Dear Parents & Friends,

We were all looking flashy in red today - to be well read, obviously. This week each morning its DEAR time—Drop Everything And Read! The theme for Book Week this year is ‘Across the Story Bridge’. A number of activities & events have been organised during school times. One to one reading, at home & school, in the early years is particularly significant as we ‘learn to read’. In grades 3-6 independent reading and comprehension help us ‘read to learn’. Many thanks to the Literacy Team and our resident storytellers Mrs Zengin and Mrs Oflay.

The Science fair in the gym last week was a huge hit! I couldn’t help but notice the way in which the upper primary students approached and presented their projects. There was a different range of experiments on display. Some of the juniors had the opportunity to touch and feel the goo, slime, bubble and other objects. Everybody was totally engaged and had immense pleasure, even if at times some experiments failed.

Ramadan brings us together in different ways as in prayer and iftar. Mrs. Serap Sinik, our Pastoral Care Deputy, and team have been very busy arranging and planning iftars. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the gr 5/6 Mothers & Daughters together at iftar last week.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

Year 7 – 2011

Most of the grade 6 students have now received results from the Secondary Entrance Examinations/Scholarships. If you have any concerns regarding the placement of your child in year 7 next year, it is advised that you contact the secondary campuses. Portfolios & Student-Led Conferences

You may recall, last year we piloted portfolios and student led conferences to develop our assessment and reporting practices. This year all students will have the opportunity to take part in this process this term. The final week of the term is designated for this purpose. Many staff and students are now in the process of reviewing portfolios and preparing for our student-led conferences. You will have received a brochure last Friday with information regarding our portfolios and student led conferences.

UNSW ICAS Competitions

ICAS competitions for this year have now concluded with the Maths test last week. We received our Writing results recently. I am proud to announce Afra Abdullah, Nazli Sevinc and Tanya Ali have all received credit awards. Well done to all the students who participated.

The Kids-Life! Program is designed to support and resource families to make healthy lifestyle changes. Targeting families of primary school aged children, the program uses a practical interactive approach inspiring families to -

- learn to enjoy preparing and eating healthy foods
- reading food labels
- healthy shopping on a budget
- making exercise fun – especially for children who aren’t fans of traditional schools sports

Families take part in fun 2-hour sessions, twice a week for 10 weeks in line with school terms.

Contact the Kids-Life! Coordinator in your area -

Broadmeadows & Craigieburn – Mark Foote
Dianella Community Health ph 8345 5244
mark.foote@dianella.org.au

Are you concerned about your child’s health? This FREE innovative program could make a difference to a child’s life!!

Above : Gr 5/6 Mums & Daughters iftar
The preps are enjoying the 'Minibeasts and Creatures in the Garden' topic, with so much hands on learning happening! We have been learning about the difference between insects and spiders, their characteristics and habitats. It was exciting to see students making their 'marshmallow spiders'. We had to count carefully to make sure we have 8 legs for our spiders. It sure was a yummy treat eating them afterwards! Here are some spider facts for you all...

- Spider's have 2 body segments
- Spider's have 8 legs
- Spider's can grow a leg if they lose one
- Male spiders have eight eyes
- Most spiders have eight eyes
- Most spiders have poison glands and fangs in their jaws, which they use to inject poison into insects
- Spiders use spider silk to make a web
- Spiders can

Prep Team

The grade 1's went on an excursion to the Woodworks Room in Elsternwick. The students had the opportunity to make their own windmills in a custom build children's workshop. Everyone gained new skills and completed their wooden model following step by step instruction. The program helped build self esteem, encourage experimentation and imagination. The children had heaps of fun and ended the day playing at a nearby park.

Grade 1 Team

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KID PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY
If I ever got the chance to be principal there would be lots of things I would like to do. I wouldn’t mind which school I could go to and be principal at.
Actually I think I do know which school I would go too. I would go to the strictest school in the world. And when I’d get there everybody would be staring at me like they had never seen a human being before.
The kids would still be in shock because I am so small and I would open my mouth and say, kids I bought a McDonalds shop for your school. They would all look at me and tell me that I was the best principal and they would all run to the McDonalds store. While they were eating McDonalds, I would then get the second surprise ready for them and buy a rollercoaster with a loop and a huge drop like the superman escape in movie world. Then I would call all of the kids and tell them that I bought a superman escape rollercoaster. They would go on it and make noises like “whoaaaaa” and even the teachers and the canteen ladies would go on the rollercoaster.
Then when my time was up I would leave. But then I would get a phone call from my friends and they would tell me how much they miss me and that they want me to come back. And because I did such a fantastic job the principal would say, ‘stay and be principal forever’.

