Creative Talents on show

Congratulations to those of our students who had their creative talents recognised at the recent Art Show – Super job!

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Principal’s Message

It has been a great term with lots of activity. I know the students are eagerly waiting the first shoots as a result of the recent planting.

Did you ever return from a hard day of schoolwork completely drained? You plop down in a chair exhausted. You hear the phone and hardly have the energy to answer but your friend offers you a challenge on the tennis court with your mates “Come on over,” he says. You know what happens next . . . Suddenly you find yourself filled with energy and on your way to the game. That is an example of the power of enthusiasm. It is a source of boundless energy. The trick is to expand your passion to include your job, family, and all that life encompasses.

Drive a FORD? The guy who began the FORD company said this: “Enthusiasm, is the yeast that makes your hopes shine to the stars. Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes, the swing in your gait. The grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of will and energy to execute your ideas.” Years may wrinkle the skin, but the absence of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Let’s be enthusiastic about all the good things that we have a chance to enjoy at Toronto.

Enjoy the news for this week and we look forward to seeing you after the school break. Please keep the children doing some reading each day to build their skills.

Dr David J Faull
Principal

General News

Fees
Have you settled your fee account for the term? The prompt payment of school fees is required and appreciated. Please note that the School depends on your payments to operate so if you have an outstanding balance on school fees, please settle your account promptly. Thank you in anticipation.

Great Campus
We are already starting to plan for 2017 and that means we need to get the word out that there are spaces for students in our great little school.

We have a NEW brochure and we would love to get these out into the community. Our data shows that our best ambassadors for the school are our parents who can tell the story so well. Please drop in and see Mrs Allan in the Office and collect a brochure or two to share with families you know. If every family encouraged one student enrolment then just imagine our school with waiting lists.

To encourage you to be our best promoters, if a new student enrols and says your family recommended them we will give you a $250 discount off your fees for K-6 enrolments. Now that’s an offer worth considering!! Let’s build our great school for 2017!!

Kindy Orientation
Some of our Pre-Kindy students have begun to participate in our Kindy Orientation program. It has been just great to see how well they have been adjusting to a ‘big’ school classroom environment. We are looking forward to seeing our Kindy 2017 parents at our Kindy Orientation Parent Night on 2 November. If your child is entering into our Kindergarten program in 2017 then he/she will need to participate in a Kindy assessment. This is scheduled to take place next term on Tuesday 18 October.

We are receiving quite a few applications for enrolment into our 2017 Kindy program and this is very exciting! Please tell your family and friends about our great school as we would love to see our school grow.

Mufti Day
A big thank you to our students and their families for supporting our mufti day fundraiser. $72 was raised and these proceeds will go towards supporting Muru, the boy we sponsor through Asian Aid. Thank you, Toronto Campus!

Happy holidays!! We look forward to seeing you in Term 4. Classes resume on Monday 10 October.

Awards

Students of the Week
Pre-Kindy - Thomas & Logan
K-2 - Ioana
3-6 - Caitlyn

Values Award
Pre-Kindy - Amber
K-2 - Mikayla
3-6 - Riley
Pre-Kindy

It is nice to be back at school after being away in New Zealand caring for my parents. I had children telling me “welcome back” and it was lovely to hear. Thank you to Mrs Greensill for teaching Pre-Kindy while I was away.

It is hard to believe that it is the end of another term. Time seems to fly in Pre-Kindy. Our Pre-Kindy students have started having orientation days in the K-2 class in preparation for next year. Children are seeing what it is like to be in the big classroom. Every Pre-Kindy student will have two mornings in the K-2 class, and children who are staying on for Kindy next year will have more. I have seen many happy faces and smiles as Pre-Kindy children returned from their visits. Thank you Mrs Woods for doing such a wonderful job with your K-2 class. Pre-Kindy children think it is really great.

