

P&C Principal's Report 31 July 2023

School Development Days 17 & 18 July

We had a successful two days at the start of term. Staff received a full day of training in 'The Science of Reading', presented by Mandy Nayton, CEO of Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation. This workshop covered current research findings and knowledge about how children learn to read, evidence-informed models of reading development, the factors contributing to successful reading acquisition, and the research underpinning the development of reading accuracy, fluency, and comprehension.

Staff also received professional development in social cognition and self-regulation strategies to support students, including exploring a program called the Zones of Regulation, designed to support students to build an awareness of their feelings as well as strategies for regulation, self-care, and overall wellness.

Further work was completed by staff in understanding new Department of Education policies in Health and Behaviour in Schools. This work will continue, and we will share more later this term.

Year 3 Mooritj Excursion

Last Friday 28 July the Year Three students participated in their reciprocal excursion to Mooritj Noongar Community College. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience which included a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony with Nan Roma Winmar, Mooritj dancers and choir performances. Activities included creating Birdiya (turtle) artwork, making Mia Mia's in the bush, traditional storytelling, preparing and cooking damper at the meeting circle, cultural sporting games on the oval, and a 'Roo and croc' sausage sizzle lunch. A huge thank you to Mrs Annika Chesny for coordinating this special event.

State Cross Country

We wish our interschool cross country team all the best as they prepare for the State Cross Country on Thursday 3rd August. The students are excited and looking forward to this event. A huge thank you to Mr Ardon Plummer for organising this optional event.

NAPLAN Data

Parents of year three and five students will have received a copy of their child's NAPLAN data. At this stage we are awaiting the release of comparative data which will be available for us late August. We are planning to review this data during a staff meeting this term to prepare future directions.

Upcoming extra-curricular events

1/8 Year 5/6 MLC Production
3/8 State Cross Country
11/8 C6 Assembly and Choir Concert
14/8 P&C General Meeting
18/8 and 21/8 Kindy Bunnings incursion
24/8 K-2 Athletics Carnival
30/8 Year 6 Karrakatta Excursion
31/8 Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival

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