Myuna Farm Excursion For Preps

It was highly unfortunate that the Prep excursion to Myuna Farm had to be cancelled due to bad weather – so what a relief that on Monday the weather cleared up and the sun came out for our Preps to finally get the chance to visit the Farm!

There was lots of excited children who after missing out on their first chance to attend, were ready and raring to go by 9 o’clock yesterday! Students had their lunches prepared in plastic bags, gumboots were on and raincoats were handy - just in case!

For some of our students, this is the first time that they had visited this farm, along with their very first time travelling in a bus! How exciting!

The Preps enjoyed riding on the train that takes you out into the wetland areas of the farm and is a welcome relief for tired little feet! They also enjoyed patting the rabbits and guinea pigs as well as feeding the cows, sheep and goats.

This year the children undertook a walk around the boardwalk where children were amazed to see all of the bats sleeping in the trees.

The Preps have been learning all about the farm and they were eager to spot the different animals that they had been learning about. The water buffalo was a huge hit with the kids!

When the buses returned, the students were very tired after their outing but were still noisily exclaiming over what they had seen on their adventure. We are sure that there would have been lots of children falling asleep early last night after their big visit to the farm – it is always a busy day for both the teachers and the students – but what a fantastic opportunity for the children to be a part of!
Gala Day

Last Friday it was the first sport Gala Day for 2016. The Year 5 And 6 children have been training for these sports for awhile now and they were very eager to undertake this sporting event.

At Greaves Reserve there were two DNPS T-ball teams playing. Team A showed fantastic spirit, winning all 6 of their games and they were ultimately placed in first position at the end of the day. Team B however were not given many opportunities to play, due to their draw and ended up winning two matches and they were placed fourth.

Also at Greaves Reserve were the AFL team who played 5 games in total. These students won two games and lost three. They were placed seventh overall in the competition.

On the Netball Courts at Greaves Reserve the mixed team played 6 matches, three of which they won, two they lost and one that was a draw. The girls B team won three and lost three. The A Netball team played exceptionally well to win all seven of their matches which placed them in the first position overall in this competition.

At Dandenong Basketball stadium, the Boys A Basketball team placed third on the day after winning four matches and losing two. Boys B team showed tremendous sportsmanship as they lost four matches and drawing one.

The girls Basketball A team placed third overall on the day after winning three and losing two. The girls B team played fantastically well and were able to win all four of their matches, placing them in first position on the day.

All of the participants to these events displayed their impeccable manners and great skills throughout their events. Thank you to all of the staff who participated on the day – especially taking the time to learn the rules to new sports and then umpiring on the day!

The “Pop Up” Singers

Mr Lodge enjoys all things musical and has been spending his play time and lunch times rehearsing with a number of students for the “Pop Up” concert which took place last Wednesday at recess in the Agora area.

Madina (56N), Zeenat (56N), Pinky (4F), Nyra (4F), Asia (4F), Myee (56H), Jovana (56H), Fatmata (56H), Muram (56W), Anaïsis (56W), Christina (56W), Jubilee (4WM), Ranudi (4WM), Hollay (4WM) and Zeba (4WM) – all performed brilliantly in front of a crowd of students.

The students performed six different songs which included “Counting Stars, 7 Years, Lush Life, Cheap Thrills, See You Again and Fight Song” – all of which were performed with confidence and skill.

Thank you to Mr Lodge for organizing such a wonderful opportunity for these students to showcase their talent.
Special Awards for the week ending 13th May

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University of New South Wales Competitions

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENGLISH COMPETITION**

I would like to enter my child ........................................ in grade ....... to enter the University of New South Wales English Competition.

*Please enclose $8.00 and return to class teacher by Friday 10th June.*

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

I would like to enter my child ........................................ in grade ....... to enter the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition.

*Please enclose $8.00 and return to class teacher by Friday 10th June.*
Visiting Fairytale Puppets

Last week the Year 1 and 2 children were treated to a fantastic Fairytale Puppet Theatre Incursion. The students have been learning all about different fairytales and have written narratives using the fairytale structure.

The students were very excited to see the puppets and they were all entertained during these sessions. Below are some sentences from the students in 1N who enjoyed their time at this show.

My favourite character in the puppet show was the king because he was funny when he told the clown that he would cut his head off. Toirah

My favourite character in the awesome puppet show was the beautiful princess Aurora because she was so kind. Sareena

My favourite part in the puppet show was the kissing part with the prince and princess Aurora because it was beautiful. Amanat

My favourite character in the puppet show was the witch because I like scary things. Adem

My favourite part in the puppet show was the end part because the prince kissed Sleeping Beauty and saved her beautiful life. Kavya

My favourite character in the puppet show was princess Aurora because she looked very pretty. Melek

Adam Wallace - Author Visit

Australian author and illustrator Adam Wallace came to Dandenong North Primary School on Wednesday 11th May. Adam entertained the grade 4-6 students with humorous stories about his own life experiences and how he incorporates his ideas into his writing. Adam discussed his writing strategies and how he exaggerates his own experiences to write his stories. Adam read brief excerpts from some of his popular books, such as, ‘Accidentally Awesome’ and ‘Random’. The students loved Adam’s vibrant personality and his entertaining expressions. Adam also spoke about his cartooning techniques and the students were shown how to draw a cartoon character using a rhyme.

The Adam Wallace incursion was free for our school through the Dandenong Library due to the high number of our students borrowing books.

Thank you to Ms Varas for organising this amazing incursion for our school.