Book Week

Book Week with Style by Dr F

Toronto students were very creative in the books they chose and the costumes chosen to illustrate their book of choice. Even some of the teachers and parents were seen in costume at the parade.

The students were enthusiastic in their applause as each classroom paraded and presented the book title to the parents and students attending the parade.

On Wednesday the students visited the big campus and looked at lots of new books and selected a book of their choice. The Pre-Kindies even got to visit Dr Faull in his Office! A great event enjoyed by all!
Art Show
Toronto Campus students have the opportunity to participate in this year’s Avondale School Art Show. The event will take place on 10 September at 6:30pm in the Collaborative Learning Centre, Cooranbong Campus. The theme is “My Family” and students can enter by completing a form and attaching it to their artwork. Artworks need to be dropped off to the Cooranbong Campus office by Monday 5 September 2016.

Fundraising
You have another opportunity to make a difference at Toronto Campus. By ordering yummy vanilla slices, plain lamingtons and cream lamingtons you will be supporting our school. Please encourage your friends and family to place an order! Order forms and pre-payment of order need to be returned to school by Friday 9 September. Delivery arranged for 21 September - just in time for the school holidays!

Thank you!

Open Day
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We do appreciate you as our ‘ambassadors’ sharing with your friends about Toronto Campus and the great things that are happening here.

Pre-Kindy Extra Day - Expressions of Interest
We are pleased to share that all positions are now filled for our Pre-Kindy classes. Therefore we are calling for expressions of interest in opening for another day - Friday. Should there be sufficient interest we could present a case to the Avondale School Principal for opening an extra day.

So far 5 families have shown interest.

Please share this information with family and friends and register your interest at reception. Thank you!

Awards

Students of the Week
Pre-Kindy - Lieve
K-2 - Darius
3-6 - Grace

Values Award
Pre-Kindy - Ebony
K-2 - Peter
3-6 - Kanayah

We Value Resilience
Principal’s Message
It was just great this week to see the children dressed in costumes and be part of the book parade. It was also great to have a number of parents there to show their support as well.

The value we are discussing with students in coming days is an ‘R’ word! Resilience is the ability to ‘bounce back’ after a tough situation or difficult time and then get back to feeling just about as good as you felt before. It’s also the ability to adapt to difficult circumstances that you can’t change, and keep on thriving.

We see simple examples every day, a child trips and skins his knee, a moment to reflect, a tear or two and they’re up and running as though nothing happened.

Challenges are a normal part of life, and young people have to learn to cope with them by themselves. Let your child have a go at sorting out her own problems and fighting his or her own battles before you step in. Fumbles and even failures are part of the process.

You’re a role model for your child. Let him or her see and hear you being positive and optimistic. You can do this by thanking other people for their support, saying ‘Things will get better soon and I can cope with this’, and expecting that good things are possible.

Enjoy the news for this week!

Dr DJ Faull

General News

Father’s Day Stall - Tuesday 30 August
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School Council
Our School is run by teachers but the general organisation, oversight and compliance is cared for by our School Council. The team is lead by the chair Mr David Cooper, a local architect.

On Monday night we considered reports from the Chaplain and the Principal and looked at the School Budget.

One area of concern is unpaid school fees. We really need your help to make your payments on time. We expect our Pre-Kindy payments to be up to date and School Fees should not get behind.

In the next few days Council has asked me to write to parents and remind them about fees. If you have any questions please pop in and talk to Mrs Allan in the Office or hop on line now and make that payment.

It would be great to go to the next Council meeting in a few weeks and see that balance reduced.

Sympathy
Mrs Woods has been away, sadly attending her sister in-law’s funeral. We hold Mrs Wood and her husband Pr Rodney in our hearts and prayers at this sad time, and wish them safe travel.
Pre-Kindy

Book Week has been our focus this week in Pre-Kindy. Our book character parade on Tuesday was a time of excitement. Well done parents for your big effort in getting things sorted in the wardrobe department! The children looked amazing. The teachers have been reading us special stories this week, and Mrs Thompson read, “Piranhas Don’t Like Bananas”, by Aaron Blabey. It was really funny and we think Mrs Thompson liked the story the most. We also made piranhas from paper plates. Mrs Greensill and Mrs Ryan also shared special stories with Pre-Kindy.

On Wednesday we visited the iCentre at the Cooranbong Campus where we went shopping. It was interesting to see the different shopping techniques employed by Pre-Kindy children. Some walked in, and took the first book to the counter to buy (after which they were kindly directed back to check that there was not another book that they may prefer more). Some children carefully laboured over which book they would choose, and finally settled on a choice. We tried really hard to keep our money safe and not lose any in the big fluffy mat we sat on at the end!

