NAIDOC Day at Hillview

Last Friday the students travelled by bus and car to NAIDOC Day at Hillview school. All the local small schools in our area attended this day at Hillview School. As a result, the students learned much about our indigenous culture and heritage, which is a focus of much of what we do in our schoolwork. This day gave our students a chance to learn and experience our indigenous culture at first hand. Students from all four local schools were involved in playing traditional games, doing a song lines and dancing workshop, stones and stories, totem art workshops,
learning about ‘The Dreaming’, working on a giant snake timeline, and learned about the stolen generation.

All who attended had a barbeque lunch provided by Mununjali House. It was a great opportunity for staff and students to mix and get to know one another.

We sincerely thank Hillview State School for organising and hosting the day for us.

**Year 4-6 School Camp, 26 August-3 September**

Our triennial Year 4-6 school camp to Sydney, Canberra, the snow and the Blue Mountains is fast approaching. This week we sent out more detailed information, medical,
permission forms and invoices to all the families of the students attending this camp.

While on camp, the students will be visiting many well-known Australian landmarks. We visit Sydney and see the Opera House, cruise on Sydney Harbour, see where the first European settlers lived around The Rocks, we visit Federal Parliament in Canberra, the Australian War Memorial, having the opportunity to experience these places first-hand is invaluable for the students’ learning and personal development. Our school has always strongly believed that the experiences provided to students by all our camps are extremely worthwhile and promote the students’ learning. Of all our school camps, this camp into New South Wales is the one that students remember for a lifetime. This camp, however, is available once only to our students while they are at primary school. For this reason, our school and the school’s P&C heavily subsidises this camp. Our triennial theatre restaurant shows do much to make this camp possible.

**Public Holiday – 8 August**

Next Monday is a public holiday for the Beaudesert area. So there is no school here on Monday. The day has been set aside for local people to visit the Brisbane Ekka in lieu of a Beaudesert show holiday.

**Theatre Restaurant – 5, 6 August**

The last two Theatre Restaurant performances are to be held on this weekend. Both performances are close to fully booked.

Many, many sincere thanks go to all the wonderful people who have helped the school and the students by working at the Theatre Restaurant performances.

A Rathdowney Theatre Restaurant night is always a fun night and last Saturday and
Sunday showed that people still enjoy coming to see their friends and neighbours perform on stage in hilarious roles. It was great to see the audience getting involved in the show by singing along, or joining in the conga line, or just clapping and laughing at the jokes.

As always, the P&C’s catering lives up to its legendary status for its deliciousness!!

**Year 3-6 News**

These past few weeks, our class has been very busy with our term’s work.

In English, we have been working on writing more fabulous sentences which will now lead into writing fabulous paragraphs. For many of the students in the class the reading focus for this term is on retelling and comprehending a variety of different text types. Our daily spelling and grammar practice is also leading to improvements in this area for all our students.

In Maths, the Year 3s have started some basic fraction work as well as consolidating their understanding of place value. The Year 4s are learning the algorithms for long multiplication and division as well as practising their knowledge of multiplication facts. The senior girls have spent this week working out currency exchange rates between the currencies of other countries and Australia and learning about bank terminology.

In History the whole class has been learning about the way of life of people in Australia’s colonial past. We’ve been reading a series of historical novels, and watching a DVD series called “The Colony”. The Year 4-6 students will also be doing some work on our system of government, with a focus on federal government, as a lead up to the school camp. We’ll also be fitting in some work on the modern Olympics in the next couple of weeks while the Olympics are on in Rio de Janeiro.

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### Dates To Remember! – August/September 2016

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Parents please note:
if collecting your child before 3pm, please sign your child out, by filling in the sign out register in the office. Thank you!

Janiero, Brazil.
Excitement is building in our classroom as our triennial camp to Sydney and Canberra draws closer. Forms for the camp have gone home this week. For the parents of the students attending, could you please complete and return the forms at your earliest convenience?

We are also getting busy with entries for the Beaudesert Show. These, too have to be completed in the next couple of weeks. We may also have to fit in a little revision dance lesson or two so that we will be ready for the Dance Fever Dance Challenge on Sunday, 11 September at Chandler in Brisbane.

More from our classroom next time,
Jenny and Tina

Walkathon Money
Parents please make sure that any money collected for the

Walkathon is returned to school immediately. Only when all money is returned can prizes be ordered and money given to our charity, the Cancer Council!

Head Lice Alert!!
Could parents who have not recently done so, please check their children’s hair and, if needed, treat it appropriately with head lice treatment, available from chemists!

In accordance with Education Queensland’s policy, students with live head lice will be excluded from school until their hair has been treated.
In Maths this week the Year 2s have been working on their measuring skills and place value. The Year 1s have been exploring time and reading analogue clocks. The Preps have been reading and writing numbers to 30, as well as sharing different qualities.

For C2C the students have chosen the dinosaur for their projects. They are learning a lot of interesting facts about their chosen dinosaur.

In History this week the students have been learning about families and how they relate to one another.

Below are some recounts about our day at Hillview for NAIDOC Day.

More from us next week.

Kasey, Kay, Colleen and Ellen.
On Friday 29th July at Cityview NAIDOC Day the exciting part of it was watching the Aboriginal people do a dance and one of them split the pants. After that we did PE. NAIDOC day was fun! Yes a lot of fun, next year yes next year.
On Friday 29th July at Hillview school we played on the slide. Later we played on the trampoline. After I played cars with William, we watched Aborigines dance.

I went to NAIDOC at Hillview and I watched the Aborigineal People. It was fun, watched.