

Year 6 Newsletter

26 April 2013

Welcome To Term 4

It has been a challenging and exciting first four weeks of term. All the learners have approached this final term enthusiastically and with the motivation to ensure that it is the most successful of the academic year. We thank all the learners and parents and guardians for their high level of support and participation in all we plan and engage in. We extend a warm welcome back to Daniel who has been greatly missed.

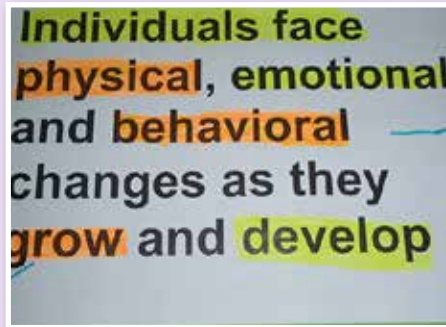
Unit of Inquiry

We have continued our new and exciting UOI topic on 'Who we are'. Learners have been writing a script about themselves and who they are now. Learners have created their own iMovie about themselves and will use the script to go along with this video. They have been editing, adding music and titles to their movie. This week they will be learning about creating their own website on to which they will add all of the learning that is taking place in relation to the central idea; 'individuals face physical, emotional and behavioural changes as they grow and develop'. We will be discussing and reviewing online security with our learners and how it relates to the 'Who we are' information that they have been developing.



Mathematics

All learners now have access to the online mathematics program 'Mathletics' and this is being used to reinforce concepts reviewed in class. It is also the prime homework tool for Numeracy homework as all results are assessed and recorded. The online reading and comprehension program **Reading Eggs** has also been made available for all our learners and is reinforcing the Literacy program both in class and for homework tasks.



Auditions for our production of 'Jungle Book' were conducted by Mr Paul and Ms Danielle and characters, roles and songs have been assigned to all classes and learners. Rehearsals have commenced and, with the support of our specialist staff, class teachers (Years 3 - 6) and especially parents, we are certain that this will be an exciting event and not to be missed.

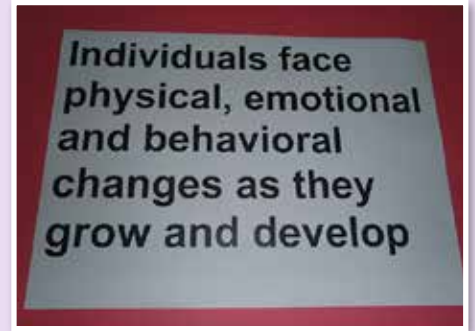
A successful meeting was held by Mr Beach to talk about the residential trip to Bintan, Indonesia. Please return the necessary paperwork as soon as possible.

Class photos and team sports photos have been taken and are available for purchase. The class/individual photos have been sent home and the team sports photos are on display outside the PE office for you to view.

A very successful Primary School swimming gala was conducted last Friday. We are all very proud of the efforts of all learners in this event and it was wonderful to see the everyone enjoying themselves and the cooperation displayed by the learners.

Spelling, reading comprehension and mathematics homework will continue as usual for this term (except for the week of the trip and the final week of school before the summer break). It is very important that learners read daily at home to themselves or a family member, or that someone reads to them. Please make sure that you have a discussion about the reading material with your children as well.





Reminders

Wednesday, 24 April	Final day of CCA for the academic year
Saturday, 27 April (9am)	NISS Open Day
Saturday, 27 April (4pm)	Year 6 Family BBQ and Picnic at West Coast Park
Wednesday, 1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Saturday, 4 May	Beach Clean Up and BBQ
Wednesday, 8 May	Transition programme to the Secondary School commences (lessons will take place over the coming weeks from this date)
Tuesday, 21 May – Thursday, 23 May	Year 6 Residential Camp, LooLa Adventure Resort, Bintan Island, Indonesia
Friday, 24 May	Vesak Day (school closed)
Friday, 7 June	Years 3 to 6 Production
Thursday, 13 June	Year 6 Assembly