One exciting thing that happened while we were at the Cooranbong Campus was we got to visit Dr Faull’s office. It was so exciting in there. There was even a box of toys!! We also got a special treat from Dr Faull as we said goodbye. It’s been a great week for us, and we hope you have had a great week also.
We had such a lovely week with Book Week. The parade was fantastic with each of our students dressing up and sharing their books with us. We also visited Pre-Kindy and the Years 3-6 classrooms to hear a special book and participate in special activities. We also travelled to Avondale Campus to visit the special pop up book store and purchased some little treasures and books. All of these activities gave so much to write about and talk about.

During Maths this week our focus has been on area. We looked at and compared different areas in and outside the classroom using different methods and materials to measure area.

Due to the rain our garden time was a little limited although we did eat the last of the peas and had a look at how many potato plants have come up.

The theme for show and tell for this week: Retell a favourite story to the class. We heard different stories from students and some I was not familiar with but all were interesting. This is a skill you can practice with your students after they have read their home reader, ask them to retell the story in their own words. This will give you an idea of how much of the story they have understood. Next week the topic for show and tell is: Interesting information about a nocturnal animal or bird. The class really enjoys guessing the animal or bird after they have heard some facts.

Congratulations to the following students:
Star of the Week – Darius
Value of the Week Award – Peter
Speedy Maths – Eden, Daniel, Darius, Katie and Kayden.

Library is on a Friday and we all need a library bag to take books home. So if your student has not got a library bag or has lost it they can simply bring in a cloth shopping bag or something similar with their name on it so they can participate and reap the benefits of taking home some more books to look at and read.
What an eventful week it has been! We have just loved participating in all the Book Week activities. On Monday we made a ‘Welcome to Book Week’ banner and we shared it with the school on Tuesday at the Book Character Parade. We are very proud of our artwork. We really enjoyed the Book Character Parade on Tuesday. It was great to see everyone’s costumes. A BIG thank you to the parents who came along and joined in all the fun. We also want to thank Pr Brock and Dr Faull for coming to our parade. Didn’t Dr Faull look great! We had so much fun participating in all the special activities the teachers had planned for us. We hope you enjoy the picture of the lovely artworks we created with Mrs Ryan.

A great BIG thank you to Mrs Lister and the iCentre staff for allowing us to visit the Book Fair on Wednesday. It was great to be able to visit our Cooranbong Campus again and purchase some interesting books.

We need to remember to bring along some money on Tuesday so that we can purchase a gift for our dad at our Father’s Day stall.

A fabulous effort this week, everyone!
Chaplain’s Message

Power

Looking at the origin of words and how their meanings have changed throughout history is very interesting. The practice of doing this is known as ‘etymology’. If we look at the word ‘power’, we find that it originally meant “an ability to act or do”. This was particularly true in the context of battle and war. In other words, ‘power’ meant that you had ability and authority over others.

It’s interesting to read about ‘power’ as it’s mentioned throughout the Bible. Verses such as: “And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.” - Ephesians 1:19–23

We can see from these verses that God is referred to as being incredibly powerful. But what does that power look like? Of course it’s mentioned that he had power to raise Jesus from the dead. But this isn’t the only way the Bible speaks of power.

In the book of John, chapter 13, we read of Jesus meeting in a room with His disciples. As was the custom before eating together, a servant must come and wash the hands and feet of those who had reclined at the table. In this story mentioned in John 13, we see the disciples had taken their place at the table - yet no servant was provided. Nobody had come forward to wash the feet of the guests. The tension in the room was thick. Who would do this? Who would lower themselves?

“Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” - John 13:3–5

Something truly incredible happened in that room. Jesus, in the act of serving, redefined power. He showed us a new way - a way not of dominating others, but humbling ourselves in service. Power then, truly is “an ability to act or do”, and that thing we do is to serve others.

Pastor Brock

Campus Information

Prayer Requests
We would like to encourage our school community to come together in prayer.

If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to let the staff know, so that we can include your request in our prayers.

Office Hours
Monday  Closed
Tuesday  8:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday  8:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday  8:30am - 01:30pm
Friday  8:30am - 12:30pm

Uniform Shop Hours (Cooranbong Campus)
Monday  8:30 am - 4:30pm
Wednesday  8:30 am - 4:30pm

Calendar - Term 3

Father’s Day Stall ..............................................Aug 30
National Literacy and Numeracy Week...Aug 29 - Sept 4
End of Term 3...................................................Sept 23

School Term Dates 2016

Term 1 Wednesday January 27 - Friday April 8
Term 2 Tuesday April 26 - Friday July 1
Term 3 Monday July 25 - Friday September 23
Term 4 Monday October 10 - Tuesday December 13