Madame Johnson’s Trip to France

Bonjour à tous les parents!

I was lucky enough to take part in a study tour to France in January with 30 other teachers from around Australia. We stayed in a beautiful town called Aix-en-Provence (in the south of France) for 3 weeks. Our activities included language classes each day, along with cultural activities (cooking class, visits to a lavender farm and a wine and oil producer, and learning how Christmas is celebrated in this region) and excursions to medieval villages, roman ruins and Marseille on the Mediterranean coast.

We had great weather (considering that the rest of Europe was freezing) but our last 2 days were spent in Paris where it snowed. I stayed with a French couple who were very welcoming and of course spoke French the whole time with me. I was able to bring back lots of resources and photos to show the children and have lots of information about French culture and traditions to share with them. It was an unforgettable experience to be in such a beautiful part of the world.
The Governing council held a Working Bee in the Natanda Garden on 4th March, trimming limbs and removing dead trees.

We would like to thank the following people for giving their time: Trevor Kennett, Roly Day, Tim Williams, Chris King, David Will, Simon Ballinger, Kym Lovelock, Ted Langley, Andrew Nairn, Steve Brown and Nathan Grosser.

From The Principal

Camps
Preparation is well under way for our Year 5 and 7 camps. The Year 5s head off next week to the Grampians and we are assured that the bush fires have not affected the camp site area. The Year 7s trip to Adelaide is also being finalised with lots of exciting activities planned. These events take many additional hours of planning and preparation as well as the 24 hour supervision provided by teachers and parent volunteers. The commitment of these staff members is to be commended as these experiences create life long memories.

History Curriculum
Last night staff attended a workshop on the new Australian Curriculum presented by our school cluster Australian Curriculum Facilitators. Our cluster involves Mundulla, Padthaway and Keith and this week staff from Mundulla joined us for their training and development. The new requirements of History were outlined along with how this area of the curriculum will impact on students’ learning.

Governing Council AGM
Our Governing Council AGM is coming up on 27th March and I would like to reinforce the comments made by Nathan Grosser, Governing Council Chairperson that this is an excellent opportunity for parents and community members to hear what has been happening at our school and the many achievements of both students and staff. Parents may call into the Front Office from 18th March to collect a copy of the AGM booklet.

Staffing News
Next week Lorraine Verco, our Administration SSO will be commencing work at Robe Primary School. Therefore she will be reducing her hours to five days per fortnight at our school. We wish her well in her new role.

From The Chairperson

The Governing Council AGM is to be held on the 27th of March at 7:30 in the library. We are inviting all parents to attend this meeting. The evening will be an opportunity to find out what the governing council does and how the school is performing in aspects of education, finance, grounds and infrastructure.

I know many people worry if they attend an AGM they will be nominated to join. I can assure people that this will not happen. If you wish to join the governing council you must fill in the nomination form accompanying this News link. Input from parents helps maintain a successful and strong school.

We look forward to presenting our yearly reports to as many people as possible.

Nathan Grosser
Governing Council Chairman.
Schools Clean Up Australia Day 2013

Last Friday, in perfect conditions, the students participated in the annual Schools Clean up Day. In year level or buddy class pairs, students armed themselves with gloves and tongs to collect rubbish in areas such as Memorial Park, hospital parks, basketball, footy and netball grounds, the school boundary and grounds and the Tatiara Creek bed. A lot of glass was found at the sports venues, while paper and plastic were the most common items found elsewhere. The Year 7’s found half a bike frame and a mop in the creek bed. Altogether the rubbish collected filled 6 wheelie bins, so we can be proud of our efforts to clean up many areas of the town. Many thanks to all staff and students for participating and to the parents who volunteered to help.

Jenny Artz

Students from R/1 Nies and 3/4 Artz working together to clean up the Road Safety Park.

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

(Previously known as “School Chaplain”)

BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Address: South Tce. Bordertown

Schools Ministry Group along with Tatiara Schools Chaplaincy Support Group are seeking applications for this up to 24 hour per week position, commencing Term 2, 2013.

The position exists to offer support to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on “How to Apply”, is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au, or Pamela Thompson SMG Regional Manager mobile: 0423 936 862

Closing date: Monday 25th March - 5:00pm
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Please complete and return to the front office.

Governing Council Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 27th March, 2013

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I wish to nominate myself .....................................

Telephone ..................................................

Date: .................................. Signature: ..................................................

Kids Time Out
On again
Sunday March 10th.
Learn Cartoon Drawing & Craft.

NEW VENUE
The Lutheran Hall
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