NBN EXCURSION

On the 26th of October the 3-6 class, also known as the TCN news crew, went to the NBN television news studio.
When we arrived, we met our tour guide, Mr Greg Sellers. After that, we saw some amazing places such as; the journalist room, a prop room, a commercial room, the newsroom, and last but not least, the studio where they film the news!! Adding to that, we met a news reader, Paul Lobb, who let me, and my fellow news anchor Ben, sit at the news desk and watch them film the news live!!
I really liked the newsroom because instead of a green screen like our TCN news room, they had an actual studio. I would recommend this excursion to schools because they can learn a lot and maybe find their future job.

By Tamar, Year 5
I was discussing family values and their importance this week and this statement from the conversation is worth quoting. ‘It’s not enough to know how to be reliable; you have to do it.’

Reliability is one of the foundations of teamwork or cooperation. It allows people to work together, with each person doing what he or she does best, knowing that team members or friends, or co-workers are taking care of other tasks. It’s not just talk it’s action!

Did you notice in the news last week the solar cars competing to be the quickest and most energy efficient car travelling from Darwin to Adelaide. It was amazing!! One of the engineers quotes: ‘Simplicity is prerequisite for reliability.’ (Edsger Dijkstra) made me pause and reflect, as I watched these amazing machines fly along using just the power of the sun!! Amazing reliability!!

In recent weeks, I have watched in the media, some of the images of refugee camps that have no running water, little or no electricity, no sewerage and very little food. Sometimes it is good for us to acknowledge all the great things we have, because people work hard to make those services reliable, so reliable that we take them for granted.

In the final weeks of the school year we are enjoying the results of the reliable hard work of lots of people. We look forward to seeing the results of reliable quality learning in School Reports at Speech Night. It’s a simple choice!! The only people who count are those who can be counted on.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Jump Rope
Our students are participating in the Jump Rope for Heart PE activities and fundraiser this term. Funds raised will go to the Heart Foundation and our school. Students can look forward to a special jump off day later in the term.

Car Park
We are kindly asking all parents to refrain from parking along the sides of the school’s driveway. It is very important that the driveway is clear at all times so that all vehicles, including the big public buses, can access the area and traffic can flow smoothly. Thank you!

Kindy Orientation
It is almost time for a new group of Kindy students to start big school. To assist parents with preparation and understanding the transition, we plan to hold a Kindy Orientation event on Tuesday 17 November commencing at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you as a Kindy parent.

School Fees
A big thank you to everyone who has paid for their fees for the year. If you have not yet finalised this year’s fees we would encourage you to settle your account prior to Speech Night. Please see Tammy during office hours.

Speech Night
This year our final program will be on December 8 in the church building at 7pm. The students have started to practise the songs they will perform and in the upper years they are focused on getting tasks done that will show in their assessments.

We do want every child’s school report to reflect their best efforts. Your encouragement is appreciated.

Swimming
The last two swimming lessons for this term are planned to take place on 26 November and 4 December. Please refer to the letter that was sent home for more information about our swimming lessons.

Thank you
The teachers would like to extend their sincere thanks to our students, parents, Mrs Bennett and Pastor Brock for organising the lovely Teacher Appreciation Day program and morning tea on Thursday. It was such a wonderful surprise and very much appreciated. THANK YOU!!

Students of the Week
Pre-Kindy - Logan
K-2 - Grace
K-3 - Arsaalan
3-6 - Jonathan

Kindness Award
Pre-Kindy - Beau
K-2 - Arsaalan
3-6 - Jonathan

Values Award
Pre-Kindy - Hugh
K-2 - Daniel
3-6 - Tamar
This week in Pre-Kindy we learnt about the letters c, i and f. We also learnt to sound out three letter words that ended with “at”, like cat, mat, bat, sat.

We all showed Mrs Thompson how much we have learnt about reading this year. We all had a special reading test so Mrs Thompson could see what she needs to teach us next. We all did really well!!!!

Our value this week has been reliability. We have lots of reliable children in Pre-Kindy. We watched a very good video about being responsible too. See if your child can tell you all about it. It involved watering some plants and someone who did not do their responsibility very well.

The photos this week are of children singing the Lord’s Prayer during worship time on Thursday. Have a great week everyone.

Mrs Martin came for her first day of LOTE (Languages Other Than English) to teach us Mandarin. The class had fun sharing with her what they already knew and then they made panda masks that were taken home. Thank you Mrs Martin for a great lesson.

It has been a very exciting week for Years 3-6 this week. We really enjoyed our trip to the NBN studios on Monday. It was certainly great to see how NBN produces their news presentations. A big thank you to Mrs Thompson for organising this excursion, to Mr Watters for driving the bus and Mrs Holt for helping out. We definitely also want to thank NBN for giving us this fantastic opportunity.

We have been working hard in Maths to learn all about fractions and decimals. Lots of effort has gone into learning our spelling words and we now know about some more important rules/sounds. We have had great participation in Bible and it has been inspiring to learn all about the tremendous commitment some people made to God.

Well done to William for presenting his Science experiment to us this week. It was great to see his enthusiasm for sharing his work with the class.

What an awesome day it was on Thursday with our Teacher Appreciation Day! The teachers were blessed with bouquets of flowers including pictures of students, words of appreciation and the delicious morning tea shared by the whole school. Mrs Cameron feels very appreciated and is looking forward to next year's one already!! Thank you to all the special mums who helped to make the day so special. Thank you especially Mrs Bennett for all the hard work you did for us.

It was exciting seeing Mrs Reed and her new baby Noah on Wednesday when Mr Reed came to take Chapel. Thank you for the special story you told us too, Mr Reed, about how it must have been so hard for God to send His Son to die for us.

It will be exciting to have you visit our class soon, Mrs Reed.
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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: 8:30pm - 1:30pm
Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm

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

Calendar - Term 4
Kindy Orientation: November 17
Pupil free day: November 27
TCN Awards Night: November 29
Last day of school for 2015: December 8
Speech Night: December 8

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 - Friday, December 9

Personal comments from the rest of the TCN news crew

Ben: “I really liked the newsroom because me and Tamar got to sit at the news desk with Paul Lobb. I think that schools should try this excursion because it is a lot of fun for the kids and adults.” Yr 6

Cassie: “I really liked watching people write the scripts. I would recommend this excursion to everyone because it is a good life experience.” Yr 4

Adam: “I thought it was really cool to go to NBN and watch tv on heaps of tv screens.” Yr 4

Jonathan: “I really like it when they were filming the live news because I got to see the news and I filmed the news on our TCN camera”. Yr 3

This week, the Year 3-6 class had a wonderful day visiting the NBN television studios in Newcastle. It was very exciting to see how things happen behind the scenes at NBN. The children asked a lot of questions and learnt so much. Since we run our own news program, Toronto Campus News, the excursion took on a whole new meaning as our TCN news crew learnt how their counterparts do their jobs at NBN. We even showed the team at NBN our latest edition of our TCN news!! They were very impressed. Our tour guide was so impressed with our students that he said we will have to make this an annual event!

A very BIG thank you to NBN for allowing us to visit and extend our learning beyond the classroom. A special thank you also for our parent volunteer, Mrs Holt, and our bus driver, Mr Watters.

Mrs Thompson