Dear Parents & Students,

We have already reached to the end of term 1. It was pleasing to see that our students were really involved in their studies and engaged in learning new things and ideas every day. They all had fun and excitement by attending the swimming sessions during this term. On Tuesday 22nd of March some of our students went on an excursion to Barwon Reservoir to understand how water collection, cleaning, filtration and purifying process works. They have gained great deal of information on how much work is involved to have a clean drinking water from the tap.

I hope everyone liked the 2010 end of year concert DVD. You will enjoy watching your child’s performances on that colourful day. In this regard, I would like to thank our parent Mr. Allaa Besiou for compiling and copying the DVDs free of charge for our school. I want to remind our parents to attend the parent teacher interviews on Wednesday, 27th of April. You will receive valuable feedback and advice from our teachers regarding the progress of your child. I also urge our parents to make their school fee payments as early as possible so our school can improve the quality of education with your support.

Regards

Ruhi Zeybek

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Important dates to put on your calendar

- 6th April - Grade 5/6 Camp
- 8th April - Last day of term 1 (Holidays begin)
- 28th April - Term 2 begins
- 27th April - Parent teacher interviews
- 9th of May - School Photos

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Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy term and the term one holidays are quickly approaching. Children have established routines, and enjoyed the topics we’ve looked at. We’ve covered lots of numeracy topics, establishing and extending on handwriting skills. Our theme topic of toys has been very fun and the students have enjoyed doing the hands on science related to toys. With the cooler weather, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. If you have not yet sent in a box of tissues and hand soap, please do so.

Homework routine at home should be consistent and a quiet area should be provided to ensure your child can concentrate and focus on their tasks. Students will receive weekly spelling lists next term. For the holidays, students will also get some homework tasks to complete. Reading should be consistent and high frequency sight words should also be practised regularly.

See you at the parent-teacher interviews on the 27th of April, 2011. Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Regards,

Ms.K
Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic first term. The students have enjoyed the integrated topic about toys, especially the science experiments. I hope they enjoy next term’s topic ‘plants’ as much as they did toys.

We have made a couple of class books this term. The students have enjoyed reading their own work. They especially enjoyed writing ‘Triangle Poetry’. I have included some for your enjoyment.

As it is holidays, it is important that students be given many different experiences. Check in your local paper for any exiting holiday events—sometimes they are free. Ask your local library if they are running anything special that your child may be interested in.

Students will have holiday homework to complete. They need to ask your family some questions and create a graph. Please help your child with this and don’t forget to listen to your child read. Join up at your local library - it’s free!

Regards

Ms Natalie Todeschini

Spring
Warm, spring
Red, warm, spring
Green, red, warm, spring
Blue, green, red, warm, spring

Winter
Cold, winter
Snow, cold, winter
Water, snow, cold, winter
Wet, water, snow, cold, winter

Farm
Animals, farm
Farmer, animals, farm
Hay, farmer, animals, farm
Trees, hay, farmer, animals, farm

Home
Dad, home
Mum, dad, home
Sister, mum, dad, home
Cat, sister, mum, dad, home

By Aydin

By Selin

By Armani

By Canan
Dear parents,

We have had a wonderful term and the children have really enjoyed their integrated topic on the environment. Last week the grade 3/4 and 4/5 classes went on an excursion to the West Barwon Reservoir and Wurdee Boluc Water treatment plant located in the Otway Ranges. At the reservoir the students were given a tour of the area and learnt about water capacity, rainfall and the effects of the drought, floods and the recent summer rain. At the water treatment plant the children learnt about the cleaning and filtration process and the additives such as fluoride and chlorine that are put in our water supply. The children were fascinated by the fact that special glue is added to the water to help bind the dirt particles together before it is filtered.

On Wednesday the students attended their last swimming lesson and had a lot of fun playing outside in the water park.

Next week holiday homework will be handed out. Please make sure your child completes this work and continues regular reading over the holidays.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dickens
Dear Parents:

How time has flown! We have come to the end of our first term together. This term has been quite busy and students have worked very hard in all areas of the curriculum. This term not only students had to adjust to new work, but also having a new teacher. I think that most students have done this extremely well.

