PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE 20.6.2014

POLLY WOODSIDE: WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Our Whole School Excursion to the city and Polly Woodside as a final element of the History Concept currently being studied in the classrooms was completed today. This was a great opportunity to view and explore the Tall Ship and have an appreciation for boating life in the 1880s.

Travelling on the train and walking through the city was also a great experience for the children.

Thanks to the parents who volunteered to attend and assisted children on the day.

Particular thanks to Miss Gallagher for organising the whole excursion and the staff for their organisational support.
WRITTEN REPORTS & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Written Reports will be distributed today when the children return from the Polly Woodside Excursion. The Semester 1, June 2014 reports include the new AusVELS curriculum in all areas as opposed to last year’s Semester 1 June Report that reported on four curriculum areas. Semester 1 reports do not show the progression from last year’s Semester 1 Written Report. Thanks to a donation this year the reports will come in a ring folder for parents to keep past, present and future reports. We hope that parents find this folder useful and enjoy reading the detailed reports which may form a springboard for interview time.

Anyone who requires a 2nd report for another parent then please contact the office and this will be arranged. We are aware of those already reported and separate reports have been organised for mailing, others have been enclosed within the folder.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are coming up next week. Thanks to the parents who have already returned interview time preferences. You will find your interview time slip in with the Written Report if it has not already been distributed. Any parents wishing to make interview times may contact the teacher member involved and this may be organised. Tuesday 24th June is the opportunity for evening interviews for working parents.
THANKS PA COMMITTEE – SOUP DAY
The PA provided the children and staff with a wonderful Soup Day last Friday which was enjoyed by all involved. Thanks to the chefs who spent a great deal of time and energy preparing their wonderful soups. I loved the wonderful alphabet pasta in the tomato & bacon soup! More evidence of our hard working PA in action!!

MRS EEELES’ INJURY
Mrs Eeles is continuing to recover from her a fractured ankle (two bones) but has continued to be absent on medical advice. She will have another assessment today and this will provide further information but I am anticipating that she will not attend school at the beginning of the week at least. She continues to be in a “caboot” and on crutches and is trying to keep busy and not get too bored!
I thank Ms Weatherlake for taking Grade 2E again this week.

VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS
The vouchers are now available for families. You may now purchase a voucher for $10 from the school office and then exchange the voucher at Beleza, at the Mountain Gate Shopping Centre location, for a polo shirt of the appropriate size.
Thanks again to the PA/Fundraising Committee for subsidising one polo shirt per child in the school.

END OF TERM 2 – EARLY DISMISSAL
On the last day of Term 2, Friday 27th July, we will be having a final assembly at 2:15 pm and children will be dismissed at 2:30 pm. Please make arrangements for early pick up or you may access the After School Care program if required. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the final assembly.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – LAST DAY OF TERM 2
The JSC has decided to also hold a “Onesie” or “Pyjamas” Day for Out of Uniform day on Friday 27th June.
A gold coin donation will be required to participate and the fundraising would go towards the JSC designated charity.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2014
Next week I will be presenting Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this term. The awards recognise the children with extremely high attendance and minimal absences for each term of the year, and congratulate them on their record. (Please be aware: Absences, late attendance and early departures will affect attendance rates). Gold Attendance awards recognise 100% attendance and Silver Attendance awards recognise 94 – 99% attendance.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd June at 7:30 in the staffroom.
Announcement of interview results and new staff appointment for Grade 3/4G.

FAREWELL OPPORTUNITY
We will be holding a celebratory party for children and parents, particularly in Grade 3/4G, to show appreciation for Mr Gallaher’s work and farewell him on Thursday 26th June in the afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the classroom. Children in Grade 3/4G and parents are welcome to participate and wish Mr G all the best for his new ventures.

PLANNING WEEK – Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th June
There will be no scheduled Specialist Lessons for grades in Art/Craft, Music and Physical Education during the last week of term as this will be a Planning Week for teachers. During planning sessions grades will be taken by specialist teachers or relieving staff in classrooms but those teachers may still have the children participate in Art, Music or PE activities.

Grade 3/4G and Grade 5/6S (Mr Gallaher & Miss Gallaher & New Teacher for Grade3/4G) will be having planning time on Tuesday 24th June from 9am – 1 pm.
Grade 3/4G – Mrs Hickey Oxworth, Grade 5/6S – Mrs Slavin.

Grade 2E and Prep/1C (Mrs Christofis & Mrs Eeles) will be having planning time on Wednesday 25th June from 9am – 1 pm.
Grade 2E – Miss Weatherlake, Prep/1C – Mrs Kittredge.
Mrs Kittredge will have Art planning time on Wednesday afternoon.
Mrs Hickey will have Music planning time on Tuesday afternoon.
Mr Aspinall will have planning time for Physical Education whenever he gets a chance.

UPCOMING EVENTS
WORKING BEE – “Mr G’s Final Bee”
Our next Working Bee will be held on Sunday 22nd June from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We have a heap of jobs to do including spreading mulch under the playground areas and preparing, mowing, brushcutting and other tidying duties. We also have some branches to cut and move. (A chain saw could be a great acquisition.)

MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT
The PA’s Movie Night will be held in the hall tonight starting at 6:00 pm. Don’t forget to bring your sleeping bag or comfortable seating and be prepared for a lazy evening. Hoping all attend enjoy a terrific night. Thanks to Kelly & Steve W for their organisation and preparation for the event.

PROPOSED TWO-SQUARE TOURNAMENT
The JSC has received and supported a request for a Year 3 to 6 Two-Square Tournament during lunchtimes at the end of term with a final to be held between the Year 5/6 champion and the Year 3/4 champion. There would be an entry fee of a gold coin donation to participate and the fundraising would go towards the JSC designated charity. I am anticipating the tournament to be held next week if children are desiring. Staff will assist with supervision and all children will be welcome to be spectators. A separate notice next will give final details if there is final approval and interest.

TERM 3 PLANNING
“PASSIONS 2014” ASSISTANCE
Our annual, and hugely popular, extracurricular recreational activities program will be planned for Term 3 and we are seeking the assistance of parents and community members who are available to be involved in running small groups on a particular area of interest (Passion). The program will be held on Monday, Tuesday or Friday afternoons from 2:00 until 3:30 pm. I am surveying everyone to determine preferred days. The dates are yet to be determined but I am anticipating early in Term 3. Please contact the office or me directly if you are able to assist in any area or would like to find out more information.
REMINDERS

PARENT SURVEY – TABLETS & FOCUS PROJECT
This is the final week to reply to the short survey regarding Digital Tablet format supported and Ideas for Focus Projects for 2014. Thanks to the many parents who have now replied and provided their opinions. The School Council is also keen to hear from parents on what focus projects could be considered for 2014 in consideration of the betterment of the school and environment. A short survey response form is attached to the newsletter last week and I would appreciate completion and return to me by Monday.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE – PA FUNDRAISING
The chocolate fundraising packs/boxes from Cadbury should now be returned. If you still have any outstanding chocolates or money then please return envelopes with money and unsold items directly to the office. This is a major part of the PA/Fundraising drive for 2014.

HOMEWORK CLUB
Our Homework Club will continue next week on Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30 with Danielle Q in the Library. Please contact the office if you would like your child to attend, but you will need to organise pick up at 4:30 pm.

HEADLICE – PLEASE CHECK
There have been a few cases of head lice notified in the school over the last week so please be on the lookout and treat your child as required. The school holidays will be an ideal opportunity to follow up. Please take this opportunity to ensure your child is head lice free and not sent home when identified with head lice!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
The Spelling Competition was completed this week. The next competition will be English on Tuesday 29th July.

FIREWOOD
FREE TO A GOOD HOME
We currently have a few fallen branches on the slope area that are available to families as firewood. Some will need to be cut to size. First in, first served!

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

OUR FUNNY STAFF PHOTO

LIFE SHOULD ALWAYS BE FUN!
**$\text{Term 2 & 3, 2014 - Upwey Primary School}$**

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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.
Don’t forget it's end of term on Friday so it's an early school finish. If a place at BASC is needed please book ASAP.

MONDAY- Finger puppets
TUESDAY- Pompoms
WEDNESDAY- Pompoms again
THURSDAY- Games outside or in hall
FRIDAY- End of term party.
Have a great weekend & see you Monday.

Sam.
Anna’s Art of Beauty
Women’s Mobile Beauty Service
Facials* Waxing* Tinting
Swedish Massage*
Pedicures
Minimum 2 hours service-invite a friend to also indulge.
Contact Anna 0434 147 532
anasartofbeauty@live.com.au
Available Full and Mini menus
(ideal for a women’s pamper day)
Belgrave’s July 14 School Holiday Activities- Bookings essential for all activities. Phone:97547266

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**Monday 30th June 2pm**
**TROUBLE IN FAIRYLAND**
There’s trouble in Fairyland, will there be a happy ending?
Join Lexi the Word Elf and Wiz-Woz-Woo the Wizard for this fun performance.
Ages 5+
Cost $4

**Tuesday 1st July 11am**
**PAPER PLANES**
Bring the whole family along for a fun morning making and flying paper planes.
Ages: 3+

**Tuesday 1st July 4pm**
**WHY WHY WHY**
For kids who like to ask questions. With hands-on experiments, maths puzzles and creative art, we will explore science and let our curiosity run wild.
Join Dr Louise Hartley, an astrophysicist, with three question-asking children of her own.
For Primary School age children.
$5 per child to be paid on the day.

**Wednesday 2nd July 2pm-4pm**
**BEADIE BUDDIES**
Join Heidi to create your own fantastic Beadie Buddy to attach to your schoolbag.
Ages strictly 6+
Cost $3.50 per buddy

**Monday 7th July 11am**
**WORRY DOLLS**
Have fun making your own worry dolls and learn how they can make your troubles disappear!
Ages 5+

**Tuesday 8th July 11am**
**CD CRAFT**
Unleash your creativity and see what you can make with some old CDs
Ages 5+
2014 SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE. Order forms will be sent home today.