CLASSROOM ANTICS

The children in Year 1A had a ball last Friday creating Pencil Pets! We used a special modelling clay to mould little creatures that sit on top of our pencils. Once baked, our Pencil Pets go hard and they are ready to use. Our pencils have never looked so good! A HUGE thank you to Mrs Jasper (Brock’s mum) for showing us how to make our Pencil Pets we had such a fantastic afternoon!

CLASSROOM ANTICS

How exactly did the miner involved in the only fatal accident recorded at the original Acland Coal Mine lose his life? Did Mr and Mrs Greenhalgh work down the mine themselves? And Mr Beutel; the last remaining resident of old Acland town, is he still there, and very importantly, is he happy?

These were just some of the questions our very inquisitive and fascinated Year 4s put to Acland historian and author Mrs Kath Greenhalgh who visited to help the children with their SOSE studies last week.

During this term Mrs Wilson and Mrs K’s classes are studying how interactions between people and places affect the physical features of the land, biodiversity, water and the atmosphere. They have chosen to look closely at the history of Acland, a town which, according to Mrs Greenhalgh’s book, was “brought about by coal, that grew and blossomed with community pride, and finally, was taken back by coal.”

The children have found a great resource for their enquiries in Mrs Greenhalgh’s book and were even more pleased to be able to invite the author into the classroom for a discussion and put their questions to her in person.

Mrs Greenhalgh, clearly delighted to find the children had already gathered much information from her book proved she was more than happy and able to answer their questions. As a long-time community member, and owner for many years of the Acland Coal Mine Museum, she painted an interesting and colourful history of Acland from its beginnings to its present.

Children were surprised to hear of some dramatic events, including a famous tornado that ripped through the town on school picnic day 1952, and were keen to learn more of the old mine, shops and buildings, as well as the family, social and school life that once flourished in the little town which is now just the site of an open cut mine.

The modern and efficient mining operation now being conducted where Acland once stood, the regeneration of the land after mining, and other changes that are happening in the area is the new focus of attention for the Year 4s who are now looking forward to a possible visit to the New Hope Coal operations and a chance to put new questions to the people in charge.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Students, Parents and Community,

Thank you to all the students who were involved in our ANZAC ceremonies last week. On Tuesday we had our ANZAC parade in the hall and this was admirably led by our school captains, John, Claire, Connor and Hayley. A special thank you to John, who performed a solo on his Cello.

To Jamie, Angela and Kailee, thank you for your ANZAC readings. A very polished performance. To Hayley, our stage manager your role was crucial to the success of the day. To our choir, all your efforts and hard work came across in a quality performance.

Mrs Johnston, Mrs Batzloff, Mrs McDonough, Mr Ashley and Mrs Staley thank you for all the behind the scenes preparation.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to one of our parents, Miss Lisa O’Sullivan who took a lot of photos on the day.

On Wednesday 25th, ANZAC Day, 82 students marched in the parade in town. Well done and thank you for giving up your time.

Dave Bosworth
NAPLAN 2012

In week 5 of this Term our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be involved in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. Testing will be over the three days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 15th, 16th and 17th of May.

While most students are expected to participate in these tests some children with special needs may receive some support during the test and some children may be withdrawn from the test.

If you are concerned about your child completing the NAPLAN tests, please contact your child’s teacher or myself soon.

NAPLAN information pamphlets are available at the school or you can access the NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

Mothers’ Day Competition

This month the competition in the Resource Centre is about Mothers’ Day. Students can read books about mothers and then write a poem about their mother. Every entrant will be rewarded. Prizes will be presented for the best poems. Come to the Resource Centre on Tuesday or Thursday for your chance to enter this great competition.

Homework Club

Please note homework club is up and running for this term on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 4.15p.m. Prompt collection is appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MAY

- Mon 7th Public Holiday
- Tue 15th Naplan 3/5/7’s
- Wed 16th Naplan 3/5/7’s
- Thurs 17th Naplan 3/5/7’s
- Fri 25th Under 8’s Day

MUSIC NOTES

Well done on some great rhythm work in Years 5, 6 & 7. Years 4 have been doing some beautiful singing in class - lovely to hear! Lily played Baa Baa Black Sheep on the piano for us this week, very impressive! To those students who have been coming down in their lunch break to practise singing together and playing songs on the recorder great work, keep it up, you’re sounding terrific!

Mrs Playssted, Music Teacher.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for the great job they have done at school this past week. Keep Up the Great Work!

Preps – Cody, Tillie
Year 1– Jayden, Joseph, Caleb
Year 2– Mitesse, Jayden
Year 3– Chase
Year 4– Stephanie, Chloe, Monica
Year 5– Sophie
Year 6– Patricia, Camp Children
Year 7– Braden, Damien
Junior Mixed Choir

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Between Oakey and Toowoomba on a Tuesday and a Friday a bus service will be operating. At this point the service is free. Enquiries can be made at Aussie helpers on 0488220567. A full timetable is available on the Oakey Community website: www.oakey.qld.au

Oakey Soccer Club: Looking for new players boys and girls aged 5-16 yrs. Come to soccer Club Wednesdays 4p.m. training and sign on at the Oakey Soccer Club. Contact numbers Paul 0427622837 or Tim 0418745221.

Rigg’d Oakey Hip Hop Crew: Hip hop, Jazz, Contemporary! Fridays 6-8pm, at the Oakey State Primary School Hall. The cost is $3 per lesson, ages 6years up. Contact Sarah Kay 0438321928.

Reminder:
In the interest of supervision and safety, children should not arrive at school before 8:30 am and should be collected/ have left the school grounds no later than 3:15pm each day. No supervision of students is offered before or after school. Also, we have a policy of NO HAT/NO PLAY. This applies throughout the whole year. A suitable brimmed hat is required, preferably in the school colours. Caps and visors are not suitable for school.

Gotcha Winners: Ariel, Joanna, Annabelle, Blake, Isabella.

Newsletter

Please be aware that our school newsletter is uploaded to our school website each week. If you have any concerns regarding privacy/photo issues, please contact the school office. If you would like your newsletter emailed to you please also contact the school office. Ph 46920333.

OAKEY STATE SCHOOL WORD LIST

Congratulations to the following students on mastering your yellow and red words. Keep up the great reading, Sharmekia and Holly.

Gotcha Winners:
Ariel, Joanna, Blake, Annabelle, Isabella.

Tuckshop News

Please be aware that Wednesdays are Eagle Boys Pizza Days. Pizzas must be ordered on the Day. There will be NO other hot food available on this day. Please order your pizzas before school so that we can give the orders to Eagle Boys to make up for us.

Donations this week please:
Kristie Laurie: Paper Bags
Debbie Peters: Tinned Tomatoes
Kristie Mitchel: Tinned Tomato Soup.

Thank you Lee-Anne.

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