Reconciliation Week 2015

Each year National Reconciliation Week NRW celebrates the rich culture and history of Aboriginal people. It is the ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and to think about how we can help educate the children in our classes and help the reconciliation process.

In 1993 faith communities of Australia started the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation. Following its success, the week was expanded in 1996 to become NRW to provide nationwide focus for all reconciliation activities.

NRW coincides with two significant dates in Australia’s history which provide strong symbols of the aspirations for reconciliation.

May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90 of Australians voted to remove clauses from the Australian constitution which discriminated against Aboriginal people. The referendum also gave the Commonwealth Government the power to make laws on behalf of Aboriginal people.

June 3 marks the anniversary of the High Court’s judgement in the 1992 Mabo case. The decisions recognised the Native Title rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original inhabitants of the continent and overturned the myth of terra-nullius – the belief that that the continent was an empty, un-owned land before the arrivals of Europeans in 1788.

Reconciliation involves building mutually respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians that allow us to work together to solve problems and generate success that is in everyone’s best interests.

Reconciliation involves raising awareness and knowledge of Indigenous history and culture, changing attitudes that are often based on myths and misunderstandings, and encouraging action where everyone plays their part in building a better relationship between us as fellow Australians.

We look forward to continuing our school’s path of Reconciliation during our annual events this week.

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To see a gallery of students with lettering that were made in consultation with students at the school in the community.

Zone Cross Country:

When: Tuesday 26th June
Where: Thomas Acres Reserve, Rosemeadow
Time: 10-2pm

Students need to have returned permission notes and $ by today. All students to bring water, lunch, hat and warm clothing.

Tomorrow around 60 students from Yrs 2-6 will be representing our school in the Campbelltown Zone Cross Country Carnival at Thomas Acres Reserve in Ambarvale. Scheduled times for the different age groups are as follows (NB - these times may change on the day):

- 11.30 – 8/9 year boys
- 11.40 – 8/9 year girls
- 11.55 – 10 year boys
- 12.00 – 10 year girls
- 12.20 – 11 year boys
- 12.25 – 11 year girls
- 12.40 – 12/13 year boys
- 12.55 – 12/13 year girls

Good luck to all students participating.

Changes to assembly this week

Due to other whole school events, there will be no Primary or Infants assembly this week.

The next Primary assembly is Thursday 4th June week 7 (3B).

The next Infants assembly is Friday 5th June week 7 (KG).

Infants Gala Day

When: Friday week 8 (same day as primary gala day)

Time: from 12pm - 1:50pm.

Parents and community come and support infants children in different sports. Stay behind after the games and enjoy recess with your children.

Winter Gala Day

Congratulations to the sportsmanship shown by all students who went to the Gala Day on Friday 15th May.

The following students displayed outstanding sportsmanship:

- Soccer: Pettie and Dylan
- Netball: Jenny and Fialogo
- Rugby: Italia and Barry

Parent Feedback Dinner

When: Monday 1st June