

Junior School Bytes



#8 Wednesday 12 May 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 10 - Thurs 13 May

NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & 5

Thursday 13 May

Kindergarten Excursion to Parliament House

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

I often say that ‘cultures and climates’ exist within schools. One quick checkpoint is school foyers. Schools may talk of things that they value, but at times this may be contradicted by the items displayed in the foyer. Our Junior School talks of ‘the child’s voice in our Inquiry’. I hope you ‘hear’ this throughout the year – in our classrooms and our foyer.

Class Parent Liaisons

I enjoyed meeting the parents last week from all our classes who have kindly offered to support their groups as ‘Class Liaisons’. During our meeting we discussed the class liaison role as one of assisting to support our community, share information about P&F and school activities and share information about informal class or year group get togethers. I reinforced that the role should be a happy one – talking of events and support, and not an avenue for receiving concerns etc (such things should come directly to myself or Phillip).

Our Liaison group were extremely keen to be involved and shared ideas about the type of class activities that may occur. The group provide a contact point for your child’s class – they help break down our Junior School into class groups – people you can get to know, parents of other children in your class group.

I will be providing Class Parent Liaisons with class email contacts next week. Should you wish to NOT be on these lists – I ask that you contact Beth Maggs on 61625332 or email beth.maggs@radford.act.edu.au by next Tuesday 18 May.

ACT Successes

Congratulations to Alana Seears 5EJC and Brad Tuck 4ML on their selection in the ACT Primary Schools swim team to compete in Brisbane. Congratulations also to Cassidy Shaw on his selection in the ACT Primary Schools Rugby squad – following his father’s footsteps (but with more pace!).

Life Education

Many will have noticed that the Life Education van is still located in our car park. The Life Education sessions were halted last week due to illness and have restarted this week. Next year we will have the Van parked away from our car park!

Junior School Tribal Council

My sincere thanks to all boys and girls who nominated for this year's Council. The successful Council representatives have met and are already active. Recycle bins are being looked at, fundraising for staff to assist rebuilding a school in Fiji, and the distribution of our Foundation Day offerings have been discussed already.

Help Needed

If you feel you may be capable of helping us as a Manager of our Year 1/2 Warblers Singers or our Junior Chess group please contact Paul Southwell on 61625332. These cocurricular groups meet once a week.

Finally...

Our Kindergarten classes have certainly been out and about as a part of their Unit 'How does a city work?'. In recent weeks, they have been spotted atop Mt Ainslie, at The War Memorial and this week will attend Parliament House – Canberra provides such a rich educational experience.

Paul Southwell

Head of Junior School