Welcome to the half-way mark of this final, Christmas term for 2012.

What has been happening?

On the 18th and 19th of October Forsayth and Mt Surprise united to enjoy two jam-packed days of gymnastics as well as a school sleepover. The students participated in gymnastics activities using the beam, bars and rings as well as learning to combine these movements to create short gymnastics routines. This was a wonderfully social get-together which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and staff alike. Thanks a lot to the P&C and parent helpers who volunteered their time to assist with providing meals!

On the 30th of October the school was visited by the ‘National Pride Rugby League’ group who had an amazing time with the kids playing footy and teaching them all about the game that they so obviously love. The students were very enthusiastic about having ‘The Pride’ here and we hope that they will be back to visit us again in 2013.

In the classroom, the upper school students have been working on their debating skills, lobbying for an environmental cause that they’d like to support, while in the lower school, the students have been engaging with poetry and are currently composing their own poem about a familiar place. We have also been working with the Brisbane School Of Distance Education to participate in a writing course which is accessible through the web conferencing tool: i-connect. Hannah and Haylie have refined their computer skills and have been able to teach the other children about using online movie making programs like ‘dvolver’ and animated avatars like ‘vokis.’

What is coming up?

From the 20th to the 23rd of November we will be on school camp at the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre. We will be joining forces with the Mt Surprise students and engaging in all sorts of thrilling activities like rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing and many others.

On Tuesday afternoon of the 27th of November at 3:30 there will be a ‘Prep Information’ session held at the school in the classroom. All interested parties are welcome!

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the 3rd and 4th of December. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to sit down and celebrate each student’s success and to discuss their needs as we head into 2013. I’d strongly urge all parents/caregivers to take advantage of this opportunity!

The school ‘Christmas Tree’ evening will be held at the CWA hall on Wednesday the 5th of December. Santa will be visiting the children of Forsayth on this evening so please could all Parents/Caregivers make sure that all gifts are delivered to the school by Monday the 3rd of December. We ask that gifts have a maximum value of $20.

Reminders:

The Student Council is doing a Christmas Raffle for a small pre-prep pushbike. If you’d like tickets in this raffle, they are $2 each and the draw will be on the 5th of December at the Christmas Tree Evening.

We are still looking for community volunteers to help support our school reading program in 2013. Anyone who would like to be involved please ring the school to let me know on 07 4062 5378.

Kind regards,

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