Hello again,

Many thanks everyone for your outstanding support of last week’s Knockout! Fundraiser.

Despite the very warm day, the children participated enthusiastically in all the games and activities and it was gratifying to see so many parents giving of their time to assist the teachers with the events.

On Friday morning, families had already donated almost $1 000 in sponsorship and when added to the $580 received from Woonona IGA a few weeks ago, we are off to a healthy start in reaching our goal to equip the remaining four classrooms with interactive boards. Sponsorship forms and money can be returned up until the last day of this term.

I would like to express a special thank you to Shay Macpherson and Renee Williams for their outstanding organisation of the day and Sharon Clements and the canteen team for the great job of keeping tummies happy.

This Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm we will have our usual whole school assembly, but it will be held under the COLA. Class and Principal’s Awards will be presented followed by our annual Easter Hat Parade. The Easter raffle will be drawn after the parade and the winner of the colouring competition announced. Please have your colouring entries into the office by Wednesday afternoon. Hot Cross Bun and lamington orders can be collected from the office between 2 and 3pm during the Parade.

Many thanks to the parents who donated eggs and chocolates for the raffle. Any items donated this week should be sent directly to the office as the class boxes will be collected today.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter break with your families. School resumes on Tuesday 2nd April for the final two weeks of Term 1.

Sharyn Liddle
The NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum

In 2014, for the first time ever, Australia will have a national curriculum. This plays a significant role in realising the goals set out in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEETYA 2008) - that all young people in Australia should be supported to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

The Australian curriculum is in the process of being translated into syllabuses by each of the states and territories and NSW has English, Maths, Science and History ready to go and the other Key Learning areas in consultation. These are indeed exciting times to be in education!

To keep you updated please find enclosed a copy of the Parents’ Guide for the new NSW K-10 Syllabuses. We hope that you will find the information informative.

Further information can be accessed on the Parents’ page at the NSW Board of Studies www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents

Teachers will begin training for the implementation of English on the first two days of Term 2 which will be School Development Days. Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Staff Changes

There will be a few staff changes happening this week. Welcome back Mrs Horne (Price) who will be returning to her permanent position on 3/4P on Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Philp for the outstanding work he has done in guiding the students over the past nine weeks and for his contribution to the teaching team at Woonona East. We will see Mr Philp again in Term 2.

Congratulations Ron!

Well done to our athletics coach Ron Thompson who received the Australian Track and Field Coach’s Association Coach of the Year Award on Saturday. Ron was at the Homebush Little Athletics’ meet on the day where he had over sixty young athletes competing. Congratulations Ron from the staff and students at Woonona East Public School!

Cross Country Helpers Needed

The school cross country carnival will be held on Friday 5th April beginning at 11:00. If you are able to lend a hand on the day please see Mrs Harris Cross this week.

Interested students are invited to join the ‘running club’ on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on the oval. Please meet at the big oval gate opposite Mrs Hearn’s room.

The canteen will be open for purchases on the day. If you are able to donate a cake, slice or cupcakes to sell on the day, please see Sharon Clements or ring on 0438796656. Thank you in anticipation!

Lost Property

There are now two large tubs on the COLA stage where lost property will be placed. Please check here regularly for lost clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles etc.

P&C/Class ‘Link’ Parents

We are looking for parents to act as a ‘link’ between the P&C and each class. These parents would let their class know when special events or initiatives were happening and help promote the events with their class. If you think this could be a job for you please speak with your class teacher.

Scripture

Easter is a most significant time of the year for Christians. To celebrate Easter there will be a Scripture Assembly at 9am this Tuesday in the school assembly hall. Quiz Worx will be present with their puppets. They will bring an entertaining, fun Easter message of Jesus’ love shown through his death and resurrection. Parents are welcome. Scripture Teachers

Nan Tien Temple

Stage Two went to Nan Tien Temple on Thursday 21st March to learn more about Buddhism. We boarded the buses and had fun on our way to Nan Tien temple.

We lined up waiting for our instructors which were Ruth, Bob and Jacqueline. 3/4S walked up the main stairs to one of the shrines. Ruth talked about the statue with 24 arms named Quionion. Our next activity was Tai Chi which was demonstrated by a nun. Nuns shave their heads and wear brown robes to represent Buddhism and the Buddah.

Then we went to the museum to look at the wishing pond. Ruth showed us the teapot display. She talked about a man who wrote with a grain of rice on little pieces of eggshells and human hair. Another man also carved a wooden boat using a dental drill and a wedge. He carved 84 Buddahs on the boat. It took him 5 years to carve.

Then we went to the main shrine which was where we had to take off our shoes. You do this with a sign of respect for their culture. There were five Buddahs with all different hand signals and different colour robes.

Next we had lunch. Lunch was served at the diner. We had fried rice and wedges with some cut up apples. What a yummy experience!
After lunch our last activity was origami. Ruth gave us envelopes with what we needed. There were three small flowers and a green lilly pad with an orange sticker. First Ruth demonstrated how to fold the lilly pad into shape. Then she did the same with the flowers. Then we stuck the sticker in the middle where Mr Smith stapled the flowers onto the lilly pad.

Personally I have felt so lucky to have this experience and learn more about a different religion and culture in Berkeley. I would like to have flown to Thailand but Berkeley was a good enough experience.

By Ruby S.

Nan Tien Temple
Thank you to all students on their excellent representation of our school.
Mr Smith

Kids’ Café
Kids’ Café always needs volunteers to help keep this valued service operating in our school. If you can help on any day next term please give Sharon Clements a ring on 0438 796 656.

Canteen Roster
Mon 25/3 – CLOSED
Tues 26/3 – CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS
Wed 27/3 – CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS
Thurs 28/3 – Kylie B, Simone Bruckner
   EASTER HAT PARADE
Fri 29/3 – GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 1/4 – EASTER MONDAY
Tues 2/4 – CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS
Wed 3/4 – CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS
Principals Morning Tea
Thurs 4/4 – CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS
Fri 5/4 – Belinda Arnold, Lara

Community News

Northern Illawarra Uniting Church
Corner of Point Street and Princes Hwy, Bulli
Maundy Thursday 28th Mar – 6pm
Remembering the Passover meal and events after.
Easter Celebrations
Good Friday 29th March – 9.30am
Easter Sunday 31st March – 9.30am
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