Principals Message from my desk

2014 Term 2 Week 9

Today we farewell Jodi from our school as her position has been taken up by the appointment of Mrs Rachel Murray to the permanent SAM vacancy. Jodi has been a valued member of the staff and a huge help to students, parents and teachers since she commenced work here. We will miss her cheerful enthusiasm and wish her all the best in the future.

Last week I participated in professional learning in Core Financial Literacy for NSW Public Schools, Consultative Decision making in Schools; and the first day of Strategic Directions and Planning for 2015 and beyond. All of these sessions were extremely useful and will be used in school planning and administration in the future.

Our advertisement for school visits to the Cultural Centre was published in School Biz last Thursday and already we have had some interest shown. It will be quite a task to organise and facilitate these visits utilising the expertise that we have in the community and with Shane and Talea.

Today we say a temporary goodbye to the French family as they begin their wonderful trip to Darwin where Thomas will represent NSW in the National Polocrosse Tournament. I am sure that they will all have a great time and will have lots of stories to tell when they return next term. Good luck with your games Thomas, I am sure your team will do very well.

On Thursday I was privileged, along with other members of the TFed Small Schools' Committee, to meet with Senator John Kaye at the NSW State Parliament. Our committee raised issues of concern relating to small schools which were then taken to be questions to be asked of the Minister of Education in the lower house. We also spent some time in the visitors' gallery of the House of Representatives and I would have to say that it is very disappointing to see adults behaving rudely when we are always encouraging respectful manners and behaviour in our students.

I spent a fruitful two hours with Jim Roworth last Monday as part of my PARS process where we had a very good discussion on attracting students to Brungle School which we will be making a concerted effort with next term.

I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday. School resumes for students on Tuesday 15th July.

Enjoy your week,

Jen
**Thought of the Week**

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**Crazy Hair Day**

Please don’t forget this Friday is Crazy Hair Day. GO WILD! This day is held as a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis so if you could please bring a gold donation.

Thank you

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**Fruit Break**

Please don’t forget about sending fruit to share every day! We have a short break at 10:00am for students to snack on fruit, this aids in concentration and prevents hunger.

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**Coming Events**

**Term 2**

**Week 9**
Thurs 26th July - Guitar
Fri 27th June - Crazy hair day / Last day of Term 2

**Term 3**

**Week 1**
Tues 15th July - School resumes.
Fri 18th July - 9 day fortnight

**Week 2**
Thurs 24th July - Mosaic workshop

**Week 3**
Thurs 31st July - Mosaic workshop

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* Our Cultural Visit to Humula Scheduled for Tuesday (Tomorrow) has been cancelled due to a terrible weather forecast this week.

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**Summary**

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Science

In science this term we have been learning about Natural Disasters. We have learned about Hurricanes, Cyclones and Tornadoes; Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis. While learning about volcanoes we made models to demonstrate how a build-up of gases in the Earths surface can cause a volcano to erupt.

We also made exploding chocolate volcano cakes and a volcano ice cream cake. Thank you Miss Sini, They were delicious!

Cooking

Last Wednesday for our cooking class we decided to cook Lasagne and our sweets consisted of a beautiful Fruit Salad.