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Grade 4 Excursion

Last week, the Grade 4 students visited the Royal Botanic Gardens. The excursion supported their humanities topic-Aboriginal Studies. The students participated in an Aboriginal Resource Trail a Welcoming Ceremony. They also investigated trees native to Australia and Aboriginal artefacts.



Grade 6 Camp

On Monday 12th April, the Grade 6 students began their five-day exploration of Canberra; Australia's capital city. The students toured famous landmarks such as Old Parliament House, New Parliament House, War Memorial, Electoral Commission, Questacon, Australian Institute of Sport and St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church. The students travelled to Canberra as part of their Term 1 Civics and Citizenship topic: 'The Australian Government'. Our students were constantly commended for their knowledge and manners everywhere they went. As you can imagine, the students were not only exhausted, but bursting with new knowledge as they greeted their parents on Friday afternoon.

Baby News

A special congratulations to Mrs Maria Siderakis, who gave birth to her son Dean Siderakis on Monday 3rd May 2010. Mother and baby are both happy and healthy.

Ms Liz Bramich, HOD-English

Bus Reminder

Buses pick up students at the designated time. The bus driver has a schedule to keep and will not wait. Please be punctual and don't get upset with the driver or cause any delays. If you have a problem with the driver, ring the college.

In Performing Arts, students have started planning and rehearsing for an upcoming performance consisting of song, drama and movement. I am looking forward to working with the students to create an exciting show.

It is imperative that Year 7 students remember to have their diaries signed every Friday. All teachers communicate with parents through the diary, which is also used to record and monitor students' behaviour. Students who receive 3 Orange Stickers from any teacher, over a 10 day period will be issued with a Detention. This is becoming a serious problem for some Year 7 students, so I urge all parents to check diaries each week.

The second group of Immunisations for students is Friday 7th May.

The National Testing for literacy and numeracy begins next week, 11th, 12th and 13th May, providing an overall standard of the school and to allocate adequate funding.

Ms Julia Ghaie, Year 7 Co-Ordinator

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The annual work experience week is scheduled for the last week of Term 2 (21st - 25th June). Students should be close to completing the necessary paperwork which is due by the end of May. Thanks to the students who have already attended to this. Work Experience is a compulsory activity for all Year 10's.

Mr Gavan Green, Year 10 Co-Ordinator

ART NEWS

Year 7's are producing excellent work using art elements and principles. Their Egyptian posters are displayed with pride in the Art Room.

Year 8's are learning about the Middle Ages and Renaissance times. They are now creating paper "Windows" which are very picturesque and to be displayed in their classrooms.

Working with tonal values Year 9's have produced self portraits from school photos, learning how to create 3D works in pencil. It was challenging for them to produce bright colourful self portraits.

Year 10's are working with mosaics both 2D and 3D. They have excelled themselves by being creative, unique, colourful and smart. They have paid particular attention to details and achieving pleasing results.

We look forward towards a progressive term in all year levels of art. Congratulations.

Ms Judy Bennetts

SCIENCE NEWS

The science department have been busy solving crimes, playing with particles and getting a cut above the rest. This was kicked off by the Year 10's when they joined the CSIRO to conduct forensic frenzy, a set of specialised experiments such as chromatography, fingerprinting, DNA analysis and facial recognition software. They were presented with a range of suspects and clues which they used to solve a murder. The Year 7's have been learning how to use Bunsen Burners and are now very skilled at making particles move about. They can even make clouds in a beaker. Lastly the two Year 11 Biology classes cut straight to the heart of the circulatory system, in that they dissected a heart this week. You could say they were pumped about it.

It is our aim to continue to make science fun and exciting as well as informative.

Ms Kate Peach, Science Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS: The new College canteen menu is now available. Refer to the daily specials and healthy snacks on the menu.