

Junior School Bytes



#1 Wednesday 28 April 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 29 April	Kindergarten Excursion to Mt Ainslie Barbara Brann Parent Workshop 5pm Lecture Theatre Oratory Evening 6pm RA Young Hall
Friday 30 April	Junior School Cross Country
Monday 3 May	Yr 5&6 Musica Viva Concert
Tuesday 4 May	Rostrum Final 6pm RA Young Hall
Friday 7 May	Mothers Shopping Night

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

A warm welcome back to all our families – a little warmer than our first day weather. I must also welcome the return of our Winter Uniforms – it was particularly exciting to see our Year Five students display their new uniforms.

Keeping to the ‘theme’ of Junior Bytes I include the following:

ELC Playground

Work on the playground has continued over the break. We are excitedly looking forward to completion.

Year 5 Centre

Is also taking shape, but may be a little delayed due to our recent wet weather.

Cross Country

A reminder that our Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday after lunch. The course remains within the College ovals to allow better vision of our runners.

Swimming

I’m very pleased that the ACT Primary Schools Swim carnival will be held at CISAC this Thursday. I wish all our competitors the best of luck.

West Side Story

With the Junior School being represented for the first time in a whole College Musical, I urge all families to join us for what should be an exciting performance. Directed by Mr Phillip Heath with musical direction from our own Mr Joel Copeland.

Rostrum

The final of our Rostrum speaking competition will be held in RA Young Hall next Tuesday at 6pm. I look forward to this evening, following the wonderful efforts of Freya Brent in last year's competition.

Musica Viva

Yr 5 and 6 will be treated to the Musica Viva concert 'Tigramuna' next Monday 3 May at 2pm in the RA Young Hall.

Mothers Day Celebrations

Further in this Newsletter you will see an invitation to join us on Friday 7 May from 7pm in the RA Young Hall for an evening of 'shopping possibilities'.

Prime Possum – this Saturday

The Junior School Jump Rope For Heart will be shown THIS Saturday morning (1 May) on the Saturday Club with Prime Possum on Prime Television. It will go to air at 6am, yes, 6am and will run for one hour. Don't miss it!

NAPLAN

A reminder that the National Literacy and Numeracy testing period for our Yr 3 and 5 students will be held Tuesday 11 – Thursday 13 May.

Finally,

Sadly we have just received news of the passing of the father of Ms Stanton, one of our Librarians. We will have some staff attending the funeral this Friday afternoon. As such, we may need some parent volunteers to assist us during the Cross Country – if you may be able to help us could you contact Beth Maggs on Ph 616 25332 or by email beth.maggs@radford.act.edu.au.

Enjoy our week.

Paul Southwell

Head of Junior School

Narelle Oliver's Writing Workshop

By Sophie Vaughan (5SM) and Nicole Georgopoulos (5EC)

On Friday 19 March Mr Martin and Mrs Stanton took 10 year 5 students to a Narelle Oliver writing workshop. We travelled by mini bus to the Australian Catholic University.

When we got there she read us *Dancing The Boom Cha Cha Boogie* and *Fox In Fine Feathers*, to get us familiar with her work. She told us that she uses a story board to make her books. For *Fox In Fine Feathers* she got all the animals and put them in her living room, her dog didn't like it very much. When she wrote *Home* she took pictures on top of a building and stuck her pencil rubbings on top of them. Narelle showed us how she makes her images on lino paper with ink and pencil. Next she read us bits of *The Very Blue Thingamajig*. When she had finished she told us that the publisher sent it back because it was too plain, they didn't like some of the text and they didn't want holes in it. So Narelle changed the text, added a bird and put patterns instead. Then the publisher sent it off to the printer in China.

This was a great trip to see Narelle Oliver and I think we all enjoyed it. Thank you to Mr Martin and Mrs Stanton for making it possible.

Mother's Shopping Night

Our annual **Mother's Day Shopping Night** is on again this year...with many new stalls for you to enjoy!

Some of our favourites are returning, such as:

The Body Shop...Tupperware...Avon and Enjo

With the new additions of:

Nutrimetics...Stampin Up!...Lorraine Lea Linen...Veducci Clothing...Safe Candles and Essential Addition Handbags

Our exclusive shopping night will be held on **Friday 7 May** from **7pm in the RA Young (Junior School) Hall** with entry being a gold coin donation. As

Radford College is the party host, a percentage of all sales will be donated back to the College. There will be prizes to win and champagne and nibbles to feast on, so gather your friends and family (ladies only, of course!) for a night of shopping fun!

Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to lisa.clarke@radford.act.edu.au