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**Welcome to Week 8 Term 4**
November 23, 2015

Welcome to Week 8 and welcome to our Jukseong Korean Visitors who arrive tomorrow.

4/5/6M will be hosting the Korean students while the teachers will stay with Kellie Dival and the Principal with me. It will be a very busy week with lots of activities and events planned.

- Tuesday - welcome lunch (Parent Club to provide)
- Aussie Games and activities/Aussie BBQ
- Overnight Camp at Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre
- Picnic and Gorge walk at the Blue Hole
- Special Assembly 9.30am Thursday - Ben Venue and Jukseong students to perform - Marimbas, A Capella, Benvenùkes (Jnr and Srn Ukulele Group) and some other surprises

The students who have been chosen as the final prefects for possible nominations will give their speeches on Tuesday morning at 10.15 am. There are 12 girls and 12 boys and the student and teacher votes will choose the final 6 girls and 6 boys.

Thank you to the many parents and community members who positively support the school in so many ways. The Parent Helpers Morning Tea will be held again this year so we can acknowledge your contribution to the school and its students. The morning tea will be held on December 7 at 11.15am.

Thank you to the parents who have indicated a change of circumstance regarding enrolment in 2016. This allows the school to be more certain about the numbers and makes it possible to accept enrolments in some years. When students move to other schools it is necessary for Principals to answer a few questions regarding students and their behaviour (private or public schools and especially high schools). Some schools send a profile sheet to be completed and returned. This process has been policy for some years.

Year 3 have been to Point Lookout today and Year 6 had an enjoyable excursion to the Dorrigo Rainforest last Friday. Year 5 will be on their Gold Excursion next Monday and Year 2 had a very interesting visit to Folk Museum. It’s all happening! As I walk around the classrooms the part the excursions play in enhancing work done in individual rooms is very evident.

A friendly reminder that all notes to the teacher or to me should be dated. This makes absence and issues easier to track. Sometimes if you haven’t had a reply to an enquiry I would encourage you to phone so we can make sure that someone has responded to your request.

Special congratulations to Kindergarten for their great Assembly item last week. Most people would like to see the power point and the song again so we are planning a repeat showing!

Judy Graham
Principal
**From the Deputy’s desk**

We are moving in to what is possibly the busiest few weeks of the year. There are still many events happening around the school including the arrival of 17 Korean students and their three teachers tomorrow. Mrs Graham has done an amazing amount of work to ensure our visitors have an enjoyable Australian experience.

**School Leaders 2016**

1. Last Wednesday our Year 5 students all voted to determine who would give speeches in the next step towards being elected as a school leader for 2016. There were many excellent students nominated for these leadership positions and our Year 5 students had the difficult task of selecting 12 girls and 12 boys to give speeches to all students in Years 3-6 before the next round of voting. Good luck to the students who will be presenting speeches tomorrow morning.

2. **Year 6 Farewell Lunch and Assembly**

   The Farewell Assembly for Year 6 students will be held on Monday, 14 December at 10:00 am. Invitations to this event will be sent home next week.

3. **You Can Do It Day**

   The last You Can Do It Day for the year will be held on 4 December. Students will be encouraged to dress up in rainbow colours and will participate in a variety of activities that focus on the You Can Do It keys.

4. **Lost property**

   At the end of each day there are many jumpers and hats left lying around the playground. Please ensure all jumpers and hats are labelled, as well as having a conversation with your child at home about looking after their belongings at school.

   Have a great week.

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**Hockey News**

The Ben Venue girls hockey team has been awarded the “Armidale Sports Council Junior State Team” for 2015. Congratulations girls on this wonderful recognition of all your achievements this year. What a fabulous way to cap off such an amazing year! Well done.

Sue Lye

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**Around the Classrooms**

35 are enjoying a busy and exciting Term 4! In Science the students have been exploring the unit ‘Feathers, Fur or Leaves’ with students particularly enjoying researching, drawing and classifying living and non-living things.

In Creative Arts students have been studying Australian artist Sidney Nolan and his amazing techniques and interpretation. The students have used his artwork to inspire their own.

In English the students have looked closely at the book “The Lost Thing” by Shaun Tan. 35 students particularly enjoyed becoming news reporters and interviewing “characters” from the book.

Students have enjoyed watching each other present their Animal Research Projects and look forward to their diorama presentations in Week 9.

Sue Shaw and Linda Bishop

1C Last Monday Year 1 visited the Folk Museum to complement the HSE unit being taught, which looks at family life in the past and present. Mr Peter Chambers guided students through many fabulous exhibitions, providing informative commentary along the way. Highlights include an old-fashioned store, the old phone exchange system, horse drawn carriages and photographs of the main street from yesteryear. Students were mesmerised by the way people lived long ago and the effort required to complete simple chores. Year 1 and class teachers would like to thank Mr Chambers for welcoming us to the Folk Museum and sharing his wonderful knowledge with us.

IC has been learning about road and bike safety this term. Last week students brought in their bike helmets to show each other and see if they were the correct fit. It was fabulous to see so many helmets that met the guidelines.

As the term draws to an end I would like to thank the wonderful students in IC for a spectacular year. We have had a fabulous time together and I appreciate all of the parent support this year that ensured each student was organised and ready to learn.

Fiona Clayton

6R have all turned into Ecologists this term. They have been busy studying the workings of rainforests, such as the layers within a rainforest; where rainforests are located; the different types of rainforests; why these ecosystems are so important; as well as the potential and immediate threats to these special environments.

The students spent all of last Friday at the Dorrigi Rainforest Centre and walking through the amazing Heritage Listed Area. Even though students saw many interesting rainforest creatures (including leeches), surprisingly no one had any leeches on them. A huge thank you goes to the amazing staff from Thalgarrah Field Study Centre (Julie Kennelly, Nina Drydale and Maree Moloney (behind the scenes)) who met us at Dorrigi and showed us the sites.

As a part of this unit of work, ‘Living Land’, the students have been looking at the concept of sustainability. Mostly, how can we provide shelter in a way that has minimal impact on the environment, while being functional to the needs of an individual. 6R is thinking, planning and designing how to achieve this in the most cost effective way and are in the process of creating a model house that will be subjected to a number of tests (other than our patience). These tests will include efficiency of space and practicality, whether the model could harvest water, wind resistance, its eco-footprint, as well as the stability of the structure.

Rebecca O’Hara

(One leech managed to hide on a female student! JG)