Year 5 Debating

On Wednesday the 4th March as this year’s debating team we attended a debating workshop at Robert Townsend Public School. We learnt hints and rules on how to give a prepared speech on a certain topic and how to make our rebuttals stronger in debate.

We learnt the three important debating skills which are:

Manner: Presentation—What you look and sound like.

Method: The rules of debating.

Matter: What you say.

After having a short break we played a game where someone from every school group had to pretend to be a celebrity crashing in a plane and we had to convince the audience in a short speech why we should get the parachute. Evelyn had to give the speech and she pretended she was Nick Kyrgios.

After recess we had a mini debate with a first speaker, second speaker, third and fourth speaker. Our school got positive feedback and congratulated for our good rebuttals. We look forward to competing in future debates against other schools in the Premier’s Debating Competition.

By Jessica, Kaitlyn, Lyric and Evelyn
Year 6 Leadership Camp

From the 2nd of March to the 5th of March our Year 6 students attended their leadership camp at Woolemaia.

This is one of our four initiative games – Stack ‘em up (great teamwork!!)

Giant ball- which team held the ball up the longest???

In free time some of our Year 6 enjoyed a game of volley ball.

On the second day we did kayaking where most of us got wet.
Woogmai Environmental Education Centre is a place that the Year 6 go every year to build up their leadership skills. But this year there was a change and we developed an action plan for school based on what we learnt a leader should be.

We learnt that being a leader is being a role model that guides people on the right path. They can also have a positive impact on younger students. The main focus in our action plan is to develop friendships and trust with the younger students through games and activities that can be done at lunch time and recess at school.

Here are some comments about what Year 6 enjoyed.

'I loved getting together with everyone and making new friendships.'
'I loved the big ball game and it was the most awesome camp I've been on.'
'Archery-enjoyed getting to know people I didn't know.'
'It was a good experience.'

By Matthew and Ethan 5/6C
Crunch and Sip comes to Woodland Road Public School

The Crunch&Sip program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy.

Crunch&Sip is a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives kids a chance to refuel, a bit like putting petrol in a car.

The Crunch&Sip break gives children the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox or not be eaten at all.

The objectives of the Crunch&Sip break are to:

- increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit or vegetables and drinking water every day
- encourage students, teachers and staff to drink water throughout the day in the classroom, during break times and at sports, excursions and camps
- encourage parents to provide students with fruit or vegetables every day
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Mathletics

Inspire Motivate Achieve

Due to popular demand, Woodland Road Public School will be running three workshops to assist you in supporting your child's education at home and at school through the use of these online programs.

Mathletics Workshop:
Wednesday 18th March

StudyLadder Workshop:
Wednesday 25th March

SpellingCity Workshop:
Wednesday 1st April

3–3:30PM and 6–6:30PM in the Library

Run by Miss Smy and Miss Marsh

Achieving Success in a Caring Environment
To raise money for the Leukemia Foundation we are having a Funky Hair Day. The World’s Greatest Shave will take place under the cola 10.30am - 11am.

Children can have their hair coloured at school from 11am - 11.55am for a $2 donation.

Please note that all care is taken with coloured hair sprays. Protective capes are used but if hair gets wet it may stain clothing. Students who participate by coming to school with Funky Hair are asked to give a gold coin donation.

Thank you for your generous support in this worthy cause.

C. Gruden Principal

Library News

All students are encouraged to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge runs to the end of August. Year 3-6 students need to read 15 books from their Challenge list and 5 free choice books and record them onto their Reading Logs. Students in Kinder to Year 2 need to read 25 Challenge books and 5 free choice. Please note that for students in Kinder and Year 1, it is acceptable for parents and teachers to read the books to the children.

Please also ensure that children bring a library bag to protect their books when they borrow. Any lost or damaged books must be paid for or replaced.

If you would like to place an order for Book Club please send the correct money to the library or to the office by Thursday 19th March.

Mrs Nackovski
Teacher Librarian

Canteen RED Day

Friday 20th March

cans of drinks, lollies, cupcakes and ice cream will be available on the day.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Funky Hair Day
A while ago some parents from the school community contacted the school seeking support in a charitable venture. This Friday is the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave, and as it is important to teach children to consider others and support people less fortunate than ourselves, as a school community we will be supporting this day.

At 10.30am one of our parents will be having her hair shaved with the Chronicle newspaper attending. Children are encouraged to support this day. For $2 students may colour their hair or wear a hairstyle that is funky. Students may wish, instead, to pay $2 to have their hair coloured by one of our parents. If parents wish to make a tax deductible donation we have a receipt book at the front office desk.

All money raised will help the Leukaemia Foundation to look after people with blood cancers and pay for research to find better treatments and cures. This is not a mufﬁti day, students are expected to be in school uniform but are encouraged to have funky hair.

Mathletics Parent Workshop
I am very excited to announce our ﬁrst parent workshops for the year. We have 3 online programs that children are encouraged to use as part of their homework. The 3 programs are Mathletics, SpellingCity and Studyladder. We will be holding 2 sessions for the next three Wednesdays. There will be an early session at 3pm with Miss Slym and then a 6pm session with Miss Marsh for our working parents. The half hour session is designed to equip you to support your child using these programs. The workshop for Mathletics is on March 18, Studyladder on March 25 and SpellingCity on April 1.

P A L M Program and Survey Return
This year to support student learning we are introducing a ‘parents as learning mentors’ program. A survey form was sent home with the last newsletter and we had an excellent response. Mr Berger will be contacting you shortly to organise an information and training session. Thank you to the parents and friends who responded and we look forward to a lasting relationship.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is conﬁdential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 20 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

School Photos
School Photos are being taken on Tuesday March 24. We will be having our class photos taken with MSP (Master School Portraits). This is the same company we had last year. Please remember that you need to pay on the day through a MSP envelope. The school does not handle any money on the day and we are unable to give change. Envelopes have been sent home so if you have not received your envelope yet please contact the school.

Please remember that all children are requested to wear summer uniform.

NAPLAN 2015 Dates
Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 need to be aware that in 2015 the dates for the National Assessment Program will be Tuesday May 12 – Thursday May 14.

Gold Awards
Today I will be celebrating with our ﬁrst students who have reached the top of the rainbow, they have reached gold. To reach gold students are expected to follow the school’s expectations of: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. Today we will be having an afternoon tea and they will be receiving their gold award and badge at tomorrow’s whole school assembly.

Regards
Carol Gruden
Principal

Achieving Success in a Caring Environment
Student Banking

Student banking is every Thursday morning at the P&C window from 8.15am to 8.45am.

We are trying to win a gazebo for our school, to do this we need to have the majority of our students banking.

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