Wednesday 28th October 2015

Week 4 Term 4

Dear Families,

Our first ever Community Art Show was a great success because of the support shown by our amazing community. I was a proud principal who heard so many positive comments as I wandered around.

Huge thankyous to our outstanding staff who have worked with students to produce some stunning art. Special thanks to Sharon Wright from Cardiff High who bought up great art from the students at Cardiff High; to Belinda Street for sharing her intricate landscapes and Bob Cooper for his colourful canvases.

The photography competition was stunning with our 3 special judges struggling to find just 1 overall winner. They kept asking me if “kids” had taken the photos as they were so good. Winner published next week.

As always all staff worked above and beyond. The free activities of face painting, fun photos, painting and craft were very popular.

The band with Mr Mathews and our new infants percussion group directed by Mrs McDermott and Mrs Woodbridge provided some great entertainment.

Special special thanks go the Federal Government for providing a small grant, given to schools for a community engagement project. This allowed us to provide some yummy food for this event.

Mrs McDermott and Miss Cootes (with support from staff) were the driving forces behind the organisation of this event. Mrs McDermott who is currently on leave, spent days and days in her own time to make this the successful event it was. Our community thank them both. We are talking about making this event every second year. Musical next year!

The Department have decided to place a second K-6 Autism class at our great school. This is a direct result of the outstanding success of the Frogs and because of an increasing demand to support students with Autism in our area. The class will be situated in the “now” Wallabies room as it has a toilet facility.

A new demountable will be placed next to the vege patch as soon as possible. We have also applied as part of this establishment for a fence along Myall Road. I know our students, staff and community will embrace these new students in 2016.

I can’t wait for the Teddy’s Bear Picnic with our 2015 and 2016 kindergarten’s on Thursday. Have a great week.

Jo Swadling
ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Last Wednesday Mrs Swadling, Tamara, Annalise and Chloe attended the LMCC Environment Awards. This year our school didn't win an award but we received a bag of goodies including 2 plants and a $50 Bunnings voucher.

A Message from Cardiff High School: Congratulations to Ella Guiney (Year 7), winner of the 2015 Australian Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and NT High School students. Ella has won a Highly Commended Prize in the Junior Division and we congratulate her on her excellent essay! Ella will be invited to the official residence of the Consul-General of Japan in Sydney to meet Mr Masato Takaoka and receive her award. Here at GSPS we are so proud to hear that our former students are still striving and achieving such amazing things. Well done Ella!

Attention Future Musicians: If you are in Years 2-5 and are interested in joining the GSPS Concert Band in 2016, please come and see Mr Mathews before the end of term. We have opportunities in clarinet, flute, trumpet, drums/percussion, trombone, saxophone, keyboard and bass guitar and if instruments are available they can be borrowed over the holidays. Learning a musical instrument has been linked with academic and social development in children and is a great opportunity to learn new skills, represent your school and have fun with your friends.

Good for Kids

Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own ‘ice cream’ using mashed up bananas (It’s deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!

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