SSO RECOGNITION

Thank You SSOs

Last week we recognised and acknowledged the valuable work of our SSOs, Krysia George, Jin Douglas and Julie Johnson. All SSOs work tirelessly undertaking a range of tasks including administration, organisation and student support. We thank them for what they do at our site.

CAMP TO ILLAWONGA

Camp forms will be going home a couple of weeks prior to the camp. All families will have received, by mail, invoices for camp costs. Please ensure payment of camp fees ($100/child) is made prior to your child/children attending camp. All forms will need to be returned promptly once received. At this stage I am not aware of any special dietary requirements for individual students. If your child has special dietary needs please advise me asap so the camp caterers can be notified in advance.
On Tuesday August 30\textsuperscript{th} a community meeting will be held at the school starting at 6pm. This meeting is to inform the community of the process involved leading up to polling of parents and following the announcement of the polling outcome.

This week parents will receive their voting slips. Please read the information through very carefully and return by the due date to be sure your vote counts. A returns box is available in the front office the school for your responses unless you prefer to post. They must be at the school no later than 4pm on Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st} as this is when the counting will take place.

"On Tuesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} August, Shem, Will & I went to the YEL Workshop at Curramulka with Ms. Sunners. We made seed bombs, which we threw into the Curramulka Parklands. We learnt about seeds later in the day. We planted trees to keep the park going. We also read the book about the Curramulka Parklands which has been written by the students and a teacher. We followed a trail through the park and we had to collect clues as we went along." Jayden

This week several students are taking part in the trial of NAPLAN on-line. This is not an assessment but to determine how well the system will work when students undertake the NAPLAN assessments online in 2017. Despite several glitches (from the co-ordinator) the process has proceeded well.

Thank you to the parents for coming along last Thursday morning. It was great to see parents engaging with their children through a range of activities, so gaining a better understanding of computer programming using the beebots as well as sharing some wonderful stories.
The other day we were ordering animals by size. One of the children asked ‘How big is a blue whale?’ We decided to find out! We used books and You Tube videos to search information about the whales. Once we discovered how long they were we used a variety of measuring tools to find out what 30m looks like. It’s as long as a basketball court!

We came up with lots of words about measurement and size.

We used a trundle wheel to measure,
We used a metre ruler to measure, and we used body lengths to measure how long a blue whale is!

We found out all this information about blue whales.

"Blue Whales come up to breathe. They are 30 metres long and the babies are 8 metres long. They are mammals and they are the biggest animal." Skye

"Blue Whales eat Krill. They can dive to 500 metres." Jessy

"Blue Whales are mammals and they are the biggest animal in the world." Jett

"Blue Whales eat Krill, their babies are 8 metres long." Libby

"Blue Whales are mammals and are 30 metres long, their babies are 8 metres long." Tanja

"Blue Whales weigh 180 tons and are 30-33 metres long. They eat 40,000,000 Krill a day. They breathe air through a blow hole. They come up to the surface to breathe in air. Their heart is as big as a small car." Sarah