Atahan Aslan 3C

HOW TO MAKE A WIND TURBINE
Materials
• Paper
• Scissors
• Pin
• Straw
• Blu Tac
• Pencil

Procedure
1. First get one piece of paper (coloured)
2. Then cut out the sides
3. Fold the sides one by one
4. Decorate the empty places and colour
5. Then get a pin and pin it so it all can stay straight
6. Get a straw and put it through the pin
7. Then put blu tac over the straw so it can stick

Evaluation
I went outside and the wind power made it move.

Adem Hussein 4B

HOw To make a wind turbine
Materials,
1X A4 paper.
1 pack coloured.
1X pin.
1X straw.
1X scissors.
1X scissors.

Procedure:
Get a piece of paper and fold it into the middle 1 by 1. Decorate the paper as nice and colourful as you want.
Get the pin and pin the pin the paper into the middle so it can stay still enough so it doesn’t break.
Get the straw and make a hole in the straw by using the pin.
Stick in on together. (make sure it’s tight enough.) Your blue tac has to go onto the pin and straw at the back.
Go outside and test it.
Tayla Ali 4B

Animals
Anacondas are very vicious
None of the animals start with N
Iguanas can camouflage everywhere
Monkeys can swing really high
Arctic fox are really dangerous
Lions have fur around their head
Sharks have sharp teeth and they live in water
Pigs stink really really bad
Orang-utans are like monkeys but big
Eagles fly in the air
Mammals are humans and animals

Eray Cekic 3B
Frequently Asked Questions About Ramadan

What is Ramadan?
Ramadan is a time where Muslims all over the world do not eat or drink between dawn and sunset. It is a time of increasing good deeds and avoiding anything that displeases Allah. It is also a time for us to thank Allah for all the blessings He has given us and make dua for those that are not so fortunate.

Ramadan is the 9th month in the Islamic Calendar. It is the month that Allah first revealed the Qur'an to our beloved Prophet Muhammad (salAllahu alayhi wasalam). In this month, the whole Qur'an was sent down to the first sky from Lauhi Mahfouz.

During the month of Ramadan, the gates of Jannah (Paradise) are opened and the gates of Jahannum Hell-fire are shut.

How long is Ramadan?
Ramadan is usually between 29 and 30 days each year, depending on the new moon being sighted.

What does Ramadan mean?
Ramadan is an old Arabic word (RAMAD) literally meaning ‘scorching heat’. However, in the context of Ramadan this means to dissolve away past sins. Ramadan occurs in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar where all Muslims are required to fast.

What is the Islamic calendar?
The Islamic calendar is a lunar one. That means that it follows the cycle of the moon. The Islamic calendar moves back 10 days every year, meaning that Ramadan always falls at a different time each year.

What is Fasting?
In Ramadan, Muslims don’t eat or drink anything at all from dawn to sunset. This is called sawm and is one of the Pillars of Islam.

What is static electricity?
Scientists under cover

That’s the way, get your hands dirty

Can I brush my teeth when I’m fasting?
Yes, you may brush your teeth as long as you do not swallow any toothpaste or water!

What happens if I am forgetful and I eat whilst I’m fasting?
If you have had something to eat or drink accidentally whilst you are fasting, don’t worry! You may continue fasting for the remainder of the day. You don’t need to make up a day for doing this.

What about injections? Can I still have those whilst I’m fasting?
Injections for immunization are sometimes given at schools throughout the year. It is ok for you to have an immunization shot without breaking your fast, as it is not nourishing your body in any way.

Can I fast for half the day only?
All Muslims that have reached puberty, male and female, must participate in fasting during Ramadan. People who are elderly, sick or pregnant do not have to fast, however they may make up the days they have missed or pay to feed a poor person equivalent to these days.

Can I visit the dentist during Ramadan?
Yes, you may have your teeth cleaned and fixed whilst you are fasting, as long as you are careful not to swallow any blood or medication during this time.

Can I have asthma, can I still use my puffer when I’m fasting?
Yes, you can still use your puffer during Ramadan without breaking your fast. This is because it is simply compressed air that you are inhaling into your lungs.

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Can I fast for half the day only?
If you are young and have never fasted before, try to fast until recess or lunch time. This is a great way to get your body used to fasting, so that you may fast the entire day when you are older. Remember to speak to mum or dad before you try this!

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Funny Fact 1:
Mosquitoes have 47 teeth.

Funny Fact 2:
Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.

Once again Isik College celebrated National Science Week at school. Students in grade 5 and 6 presented experiments to students from Prep to 4. This gave the opportunity for all students to conduct, demonstrate and provide an explanation to how things work & to enjoy the subject science. A big thank you to all the grade 5 and 6 students who demonstrated amazing experiments for all students to view and enjoy.

Mrs. Ozlem Bayram
Integrated St. Team Leader

2010 Annual Science Fair

What is static electricity?