



SCHOOL SNIPPETS

I am very grateful that, unlike many schools in the eastern states, we have been able to carry on as usual this term. That said, you may have seen reports in the newspaper asking WA principals to make a COVID plan in case it is required. We have one and it is very similar to the plan that was enacted last year when we were in lockdown. If you have suggestions about how we could better serve the children should remote learning be required, please get in touch so we can take your ideas on board.

MUSICA VIVA

An impact of COVID for us was that the usual live performance of Musica Viva had to be on-line with the musicians playing from different venues. It was still a very enjoyable concert and we were joined by students from Meckering and Cadoux to view the show.

SOUND SYSTEM

The new sound system has been installed and it is superb! I can't wait for the next assembly when there should be no voice unheard. I am told we need the morning playlist updated so we will be seeking student input on that. As we learn more about the system, we will be adding our two minute warnings and sirens and also practicing our emergency drills with the new warning sounds.

KINDY READINESS

This week we had 9 enthusiastic 3 year-olds attend the first Kindy Readiness session. With possible enrolments at 14 students, it's going to be a busy time. We sang, danced, played games, painted, read stories, built with blocks, put together nuts and bolts, did puzzles, practiced our cutting and rolling skills with playdough and played outside. Get in touch with the school if your 3 year old child is attending Dowerin next year and you haven't enrolled yet.

FIELD DAYS PREP

The Field Days excitement is already building; we have met with the Field Days coordinators to discuss possible involvement with this terrific event, Miss Scott is meeting with the catering coordinator to secure workplace opportunities, Mrs Petchell and Mrs Quartermaine are considering repertoire for the opening and other possibilities, and Mrs Shankland is finalising the Field Days Trail for our students and other schools to engage in.

REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN

Main characters of the Lorax have started with a read-through of the play during Monday's Arts classes and will soon be rolling into after school rehearsals. Minor characters will be finalised soon and classes will soon commence choreographing and practising their feature scenes. Don't forget to mark Friday, October 22nd in your diaries for the big performance.

Barb Garner
Principal

WHAT'S ON?

Tuesday 27th July — Kindy Readiness
Thursday 5th August — Hockey WA incursion
Friday 6th August — Principal's Day
Tuesday 10th August — Kindy Readiness

PERTH CAMP

In week 10 of Term 2, the Year 8-10 students went on their 'Canberra Camp' in Perth. Starting on the Monday, we enjoyed 6 fantastic days with Mrs Metcalf, Mr McAdam and then Miss Scott and Mrs Garner each joined us for 3 days. We enjoyed a variety of activities including a tour of parliament house and a visit to the electoral education centre where we learnt the importance of preferential voting. On day 2 we took part in an 'Amazing Race' type scenario through the city and then took part in a mock trial before we entered a real life court case and saw one of the witnesses giving evidence. Highlights of the next few days were retro gaming at the Nostalgia Box, ice skating, rock climbing, Scitech and a visit to the new Perth museum. One of our favourite dinners was a shared banquet at a Vietnamese restaurant in Northbridge.

Our accommodation was pretty cool too. We stayed at Campus Perth where everyone enjoyed playing the piano on the ground floor or chilling on floor 6 where there was a giant games room with pool tables and pin ball machines, the vending machine was also a real highlight. Our next lot of accommodation was at the Fremantle prison in the old female prison. This was not as fun. The instructions on the back of the door said that if you saw a ghost to report it to the front desk as soon as possible. This made us all very nervous. Over the course of the 3 days, a mirror fell off the wall, air conditioners randomly turned on and off and the televisions were flickering for no reason! It took us until mid-morning to fully relax. The highlight of the last few days was definitely catching the ferry to Rottnest where we saw quokkas, seals and we did a tour of the enormous guns and tunnels that were put up during World War 2 to help defend Western Australia's coastline. On the last night in camp we had a tour of the Fremantle prison which was quite scary in the dark! Our last day was spent taking part in a 'Horrible History' tour of the Fremantle area where we learnt about some of the horrible murders that occurred, some quite recent and then we were off to the Fremantle markets enjoying the yummy food, watching street performers and purchasing bird whistles.

At 2pm we headed back to the accommodation where we were either picked up by our parents or headed back on the train to Midland to me with Mrs Metcalf and Mr McAdam. All up it was an amazing camp!

By Natalya

Check out some of the great pictures of the camp on the next page!



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