



## JUNIOR SCHOOL BYTES

#11 Wednesday 2 June 2010

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday 3 June	'Conversations' Evening 'Specialists'
Friday 4 June	Pre K to 2 Excursion to Canberra Theatre
Wednesday 9 June	Yr 4 Where's Wally Excursion

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#### **Contact Numbers for Junior School**

ELC Reception	6162 6298 8am- 4pm
1 - 4 Reception	6162 5330 8am- 4pm
5 - 6 Reception	6162 6290 8am – 10.30am



Autumn has hung on as long as possible but as I write this we seem to have definitely changed seasons.

#### **Congratulations**

I must start by congratulating all the Junior School boys and girls who competed in the Bands and Orchestras Eisteddfod last week. Particular congratulations to our Junior School Strings and Training Bands (predominantly Junior School students) who gained a Gold Medal placing.

#### **Conversations Evening**

This Thursday evening at 6pm we will be hosting our second 'Conversations' evening for the year. THIS NIGHT can't be missed – as our specialist teachers will take parents through a Unit of Work from their eyes. This evening will be an active, hands-on opportunity to gain a greater perspective of all the things that these talented professionals bring to your sons and daughters. Parents will be in a PE/Music/Art/Language/Library session. The evening commences in the Junior School Library.

#### **Pre Kindergarten**

Our Pre Kindergarten classes have certainly embraced a sustainable future. Apart from their weekly journey to Gossan Hill, our students have also visited a farm/winery on our Cities outskirts as well as embracing a move toward Stephanie Alexander's 'Slow food' movement- using our own vegetables to cook up 'Masterful' platters.

### **ELC Playground**

Our ELC play area has neared completion with the outcome a resounding success. We have developed more creative outdoor opportunities using responsive materials over play sets.

### **ICAS Science Competition**

This competition will be held on Wednesday 9 June 2010 at 11.15am in the TB Millar Hall. Participating students must bring a ruler, eraser and a calculator.

*Please note: Year 4 will be on an excursion that day so will sit the competition on Tuesday 8 June.*

### **Story Writing Competition**

Some wonderful stories have been received for this year's Story Writing Competition. Remember that stories must be emailed to [Mr Martin](#) by the end of this term. Details can be found on the Junior School intranet page.

### **Year 1-4 Music Recital**

The Year1-4 Music recital will be held on Wednesday 9th June in the RA Young Hall.

Due to the fantastic response there will be two sittings. The students of Cate Turnbull, Meriel Owen and Brenda Lander will perform between 5.30pm and 6.15pm, and the students of Nathaniel Smith, Louise Butler, Rowan Harvey-Martin and Kirsten Knight will perform between 6.30 and 7.15pm. Performers should wear winter school uniform and assemble 15 minutes prior to the starting time.

### **Wizard of Oz**

Our Junior School production is reaching its culmination with students, staff and parents all heavily involved. I must thank our Yr 5/6 Art Specialist Ms Sarah Dunn and parent Ms Natalie Seears for their hard work (and blow dryers) in preparing 'the yellow brick road'.



### **Finally**

Junior School students were involved in a variety of reconciliation reflections last week. Years 3 & 4 visited Reconciliation Place and met with artist Duncan Smith, students wrote reconciliation messages on gum leaf designs for others to share, a chalk rainbow serpent appeared between the Junior School sites, but as our Principal shared at assembly, "sorry is but the first step, we must now take action and give of ourselves" – perhaps this generation!

***Paul Southwell***

Head of Junior School