged to use You Tube as a source of further enquiry.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

IN ART

The huge cocoon that the grade Prep, 1’s and 2’s constructed is being displayed at the Wonthaggi Town Library as part of their Butterfly Effect exhibition. As one of the activities that ran during the Junior School Tea students collected and wove materials around a wire frame to create this amazing work. Please make sure you visit the Library and view this and other student butterfly works.

As you may have seen, the old concrete water tank outside the Artroom window is getting a makeover by our grade 5 students while our grade 6 students have been working on decorating the bollards in the teachers carpark. Keep an eye on both of these lots of work as they will be completed over the coming week.

Thankyou
Pirili Chapman
Art Teacher

Christmas raffle donations

Our last fundraiser for 2015 is our Christmas Raffle. If anyone would like to help donate prize/s towards the Christmas raffle, please leave your donation/s at the office. We want to make this year’s Christmas raffle fantastic! The raffle will be drawn at the last assembly on Friday 18th December.

A book of raffle tickets has been attached to this Newsletter and there are more available at the office if you need them. Thankyou all for your support and help with fundraising during the year to help make our school even better.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st December at 2:30pm in the Staff room.

Parents and Friends