PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

At our professional learning meeting this week, we will look closely at the new Learning and Support Team policy to enable staff extensive time to unpack the policy and understand the processes and procedures involved. We will also look at the changes to ESL (English as a Second Language) structures, including the change in title which is now EAL/D (English as an Additional Language/Dialect). One of the roles of the Learning and Support Team is to decide how to best allocate resources such as the EAL/D teacher to support children across the school. Other human resources include Learning and Support Teachers, Student Learning and Support Officers, speech or occupational therapists or the school counsellor. In addition, we can implement individual learning plans, use technology, utilise specific teaching and learning strategies and target professional learning for teachers. One example of how we do this is outlined in the next paragraph. Parents have a vital role to play in the process too and you will be included in planning support strategies.

Last Friday, I met with Sue Wilks from Educational Speech Pathology and Therapy Services to discuss a project that the Learning and Support Team have identified as a priority in the school. We will fund this project via a grant of $2500 from the Graphic Arts Club in Mascot, provided we are successful in our application. At this stage, we are focused on professional learning for teachers in effective strategies for use in the classroom to enable language development. We also plan to offer professional learning for our parents so that similar strategies can be used at home. I will keep you posted about this project as it is developed.

Student Absences

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Poet's Corner
By 5/6G

5/6 G has been learning about Haiku poems. Below are a few examples of our class work.

My Dad came back home
He is tired and needs rest
Go have some rest dad
By Agnik

He dives with a splash
He might beat the world record
We have brought home gold.
By Kristina

Lights in the night sky
Shining in my dark brown eyes
Flashing in the sky
By Eric

He bolts up the side
He kick he scores crowd goes wild.
Socceroos won
By Chloe

I love playing sport
My favourite sport is Golf
It is so awesome
By Danica

Having fun all day
I can’t complain in the sun
But I need some ice
By Leanne

Summer is coming
Beautiful beach to lie on
The sun is shining
By Madina

I lost my homework
My big dog ate my homework
It didn’t really matter
By Michala

Snow is very cold
Snowmen die in the sunlight
Don’t eat yellow snow
By Zane

Famous Ben is full
Of junk food he will have to
Lose a lot of weight.
By Jonathon

Cricket, squash, soccer
Competing with each other
Everyone loves sport
By Mushfiq

Preschool News

Preschool - Fostering Healthy Eating

At Mascot Preschool we promote and encourage healthy eating and would like to ensure children have a lunchbox with healthy food and snacks.

- Fruit should be provided for morning tea; cut up and put in a bag or box with your children's name on the front, and placed in the morning tea basket.
- Lunch should be made up of either a sandwich with a suitable filling such as cheese, chicken, ham, salad, or vegemite. (Please do not send nutella or peanut butter.) If your child prefers you could send rice, pasta or noodles with chicken and/or vegetables.
- Also in the lunchbox you may like to add a treat such as cheese and biscuits, rice crackers, salad, cherry tomatoes, cut up cucumber, yoghurt, custard, dried fruit.
- If you are unsure what to put in your child's lunchbox please ask the teacher.
- Remember to put their lunch box in the fridge. This is a Health Department requirement.
- Also remember to bring a bottle each day for your child filled with WATER only, and take it home to wash, dry and refill every day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this as we work together to ensure your child’s good health.

Upcoming Events in the Preschool

- Wednesday 5th March - Clean Up Australia - preschool parents are invited to come and help us clean up and plant seedlings in the preschool garden.
- Friday 7th March - preschool photo day - Group B
- Monday 17th March - Preschool grandparents are invited to visit the preschool to join morning activities with their grandchildren (9am to 10am).
- Friday 21st March - Harmony Day - the preschoolers will participate in multicultural activities during the day, and children are encouraged to come in their national costumes and cultural dress.

Student of the Week

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