Term 3 Week 5

Principals Message from my desk
2014 Term 3 Week 5

What an incredibly busy week we have had. We have been to Sydney for two days, had lunch with Her Excellency, Professor, Dame the Honourable Marie Bashir, on Tuesday; then hosted Mayor Trina Thompson for lunch on Wednesday and hosted Whitton Public School for a cultural visit on Thursday.

Our Sydney excursion was absolutely amazing. The weather was perfect and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At Taronga Zoo we saw the Seal Show as well as the QBE Bird show and had plenty of time to look at most areas of the zoo. The opportunity to have a trip on the ferry was enjoyed by most and the views of the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Luna Park were appreciated. For some of our students it was the first time they had been on firstly the ferries and secondly the city’s underground trains. The visit to the PowerHouse Museum was also very educational with everyone learning about the steam era as well as having the opportunity to conduct science experiments. Of course the highlight of the trip for everyone was our visit to Government House where we were made very welcome by all the staff. The Governor was as gracious and interested in the children as when she visited our school in May. She took the children for a walk around the beautiful grounds, pointing out many items of interest. Following a delicious finger food lunch, we were taken through the state rooms, again where we learned many interesting details about the actual house and some of the history of New South Wales.

On Wednesday, Mayor Trina Thompson brought the new mayoral chains out to show the students. The students once again cooked a delicious lunch which we all shared.

I am extremely appreciative of the magnificent contribution of Aunty Soni, Aunty Phyllis, Shane and Telea, in making the cultural visit of Whitton Public School such a success. I am the first person to admit that I am still on my ‘L’ plates in this important are of our school and to have the support and skill of these people means that we can make little steps towards having the Aboriginal Education Centre effectively operating again.
This week is a quiet one in comparison to the past few weeks. The students will hopefully be completing their mosaic projects on Thursday.

I will be in Moama on Thursday and Friday attending the 2014 Riverina Primary Principals’ Conference. Some of the guest speakers look very interesting and I look forward to being able to tell you about them next week.

Enjoy your week,

Jen

**Coming Events**

**TERM 3**

**Week 5**
- Mon 11th Aug – Puggles
- Thurs 14th Aug – Guitar lessons
- Thurs 14th Aug – Mosaics
- Fri 15th Aug – 9 day fortnight

**Week 6**
- Science Week
  - Thurs 21st Aug – Guitar
  - Friday 22nd Aug – Visit Gundagai High School for Science Day

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**Thought of the Week**

“SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME.”

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**Fruit Break**

Please remember to send a piece of fruit in everyday to share at fruit break.

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**Whitton Public School Visit**

On Thursday we played host to Whitton Public School when they came to the visit our Brungle Aboriginal Environmental Education Centre.
A Few More Snaps of Taronga Zoo
Sydney Excursion