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Mini-Newsletter – Week 4 Wednesday, 8th November, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

YEAR 4/5 CAMP

Last Thursday and Friday (2nd & 3rd November), the Year 4s from Miss Kotz's class and Year 4/5s from Mrs Price and Mrs Ryan's class were lucky enough to have a Zoo Snooze at the Adelaide Zoo.

On Thursday, we had to be at school by 8.50am. Around 9.20am everyone boarded the bus and we headed for Adelaide. At 10.30am, we stopped at Dublin for a recess/toilet break. We then hopped back on the bus headed for the zoo. We arrived at the zoo around 12.15pm so we could unpack then go to the South Australian Museum. At 12.45pm, we arrived at the Museum and had some lunch. We headed into the museum at 1.15pm and explored it in small groups. We met up at around 2.15pm so we could walk back to the Zoo and do some fun activities.

As soon as we got back, we explored the zoo, then we went to the education centre where we met our zoo leader Renee. She had set up some activities including long jump, high jump, sticking your tongue out, staring contest and hopping around (actions which replicated certain animals). She also showed us some real reptiles. At about 6.15pm, we had tea that included sausages, chicken nuggets, pasta and salad. At 7pm, we went for a night walk after we had some dessert. This was a really cool experience as we had the zoo all to ourselves and lots of the animals were up close to the fence. We got back at dark then we got our pyjamas on so we could watch a movie. At around 10pm, everyone was asleep.

On Friday, we got up at 6.50am and watched the rest of the movie. We had breakfast at 7.15am, then packed up our stuff so we could go explore the zoo a bit more. Again, there was no one else in the zoo. Renee told us some interesting facts about the animals. We went to the nature playground which everybody enjoyed. After that, we went across to look at the pandas (Wang Wang and Funi), then we got back into our groups from Thursday so we could go do more activities. The activities included going to the gift shop, going to look through the reptile centre and nocturnal house, and visiting the petting zoo. At around 11.15am we boarded the bus so we could go to the St Kilda Playground. We arrived, we ate our Subway lunch then had a 20-minute play on the amazing playground. We boarded the bus and headed home. We arrived with about 5 minutes to spare before the bell went for home time. Everyone was really excited to see their families again and tell them about our excellent adventure.

Thank you to everyone who made this camp happen especially our parent volunteers Mrs Miller (Isabelle's Mum), Mr Dennis (Madeline's Dad), ESO Miss Cooper, teachers Mrs Price, Mrs Ryan and Miss Kotz, and Mr Northeast for driving the bus.

By Mitchell Depledge

Year 5



YEAR 4/5 CAMP













BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Chevie, Trevor and the Karpany family on the birth of their baby boy. A brother for Nevayah and Izack.



HOT SHOTS TENNIS CARNIVAL

Last week our school took part in the Hotshots Tennis Carnival at Kadina along with a number of other local schools. All our Year 3-6 students participated in the carnival and played in teams of 8-10. Students were able to practice their tennis skills, get tips from coaches and had a great time mixing with other students. Everyone had a great day.









PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Reception Hanson class who were the first class to return all their Premier's Be Active Challenge forms. They are now enjoying the equipment they won for being first to complete the challenge.



P&FNEWS



COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN – ONLY 14 DAYS TO GO

Incredible effort and dedication from everyone!

Don't forget to organise a white t-shirt or yellow (yellow if you don't want to be squirted with coloured powder) for the Colour Explosion Fun Run.

Because of your amazing donations this week, Mr Kerin will be joining Mrs Duif on Friday to be slimed. To be in the running to be the person chosen to pour the slime, make sure you get a \$10 donation this week.

Most importantly, visit <u>www.australianfundraising.com.au</u> to create your profile page and share with family and friends to spread the word!



SAPSASA CRICKET

Congratulations to Lucas who has been selected to represent Northern Yorke Peninsula at SAPSASA Cricket this week. The weather has been perfect for cricket.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MARKET DAY

The Middle School Students have been busy since the start of Term 3 preparing for their Market Day on Wednesday, 15th November (Week 5). Students have been working individually and in groups on market stall of their choice, including;

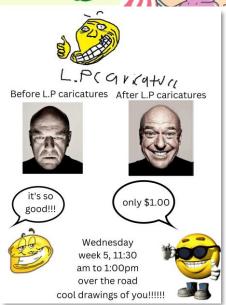
- Snow cones
- Caricatures
- Photobooth
- Spiders and fizzy drinks
- Slime
- Scrunchies and stickers

Items range from 50c to \$4.00. Reception to Year 5 students will have a chance to come around to the stalls on Wednesday. All profits will be going towards the Vinnie's Christmas Appeal!









Per Spider!



TERM 1, 2024 RECEPTION TRANSITION VISIT

Last Thursday, we held our first transition session for our new Reception students in 2024. The students met in Mrs Hanson's room and had the opportunity to explore our nature play area as well as the classroom. It was a wonderful morning, we are looking forward to seeing families again tomorrow.















ANNUAL MUSIC RECITAL

Last night, music students of Michele Giesecke and Paul Boakes held a celebration of their year's learning with a Music Recital. Family, friends and staff enjoyed the musical talents of our students.

