From the Principal

Our teaching staff are completing end of year reports, final preparations for our concert are underway, the senior class is going on camp and the final vegetable garden harvests are happening as we reflect on our learning over the last year. What a productive end of year period we are having! This year we will be farewelling Mr Smallbon. Mr Smallbon has provided our children with many wonderful musical learning experiences. His expertise in music is highly valued and we know it will be appreciated at his new teaching post at the Northern Support School in Burnie. Our 2017 music, drama, dance and Arts program will be supported by a local vocal and music teacher, the details of which are just being finalised.

On Monday we led the children through our Bushfire Response Plan explaining to them the differences between it and our on-site Emergency Fire Response. All the children seemed to understand the messages but if your family has any questions regarding this please contact myself.

Emma Langton – Principal

Reminders

Bushfire Response Authorisation Forms – these need to be returned ASAP.
Christmas Present for a buddy – please hand into the office.
Monday 12th December – full dress rehearsal of the concert in the Wilmot Hall at 1:30pm for families unable to make the concert on the 16th.
Friday 16th December – 6pm Concert at the Wilmot Hall, supper provided.
Monday 19th – Outdoor Kitchen Opening & Farewell to Mr Smallbon 5pm.
Tuesday 20th – End of Year Picnic, please return consent forms ASAP. All families welcome, we have booked a large bus.
DEVONPORT SHOW FIRST PRIZE

On Friday – Devonport Show holiday, the silkie rooster (Steve) and one of the frizzle hens (Basher) both won first prize in their sections at the chook show, held at the Devonport Showground oval.

Over the last months we have returned the chickens to our school grounds. There were many plans discussed for the new aviary style chook pen before a final design was settled upon. The new design includes a dogwood tree, a small transportable chicken house or shed, two water bottles and two feeders. Members of the Senior class care for the chickens.

SENIOR CLASS LEARNING

Here is a small collection of our learning over the last few weeks. Don’t forget to look at the SeeSaw app every night to keep more up to date with what’s happening at school.

Last week we focused on the spelling strategy of ‘meaning’ and we looked at homophones. Partner spelling tests are an important aspect of our word study learning.

This week the class will put their teamwork skills of; truth, respect and togetherness into action to complete many challenges at Camp Clayton.
Shape work in mathematics, transforming 2D shapes to make patterns.

Day of the Dinosaurs – Mind Map Brainstorming

Lush, humans, Jurassic, destroy, escape, humid, gigantic, cage, artificial, rocks, boulders, bio-dome, zoo, marine, waterfall, fish, rainforest, Permian 300-250MYA, millions of years ago, Mesozoic 230-65MYA

Mind mapping ideas for narrative writing as a class. The children completed detailed narratives with complex sentences and paragraphs after this initial class brainstorm.

The scarecrow in the junior playground sensory garden is getting overgrown!

Flowering and self-seeding herbs in our raised beds.

KITCHEN GARDEN

The recent wonderful weather has created perfect growing conditions for all of our garden beds and orchard.
Flowering potato plants – we have recently weeded and mulched these.

Can you see our carrots anywhere?

A field of sunflowers – we are hoping that they will grow strong and tall.

Our new raspberry plants are getting off to a great start. Fingers crossed they will grow strong and produce lots of delicious fruit.
The orchard is looking strong and healthy with lots of new foliage.

The children have been getting all of the ingredients ready for our special Christmas lunch.

Monitoring our pea and bean crop.
The story of our kitchen garden learning this term.

Yeah – finally the purple beans are coming on.
PEG ARNOLD SPORTS DAY

Our children showed team spirit and a have-a-go attitude to our sports day this year. The children were actively running and supporting each other all day. We have been practicing over the last weeks and this really paid off as so many of the children confidently raced down our sports track.

The day would not have been a success without the wonderful support of parents, so another well-deserved thank you to all of the people who helped make the day perfect.

A few results from the day.

25M Sprint
Grade 4/5 – 1st Azaria, 2nd Nathan
Grade 2/3 – 1st Toby H, 2nd Tarkine, 3rd Lilla
Prep/1 – 1st Natalie, 2nd Julia, 3rd Bethany
Prep/1 Boys – 1st Jak, 2nd Archie, 3rd Toby B
Kinder – 1st Harley, 2nd Sharky, 3rd Amelia
LiL – 1st Gracelyn, 2nd Jonty, 3rd Alfie

Marathon
Senior Class – 1st Azaria, 2nd Tarkine
Junior Class – 1st Natalie, 2nd Toby B

Highest House Points
Cradle – Azaria
Barrington – Archie

Wilmot Fishing Club – Kids Fishing Day
When – Saturday December 10th
Time – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Where – Phillip Richards’ dam, 2761 Wilmot Road
Cost – Gold coin donation
Who – Primary school children
What to bring – Your own fishing gear, lunch, drink and hat.