Principal’s message

Such a busy week and weekend!
The Reconciliation Week morning at the Novotel was well-received by our invited students. They had the opportunity to listen to two speakers about their educational journey and aspirations, enjoy a delicious morning tea and observe traditional dancing and didgeridoo playing. Zac Bennett-Brooks spoke about his connection to country through surfing and his ocean inspired artworks. Zac will be joining us this week to work with our Aboriginal students as they design and paint the Reconciliation Poles for our Reconciliation Garden. Bunnings Wollongong have also come on board with this project and will be donating items to help us plant and install the poles. We are very grateful to Zac and Bunnings for their support in this major project.

The Trivia Night was fabulous with lots of knowledge (both trivial and not-so-trivial) mixed with laughter, friendship and the odd display of competitiveness. Thank you, Dannielle and your team for organising this night that brought our community together to benefit the school. Almost $2000 was raised and when combined with the P&C’s $1500 kick-start donation, we are well on the way to raising $5000 to upgrade the Library’s furniture.

The Bulli Burn was very well represented by our students and families. Although the weather was chilly, our 42 runners enjoyed every moment and collected the $500 as the most represented school. Thank you Mrs Latimer, Mrs van Kessel and the many families who supported our team.

Kai’s initiative for fundraising money to support the rebuilding of a school in Ghorok in Nepal resulted in $162.55 being raised. Luke thoroughly enjoyed the prize of over 500 lollies. Congratulations, Kai – student leadership at its best!

Enjoy your week.

Rhonda Morton
Reconciliation Week – writing from 1/2B
Cassia brought the book *Fair Skin, Black Fella* to school during Reconciliation Week to share with her class. While all of 1/2B wrote a response to the book, both Cassia and Alara were particularly proud to share their heritage and their texts. (N.B. These texts have been reproduced with parental permission.)

**Koori by Cassia**
Do not be rude if someone looks funny. If you don’t have the same skin colour it is not funny. If white or black, we are all friends. Are you going to play with people instead of teasing people?

**Koori by Alara**
Kooris had Australia before we did. Kooris hunt for food. When my Granddad taught me to speak and play Koori stuff, I learnt that I am a Koori. It was like playing the trumpet when I played the didgeridoo. My Granddad is an expert at a lot of Koori stuff. My Granddad says, ‘If you want to try it, try it.’ It’s cool being a Koori.

**Trivia Night - Friday - 7pm**
The Trivia Night on Friday was a great success raising almost $2000 towards the Library upgrade. It was a fun night full of laughter and even a little dancing. Well done to the victorious ‘Neighbours’ team, captained by Karen Burbury.

Special thanks to Mr Cochrane who has generously agreed to have his hair cut, raising $400. Mrs O’Brien will be in charge of the scissors at the next whole school assembly.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to support our fundraising efforts.

Dannielle Spokes
Trivia Night Co-ordinator

**ADHD Support Group Coffee and Drop in Morning**
When: Last Friday of the month 10.30am - 12pm
Where: Citylife Church 2/129 Jardine Street (west end)
Fairy Meadow 2519
For more information: 4284 4414, 0413 048 453

**Books for Zim**
Alfred Chidembo is running a book drive to collect 10,000 books for Mavhurazi School in Zimbabwe, the school he attended as a child. Currently the school doesn’t have a library and students have no books to read. If you have children’s books that you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.

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**What’s happening in ... KC?**
This term, KC has been studying the weather in science. We have been writing about it as well as painting particular weather conditions and seasons. The following sentences have been written by the children.

I need a cap on windy day. – Patrick
I need a raincoat on a stormy day. – Tully
I need a thick coat on a snowy day. – Jack
I need a dress on a hot day. – Penny
I need a scarf and a beanie on a cold day. – Tomas
I need a T-shirt and shorts on a hot day. – Bligh
I need a beanie and a jacket on a cold day. – Nelson
I need a beanie and a scarf on a cold snowy day. – Charli D
I need a beanie, a warm coat and leggings on a cold day. – Kaiya
I need a swimsuit, a water bottle and sunscreen on a hot day. – Seth
I need gumboots and an umbrella on a rainy day. – Maddison
I need swimmers on a hot day. – Charlie
I need some shorts on a sunny day. – Ada
I need some gloves and a snow coat and a scarf on a snowy day. – Arlo
In the snow, I need gloves and a beanie and a coat. – Brodie
On a snowy day, I need a beanie, a jacket, long pants and gloves. – Oliver B
On a sunny day, I need a hat and a T-shirt and shorts. – Oliver C
On a rainy day, I wear my boats and my raincoat and I need an umbrella. – Indigo
In the backyard, I need a hat on a sunny day. – Karissalee
At the park, I need a sun hat on a hot day. – Stella

*Please visit the administration foyer to view K/C’s display. You are invited to attend our whole school assembly on Wednesday 10 June at 1.45pm when KC will perform their class item.*