Debating Challenge

The Year 6-8 students have been involved in a debating challenge this week. They have all been part of at least four debates and the finals were held today. The students all enthusiastically took part and the quality of the debating was excellent. Thank you to Uncle Ari for organising this activity. Learning the rules of debating and learning the skills of public speaking are excellent skills and the students rose to the occasion.

Today we had a group of University students from Avondale College run a Health Promotion activity for our students. This involved several sporting and fitness activities, as well as some food making activities. The students also were able to make mini pizzas for morning tea. We thank Cheryl Sonter from Avondale and her education students for this activity.

There has been a lot of sickness around recently. A large number of students and staff have been off sick for several days. We hope people are feeling better soon. We also wish Jesse Duperouzel a full return to good health. He had an operation on his arm recently and he is recovering at home.

Next week is the High School Camp. We are travelling to Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands. There will be a range of activities including: Canoeing, bike riding, walking, a tour of the Bradman museum, etc. A list of what to bring was taken home yesterday by the students. The bus will leave around 9am on Monday morning, and we will be returning to school at about 6:00pm next Wednesday. It should be a great experience for the students.

The HSC trial exams concluded today. The students are relieved to get to the end of them. Now the real work starts in preparing for the final HSC exams which begin on the first Friday back next term. The senior students will be required to attend school during the first week of next term as their teachers require. English class will take place on the first Monday of next term.

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Simon Dodson,
Principal

Parents of students who are going to be in years 11-12 next year are invited to an information session next Thursday at 10:30am. This will provide parents with information about subjects and patterns of study.

Thank you to all our bus drivers who tirelessly work to bring our children to school and back each day. Please remember to thank them regularly. They are worth their weight in gold. And we are always on the lookout for new volunteers, so if you are willing, please contact the office.

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Last weeks winning team were THE ROO’s

This week we read a wonderful story about Helen Keller who lived over 100 years ago. We tried to imagine what it would be like to be both deaf and blind like Helen was, and we marvelled at all she achieved in her life. She met Alexander Graham Bell (inventer of the telephone) and graduated from university with Honours! We made some Braille writing—running our fingertips over the bumps with our eyes closed. Then we copied the hand signals for all the letters of the alphabet on a chart in the back of the book. What an amazing true story. It made us very grateful for our sight and our hearing. God really is very clever in his creation of living things!!

We also made stick puppets of bible characters we have been talking about in class (thanks to Mrs Dangerfield for the inspiration). We made them ‘talk’ and act out the stories from the Bible. We also thought about what different characters in the Bible might say to each other if they met (role plays). What do YOU think Moses might say to Paul or to King David if they met one day?? What might WE say to them if we see them in the Kingdom??

Lots of students have been away sick this week. We had six away in one day! Get well soon everyone. Take care and rest (go to bed when Mummy says!)

Take Care— Mrs D ☺

This week we have been doing poetry in English. The students read the concrete poem 'Honey Sandwich' by Elizabeth Honey. In this poem, we looked at the shape and patterns of the text, what words were highlighted and discussed why the author would choose to use this effect. Students also explored how the senses taste, sound, smell, touch and sight can affect the reader using poetry. Once we completed these activities, students came up with different topics that they could use for writing their own concrete poem. So, keep your eye out, because these poems will be on display on a wall near you!!

We have been doing a lot of measuring this week in Mathematics. Students have measured the height of themselves, the height of friends, the lengths of objects and the perimeters of unusual shapes. We have covered the mm, cm, m & km. I wonder how many kilometres you have to travel to get to school? For PE we played 2 new games. One was called 'Spiders & Flies' and the other was 'Tommy Tucker'. In spiders and flies, we had 2 people as spiders who had to catch all the flies (the rest of the class) in their web, while in Tommy Tucker, Tommy had to protect all of his gold! In art, we finished our pictures based on the Coffs Harbour camp and they are all on display in the middle room. Come and check them out!

Miss Relton

SPORT:
Last week for sport we held a House Teams Fencing competition at the Morisset WEC Centre. This was held indoors and the students were divided into their Masada and Gamla Teams. The fencing lanes were allocated according to Year levels and the fencing then commenced. There was some excellent fencing with Masada running out overall winners 80 points to Gamla’s 50 points. We finished the afternoon with a Jnr and Snr Championship playoff which resulted in this year’s School Fencing Champions being Jnr. Champ: Josh Schofield Snr Champ: Ben Dodson

Current House Team Points:
Masada 2364 Gamla 2066

Tomorrow for sport we will be playing softball for team points

DEBATING DAY:
The Debating Finals were held today. All the students did very well. The FINAL was held late in the afternoon—too late to print!
Full report next week.

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP:
Thanks to all the mums who sent in a contribution for the Cake Day today. The children all appreciated the goodies available.

The Camp starts on Monday.
Please refer to the “What To Bring List” on the note that was sent home yesterday.
Remember that we will be in the “Highlands” and it will most likely be cooler than it is here in the Hunter Valley. Bring appropriate warm clothing.
FUNDRAISING BBQ’S IN TORONTO
These are the new dates:
13th & 27th Oct,
10th & 24th Nov
If you can help on any of these days please phone Rhonda:
49599912 or 0428223877

MISSING: BELL FROM OFFICE.
If you know where the bell is please bring it to the Office. This bell is a small brass traditional bell (has sentimental value attached)

School Fees: Fees for Term 3 are now overdue. Please send in asap.
There are some fees outstanding for Term 2—if you are experiencing difficulty in making payment please ring or make an appointment with Mr. Dodson

UNIFORMS:
Amount Owing: $1264.99
Students start wearing the Summer Uniform at the start of Term 4. Please send in any orders for Summer Uniform asap.
Yr. 11 GIRLS: Girls can start wearing the Senior Navy Skirt. See Aunty Chris Ryan if you need to purchase one.

WANTED:
ANY BRAND PLASTIC JARS 4 LITRE ICE CREAM CONTAINERS FOR THE SCIENCE ROOM.

Music: Piano Lessons
Please see attached note

THE FAIR: PLEASE SEND IN THE FEEDBACK FORMS.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Bronze Award: Jesse Carroll
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Belated Birthday:
Aunty Priscilla
On 15th Sept.

Annie Ryan
6 next Sunday

Ryan Shaw
For next Monday
24th Sept
(Distance Ed)

27TH SEPT:
Lor Hill
(Distance Ed)
CHANAN
CROMPTON 17
Tekoah
Ryan 9

FOR SALE:
Tent- 2 Room and
Awning: $200
4 kg Gas Bottle: $15
3 Burner Gas Stove
with Gas Light : $40
All in GOOD condition
See Alan Lampe or
Phone: 43904153

SPECIAL PE DAY
TODAY THE HIGH SCHOOL
HAD A SPECIAL PE EDUCATION
DAY INVOLVING ACTIVITIES AND HEALTHY EATING.
TRAINEE TEACHERS FROM AVONDALE COLLEGE WERE INVOLVED
AND EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL FUN TIME.

FUNDRAISER CAKE DAY▼

PHOTO GALLERY

LIBRARY MID YEAR AMNESTY
PARTICULARLY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!
RETURN YOUR BOOKS—NO QUESTIONS ASKED, YET!

Future Events:

Fri 21st Sept  Immunisations
24th-27th Sept  YR. 6-10 CAMP—BUNDANOON
Fri 28th Sept  Term 3 ends—finish at 2pm
Mon 15th Oct  Staff Return
Tuesday 16th Oct  Students Return

LIBRARY CORNER:
Thank you for all the WONDERFUL
Sydney Harbour Bridge Projects.
They are hanging up in the Library—look for the special model!