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Term 1 Week 9 2023

Shane's Scribbles

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Surprisingly it is already Week 9 of Term 1 and we will soon be turning our eyes to the first break from school in a few weeks' time. Time sure does fly when you are having fun...

Thank You messages:

In recent weeks there have been opportunities for family and community members to attend the school and take part in events and meetings. These opportunities have included last week's parent-teacher meetings as well as the first AEOG meeting for 2023. To all family and community members who embraced the chance to be partners in the learning journey of our students and our school I extend great appreciation. These moments reflect that we work in partnership to support the growth and development of our children academically, socially and culturally. Yes, together we can make the most difference to the outcomes and opportunities for our students.

Save the date – 17 May 2023 – John Coutis:

Please note the date of Wednesday 17 May into your diaries for what I hope will be an amazing and well received opportunity for our school. Planning is underway for John Coutis, motivational speaker, to visit Ross Hill PS and undertake three presentations, one for students, another for staff and an evening presentation for interested parents and carers.

I have worked with John in previous settings and his presentations have always been well received. John was born with severe disabilities and was given little chance of surviving his birth. He has spent his life defying medical opinions and over 50 years later is acknowledged as a world renowned inspirational speaker.

John is booked to present to us at Ross Hill PS on his life of defying the odds, overcoming adversity, and having the self-determination to be successful. Further details about this day will be shared early next term once timetables are locked in, however if parents and carers can save the Wednesday evening in their diaries, I am sure you will enjoy this outstanding opportunity!

For further information please see the website: <https://www.johncoutis.com/>

NAPLAN:

NAPLAN 2023 is nearing completion for students in Years 3 and 5, with a few opportunities remaining for students who may have missed any sessions over the last week. Thank you to Mr Migheli and Ms Considine for leading their stages through these assessments. As a school we will await results being provided so we can look to identify trend areas of strength and future growth. At this time the system will also issue results to families of students who undertook the assessment program.

Our Students:

It has continued to be a pleasure for me to meet and get to know more and more of the students of our school. There are so many students who take the time to say hello, share a conversation and recount the events they are involved in both within and beyond the school gate. In general, these students have the self-confidence to engage with others and to be active members of our school. I congratulate the families (and teachers) of the students for the work in developing these young citizens with the skills that they possess. That said, school is not always a place of success. There are times when school can be challenging, confronting and uncomfortable. Working hard to establish relationships and connections is so important in helping make school a safe space, a place where learning can still occur through the assistance of teachers, support staff and the encouragement of peers and parents. Whilst at times it can be hard to engage students with school, it is important that together we set the expectation that it is important for students to be at school each and every day that they can. This step alone helps to develop routines, connections, and networks for students. High levels of daily attendance are fundamental to becoming part of the school and being able to connect with friends, teachers and learning opportunities. This in turn has greater chance of enabling school to be a place of successes, growth and achievement for all students.

Until I next write....

Shane Fletcher
Relieving Principal

John Coutis

JOHN COUTIS Author, Trainer, Speaker



JC's endeavours have seen him appear in front of an estimated 6.4 Million people from across the Globe in places such as; Mauritius, South Africa, Germany, Italy, England, Ireland, Singapore, Inner Mongolia, Taiwan, China, United States & New Zealand.

ENDEAVOURS

JC is a remarkable Australian who was born with such a severe disability that the Dr's gave him little chance of surviving his birth...

STRENGTH



JC showed resilience from his birth by defying the medico's opinion and refused to die, now more than 50yrs later he is acknowledged as one of Australia's greatest exports as a world renowned Inspirational Speaker.

DETERMINATION

His life story of defying the odds & rising above adversity has him now as one of the worlds most sought after Inspirational Speakers, in both the Corporate & Educational sectors.

ODD DEFYING



With his message of respect, challenging diversity, inclusion, mental health, anti-bullying, goal setting, courage, motivation, self-determination and of course resilience...