This week, students were given their holiday homework and we have started doing the research for it at school. If students manage their time well, then the only work they need to do at home will be to put their projects together. Please make sure that your child does a bit of this work every day and does not leave it to the last minute, as this will ensure that the quality of the work is not up to standard. If students run into any trouble during the school holidays, I have provided them with an e-mail address to contact me with any questions they might have.

Two weeks ago, we carried an investigation in our classroom. We listed all the items that students had in their lunch boxes. We found that 60% of the items could have been reused or recycled. However all this goes in the bin. We also found that artists use recyclable materials to build artistic sculptures. Thus, this week students built some really good sculptures using only materials which would have ended up in the bin. Here are some examples of the students artistic work.

I hope that you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing those parents that are coming to parent-teacher interviews.

Regards

Sandra Presa
Dear parents, we have come to the end of our first term. Students are very excited about the grade 5/6 camp. Lady Northcote Recreation camp is set on a rural farmland and fringes the Brisbane Ranges National Park. The YMCA camp programs aim to * encourage students to explore and engage in stimulating outdoor activities that promote health and well being and foster an appreciation of the natural world, * develop social competencies that equip individuals to make positive choices, build relationships, gain skills and abilities and develop resilience. Student’s activities will be the flying fox, giant swing, games session, low ropes, archery, yabbying, hut building and sports session. Students will also be given chores eg: setting up of meals and washing up. I strongly believe it will be a wonderful and fun experience for all of us. It is a great way to end the term.

This term we looked at Natural Disasters. Students completed work in the grade and at home. Some of the tasks involved students to complete research at home and at school. Here is a couple of the students work.

**Tornadoes**

Tornadoes, also known as twisters, usually occur in North America, mainly in the United States of America. But it can happen anywhere!

When a tornado occurs the sky turns dark grey and there is a change of weather. It becomes very windy (with winds up to 200kph), it starts raining and sometimes it may hail. This is only the start; there is a long way to the end.

At this stage, the cold air at the bottom of the storm and the hot air at the top of the storm, produce a circle. The hot air will be blowing one way and the cold air blowing the other way.

Next, the swirling wind of the hot and cold air slowly reaches the floor. This is when all the destruction is caused. The bigger and wider the tornado gets, the stronger and more destructive it will become. It tears everything in its path and leaves a pile of rubbish lying around which everybody has to clean up after the tornado.

When a tornado warning appears on the news or radio, only pack what is necessary and evacuate as soon as you hear the tornado warning. If you are trapped, find a safe place in your home or your lives could be lost!

*By Hussam Yonis*

**Floods**

Flooding happens during heavy rains, when rivers overflow, when ocean waves come onshore, when snow melts too fast or when dams or levees break. Flooding may be only a few inches of water or it may cover a house to the rooftop. Floods that happen very quickly are called flash floods. Flooding is the most common of all natural hazards.

- **Flood Watch or Flash flood Watch** -- Flooding may happen soon. Stay tuned to the radio or television news for more information. If you hear a flash flood warning, talk to an adult immediately!
- **Flood Warning** -- You may be asked to leave the area. A flood may be happening or will be very soon. Tell an adult if you hear a flood warning. If you have to leave the area, remember to bring your Disaster Supply Kit and make arrangements for your pets.
- **Flash flood Warning** -- A flash flood is happening. Get to high ground right away. Tell an adult!

Are severe tropical storms that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricanes gather heat and energy through contact with warm ocean waters. Evaporation from the seawater increases their power.

**Hurricanes**

Hurricanes rotate in a counter-clockwise direction around an "eye." Hurricanes have winds at least 74 miles per hour. When they come onto land, the heavy rain, strong winds and heavy waves can damage buildings, trees and cars. The heavy waves are called a storm surge. Storm surges are very dangerous and a major reason why you MUST stay away from the ocean during a hurricane warning or hurricane.

*By: Haries Ismail*

I would like to wish everyone a safe holiday.

Regards
Ms GOCMEN :)

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