This week in Maths we have been learning about graphs. We had a try at recording information about apples on a graph. Our story this week was called, Commotion in the Ocean. We have been learning about rhyming words. Help your child to find rhyming words at home, or try to rhyme words with their name. This is really good for helping them with their reading and spelling.

I was very excited to find some of our Pre-Kindy children received prizes for their art work at the Art Show at our Cooranbong Campus. Well done to everyone who took the time to enter. You all did a wonderful job. In our chapel program on Wednesday, some students received certificates for the number of school readers they have read. There were a few excited children when they realised they had read their way to an ice block!

Have a great week everyone, and a relaxing and safe holiday break.
This week we had the first of our Pre-Kindy children come and spend the morning with us to see what it would be like in 'Big School'. We had many willing helpers in Kindy and Year 1 to show them what it is all about. We enjoyed having them in our class and they all had a great time.

During Maths this week our focus has been chance and data.

The theme for show and tell for this week was: Tell us about your favourite healthy foods.

Group 2 Garden – we planted, tomatoes and cucumbers and did some weeding.

Group 1 Garden hunt

Group 3 and 4 Science experiment

We have written our last entry in our bean journal, 5 weeks went very fast. Students liked looking back over their journal to see how their plant changed week from week. The students were very excited that they could take their bean plants home. At the beginning of Term 4 we will have a verbal report about their bean plants and what happened to them once they got them home.

Congratulations to the following students:
Star of the Week – Ioana
Value of the Week Award – Mikayla
Speedy Maths – Georgia, Darius, Daniel, Isobel, Ioana, Mikayla, Katie, Eden, and Isaac
Super Improver – Darius, Isaac, Georgia and Isobel

We have all worked hard and have had a very busy Term 3, we are all looking forward to the holidays. May you all have a safe and happy break and we will see you all again for Term 4.
What a great term it has been! We have had such a wonderful time participating in all the great activities such as the TCN excursion, the art show and so much more. This week we made a newspaper tree collage in Visual Art and we are very proud of our work. Our pictures look amazing!

Our focus in Maths was on graphs and chance. We now know how to read, interpret and create graphs. We studied words such as impossible, unlikely and certain when we were looking at the likelihood of something happening.

We discovered that authors of books focus on a particular audience when they write. We had a go at rewriting a book we have been studying so that it is suitable for young children. We can’t wait to share our books with the little people in our school.

Thank you, everyone, for supporting mufti day. The proceeds of the day will go towards supporting Muru, a boy we sponsor through Asian Aid. We recently heard from Muru and he is doing well. It’s great to know that our support has made a difference in his life.

We really enjoyed our end-of-term activities today. Congratulations to everyone for their efforts in our end-of-term spelling test.

Happy holidays, everyone!!
TERM 3 IN REVIEW
Holidays

Hasn’t this term gone quickly? Last week, Mrs Allan emailed through saying that there were only “15 Fridays until Christmas”. That really is scary! Or maybe for some of us, the year isn’t moving quick enough! Regardless of how this term has gone for you and your family, the school holidays are upon us. I hope they can be a time where you and your family can relax! Over the past 9 weeks, I’ve been sharing short thoughts from the Bible. We’ve been looking at a variety of topics, everything from what happens in our brain when we connect with God, to looking at what gossip does to us. As the Chaplain of our School and the Pastor of our campus Church, it’s my job to care for our staff, students and their families. I hope that these short thoughts from the Bible have provided comfort in a some small way. Next term we’ll continue looking through the Bible, and if you have any questions, I’d love to hear them! As we’ve said before, if you’re not a Christian and think the Bible is a bit strange, I’m with you! It really can be a bit of a strange book. I also believe that it’s powerful and can speak into our lives. So if you have questions, I’d love to hear them!

One final thing: if there is anything I can do to support your family, please don’t hesitate to ask. If you have any questions about the Bible, Church, Jesus or anything else you can think of, please don’t hesitate to reach out. You can contact me through reception or send me an email (bgoodall@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au), whatever works for you.

Know that your family is in our prayers.

Pastor Brock