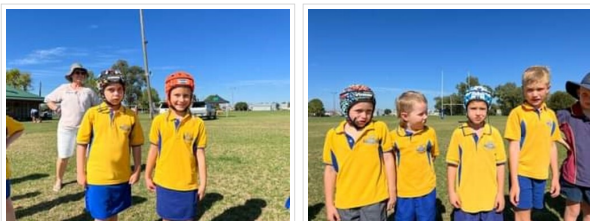
SPEAKER

Happenings around the school

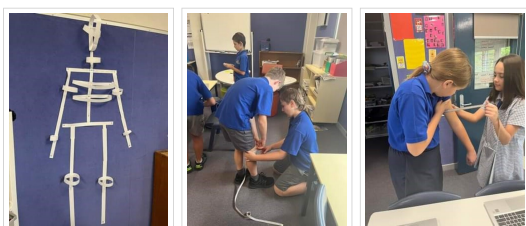
A big congratulations to Toby who was selected in the North West Boys Touch Football team at the trials last Tuesday. Congratulations also to Ruby who was selected as a reserve for the North West Girls team. A great effort by both of these students



Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 students had a blast today at the NRL 'League Stars' Gala Day! The focus of this day was to introduce our students to the game of rugby league and the techniques of soft tackling. As always, Brad and his team of NRL Development Officers were fantastic and put on a great day for our students.



Maths in action - SG had a great time working together to make life-sized, 'paper skeletons' (with accurate measurements) of themselves.



Crazy Hair day

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CRAZY HAIR DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 22nd March our SRC will be hosting a 'Crazy Hair Day'. There will be prizes for the most creative hair styles of each grade. The SRC are asking for a gold coin donation on the day.

We would love to see everyone involved.

Regards,

Miss Murray and the SRC



Library News

Returning Books

Just a friendly reminder, especially for our kindergarten students, when you borrow a book from the library you must return it. We have had a few kinder students bringing their library bags to borrow, however they are empty and they still have loans outstanding. Kinder have make a great start to their library lessons and the number of students borrowing weekly is very pleasing.

Overdue loans and care of books

As the term nears to an end, please return all overdue loans as we have quite a large amount currently overdue. Overdue notices are given to students every two weeks. If a book has not been returned after 2 months an invoice will be sent home for payment of the overdue books. Students must be aware that they are responsible for the care of borrowed library books and that they need to be returned by the due date. Increasingly, some books are being returned damaged, either water damage or graffiti. If this happens an invoice will be sent home to purchase a replacement copy.

Book of the Week

Finding You

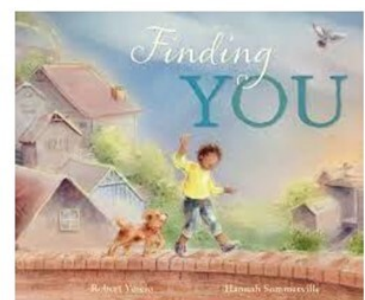
Author: Robert Vescio & Hannah Sommerville

When a boy and a dog meet, an unbreakable and life-changing bond is created. A touching and timely story about welcoming newcomers and those in need.

Themes:

Loss • Kindness • Hope

Location: JB F VES



NAIDOC shirt competition

A form for the 'Design A Shirt Competition'. It includes fields for Name, Age, School, and a section for drawing a design on a shirt. The form is titled 'MINVERELLA DESIGN A SHIRT COMPETITION'.

Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale Dress-up Day.



Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale Day

Tuesday 28th March 2023



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our Term 1 English unit on Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales, Kindergarten are having a fun filled dress-up day and we would like to invite you to come along and share in the fun.



The Dress-up Parade will commence at **9:45 am in the school hall**. Students will perform some short Nursery Rhymes and families are invited to bring their own morning tea to enjoy with their child in the YCDI Garden.

Please send your child to school in their costume at the normal school time.

If you are looking for costume ideas, here are a few suggestions:

Little Boy Blue
Little Red Riding Hood
Little Bo Peep
The Big Bad Wolf
Prince
Goldilocks
Old Mother Hubbard

Jack & Jill
Queen of Hearts
Cinderella
Snow White
Princess
Humpty Dumpty
Wee Willie Winkie



Or any other character from a Nursery Rhyme or Fairy Tale.

If you think your child might like to change out of their costume following the parade, please pack a spare set of labelled clothes for them to change into.

Family members are welcome to come to the school Hall to watch the performance. Visitors are asked to enter the school via the **Brown Street** gate.

Looking forward to seeing you at our parade,

Mrs Schiller, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Wheeler and Miss Odell

Ross Hill P.S. Kindergarten Staff