Term 3 Week 2: Thursday 25th July

Do Small Things Well

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Be Safe, Be Happy, Be Caring, Be Ready to Learn



50 PARENTS: LEARNING AT SCHOOL

Earlier this week, our families were invited to participate in a Learning Walk for Prep –Yr 2. Parents spent time watching the teachers lead the class then sitting with their children helping them learn. After this they then observed another class. This gave parents a different perspective of their child's classroom as many went to another year level, or saw students working and learning in slightly different ways.

We then all sat in a circle with teachers Sharon, Larissa and Kathryn and talked about what we'd seen. For many parents this was a great chance to understand new ways they could support their children's learning, see how learning was tailored to their child's needs and a host of other insights. With many parents indicating they wanted more of these experiences, and sharing their own insights we were very pleased with the feedback.

Next we have a Gr 3 / 4 Learning Walk on August 6th between 9-10.15am and we hope that all interested parents and families join us for this.

Grea Woolford



CONFIRMATION

A prayer for our Yr 6 students who are about to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation tomorrow night.

May you be strong in courage and confidence.

May you be wise in choices and decisions.

May you be caring of all relationships and compassionate to those in need.

May you meet life's adventure with a clear mind and a bold heart.

May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always.

FYI: There are a number of staff taking leave over the next few weeks.

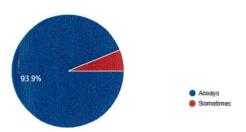
Marie and Patrick have a family wedding in the UK and Mary and Angie will also be spending some time overseas. Patrick's class will be taught by Brittney Pell for the next 3 weeks.

3/4CE will be hosting assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm

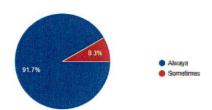
Parent/ Family Feedback from Term 2 Survey

Many of you will remember at the end of term 2 during parent teacher interviews, you completed a survey to help us understand parent/ family perceptions of the school. Over the coming weeks we will include this feedback in the upcoming issues of the school newsletter. Below are some examples of our parent feedback

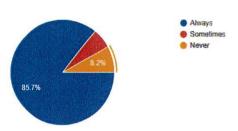
 The school celebrates all the different families



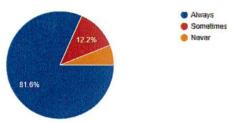
2. The school values and incorporates the cultural diversity that makes up our community for the benefit of our children.



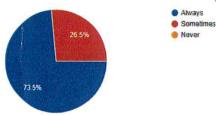
3. I feel welcome at school



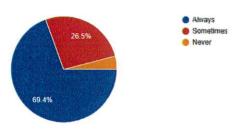
4. I feel like a part owner of the school or I feel valued / and appreciated as part of the school community



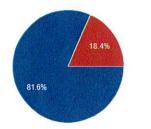
5. The school is part of our local community and connects to local community activities.



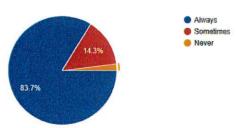
6. Information is sent to me how I want to receive it.



7. I easily understand the information the school gives me. 8. The staff at school respect me.







As a staff team we will be unpacking this data and use it to help us identify which areas we will focus on in our ongoing building connections to our community

Thanks again to the participants who helped us collect this data If you have any questions, please contact Greg Woolford, Family School Partnerships at gwoolford@mogardeer.catholic.edu.au



500 Plants and some Water Bugs Later

On Tuesday this week the grade 3/4 children planted 500 native plants and went hunting for macroinvertebrates at the nearby Kororoit Creek.

The planting was by led by local group 'The Friends of Kororoit Creek' and Melbourne Water. This was possible thanks to a grant we received for \$3000 for the plants, site preparation etc. to do the planting. Special thanks also go to our own Natalie Everett (Ethan and Lucas' Mum) who is a member of the Friends of Kororoit Creek and helped out on the day.

Whilst one class was planting another was hunting for macroinvertebrates and performing water testing. This was led by Dr. Teresa Mackintosh, a fresh water scientist. Teresa was able to join us thanks to support from the Werribee River Keeper and a grant from Melbourne Water who gave us funding and a kit to undertake the River Detectives Program.

The children behaved wonderfully on the day and it was clear that many of them had a green thumb.

If you are interested in seeing the children's work or perhaps weeding the bed as you pass by, take your children to the end of Rippon St in West Sunshine (500m from school) and you will see their handy-work.

These plants will form part of 1500 plants that St Theresa's, Mother of God and Our Lady's Primary school are planting along the creek, in addition to the 1500 plants the schools put in last year. A great combined effort to build habitat for our local birds, insects and animals.

As a school we look forward to continuing this work on a yearly basis, applying for funding with our existing partners and extending the area we planted over the coming years. This will give the children a personal contact to their local area.

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T- Ballers!

Last week our champion T- Ball side qualified for the Regional Finals and competed against other schools at the Keilor Park Sports Centre. Improving with each match, they worked really well as a team



and almost snatched the top spot! Congratulations to the team on a great effort! Thanks to the wonderful parents who helped with transport Ana Meljen Quach, Annabella Perez and Anthony Kain, and also to the supporters who turned up to cheer the team on. We really appreciate your continued support.

Student Wellbeing Tip of the Month

Feeling nervous in certain situations is normal. Try focusing on your breathing, thinking positively and rehearsing conversations with a friend, in your mind.

Important Information

School Advisory Board Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7th August at 7pm in the staffroom.

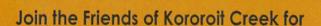
School Nurse: The school nurses will be visiting our Prep children later in the term. Last week forms were given out to our prep families. Could they be returned by tomorrow Friday 26th July please.

Yr 3/4 LEARNING WALK

TUESDAY AUGUST 6th: 9AM - 10.30AM

You are invited to a middle school Learning Walk where you will get a chance to spend time working with your child in class to see what goes on, so that you can better help them at home.

Please join us for a very informative morning.



National Tree Day

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Come down and help plant 2000 grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees at our gorgeous Lizard Lounge Site.

Join us at 10am for a Welcome To Country and Smoking Ceremony from Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Ron Jones

Music from ARIA award winning artist Tonié Field and the Sunshine

A 'Chic Creek Geek' fashion parade. Bring along your wildest indigenous plant or animal hat creation, or make an upcycled one on the day with Sukie from StagePlay and win a prize.

Get your "degree" from Professor Poa at the University of Planting.

Macro-invertebrate sampling and water testing

Facepainting by Fairy Lulu.

A BBQ and cakes galore.

Don't miss it!

Sunday 28th July 10am - 12pm

On Kororoit Creek. behind 27 Fraser St. Sunshine









IT'S CONCERT TIME!....save the date.

Thursday 12th September at 7pm

