Being a child!

Every now and then I get the rare opportunity to be out in the playground before school and supervise girls and boys on the play equipment.

For a 50 something male who sits on his bottom a lot, it is both delightful and scary to watch the children play.

Today I was watching children scramble all over the play equipment – squeals of laughter, in, out, under, and over in myriad ways. Fast, excited, playful, PLAY FULL. I watched others chase each other down the grassy slope knowing that they were likely to generate so much speed that they would tumble over at the end. And they did! Down, over and up again, in a flash!

I realised again this morning that while I was tempted to interfere with the play of the children because they might get hurt, I was probably projecting my own 55 year old inadequacies, limits and fears on to them. Yep, I would have fallen off the equipment, I would have tumbled at the bottom of the hill. I know I wouldn’t bounce! So I don’t play anymore….but I’m not the kid!

The point is that children do bounce! They are free and flexible and resilient. They fall and bounce straight back up. They jump and roll. They scrape, they slither, they go places, they explore their physical and social limits. And they do it in a way that is safer than many of us older, slower and more fearful adults cannot.

Now of course we do have limits on things here. No, you can’t leave the school grounds, climb the trees, get on the roof, or explore the long grass on the school perimeter. A school rule is “be in the right place at the right time”. However, we do need to let our children be children. We have to let them make mistakes and learn from their mistakes. We have to allow them to learn from each other and to have the rough edges smoothed over time as they interact with each other and learn to adapt.

Just like a child falls, rolls, gets up and runs after their playmates, we have to allow them to fall socially and pick themselves up. They will learn from their arguments, their conflicts, their disappointments and they will learn how to negotiate and adapt and cope. They will, as our school motto says, “LEARN TO LIVE”.

Sometimes being a school leader is the best job in the world…I wish I were a kid again…but if I can’t be, I can enjoy being surrounded by kids! They teach me stuff every day.

Thanks for the privilege!

Regards

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KG  Jessica Stokes
KS  Shakira Johnson
1B  Emily Bell
1C  Toby Corfe
1/2E  Jayden Sloggett
2M  Olivia Thompson
3C  Jack Dudgeon
3/4A  Vai Gravino
4CA  William Mackie
4/5H  Jordan Hart
5M  Tyson Vickery

Star Solver  Ely Benson

Did You Know?
We have postponed our planned Wheel-a-thon (bicycle safety and road safety fundraiser) until next term to give us a little more time. We will get back to you to confirm the new date for some time in Week 3 or 4 next term.

Did You Know?
We have established a free ‘parenting tips’ library in the foyer of the Front Office. A range of titles around raising children are available for borrowing through the front office and our well stocked library. You are welcome!
SPECIAL AWARDS - congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.

Jade Jake Jarman & Arley Thorp
Topaz Shania King

DRAMA FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

This hugely popular event will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th September. A two page detailed note was sent home last Friday and this information can also be found on the School’s Website.

Whilst no tickets will be sold we ask the audience members to give a gold coin donation.

We will also be selling tickets in our famous “Fruit and Vegetable tray” - $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00.

PERFORMANCES

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER
10.00am 1/2E 10.30am KS
11.45am 5M 12.30pm 2M

WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER
9.30am 3C 10.00am 4CA
10.30am 1B 2.15pm 4/5H

THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
10.00am 6M 10.30am 3/4A
12 noon 6R 12.30pm KG
2.15pm 1C

We look forward to seeing all parents and friends of the school on these days.

WOLGOLGA JUNIOR SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

REGISTRATION DAYS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS 15TH & 29TH SEPTEMBER FROM 10.00am — 12.00 NOON

New members will require a copy of their birth certificate—minimum age is 5 years old.
The season will commence on 6th October.

For further information please contact Nigel on 0428 230 454 or Coleen on 0425 285 172
Online registration for renewing members www.woolgoolgaslsc.com

P & C NEWS

Thank you to Jane Crooks who sat in on our P&C Meeting last night in Mr. Rincheval’s place. It was nice to have a teacher around the table.

We are still looking for good/clean trash and treasure items for our garage sale we will be holding on Election Day. Please deliver this to the Resource Room. Any large items can be delivered the day before or on the day.

The day is going to kick off at 6.00am so we can set up and get the barbie fired and ready for those early voters. If you are an early riser we would appreciate the help.

Of course we are still looking for volunteers throughout the day, so if you have some spare time before or after you vote please hang around and help. I can’t stress enough about the opportunity for this big day of fundraising. It’s not often we get to catch the wider community that wouldn’t normally come into our school.

After such a big day we’d then like all the ladies to come and chill out at the Candle Party starting at 3.00pm on Sunday 8th. Please join us for some nibbles and wine and look at a beautiful collection of candles and accessories. Also, it’s a great opportunity to just catch up.

For any information please call me on 0418 230 454

Diane Della
P&C President