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**PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**

**Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion**

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20- per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

**P&C MEETING**

There will be a P&C Meeting on Wednesday 3 April at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along.

**APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more:


**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be taken on Thursday 9 May 2013. Students will need to wear summer uniform.

Prices start from $18.00 for a group photo to $37.00 for a package. Order forms will be sent home on Wednesday 1 May 2013 and can be returned any day up to Photo Day.

**Possum Magic**

We are happy to let you know that another 50 tickets have been purchased for The Possum Magic performance on Wednesday 8 May 2013 at 11.45am. A total of 100 tickets have been purchased. Parents who placed their children's name on the waiting list are now required to bring in the permission note and $25.50 for the cost of the excursion. Payment must be made by Friday 5 April as final numbers are needed. Thank you for the overwhelming response. Please be prompt with payment.

**EARN AND LEARN**

Earn and Learn is back for 2013. We are able to participate again this year to receive valuable resources for our school.

**About Earn and Learn**

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

Get ready to Earn & Learn

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CANBERRA EXCURSION
Stage 3 students had a wonderful day exploring Canberra. As part of their unit about Democracy they visited Parliament House, The Electoral Office and The War Memorial. The students were involved in many activities which gave them a better understanding of our history, culture and government.

Sincere thanks to Mrs Omeros and Mr Fulton for their help and support. Thank you to Mrs Fagan and Mrs Judge for organising and attending the excursion.

Easter Hat Parade
Thank you to all our families who joined us for the Easter Hat Parade. There were some wonderful Easter Hat creations which looked fantastic. The Stage 3 dioramas were very creative. It was obvious a lot of time and effort went into making them. Congratulations to the students who won Easter Bunnies on the day. Well done to everyone for all their work. Thank you to the P&C for organising the Easter Raffle and thank you to the community for their generous donations of Easter eggs.
Harmony /Grandparents Day

A reminder
Parents, relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Harmony Day and Grandparents Day at Tower St Public School on Thursday 4 April 2013
The day will begin at 9.15am
Lunch at 10.45am
Assembly at 12.00pm
There will also be a Book Fair in the library where families can purchase books for students and the school. The Book Fair will be open from 9.15-11.45.
As part of our celebrations for Harmony Day and Grandparents Day students are asked to bring some food from another country or Australia, to share with others.
Students and their families are also asked to dress in their national costume (if available).
The colour orange represents Harmony Day so students can wear orange on the day.

PLAYGROUP IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
Do you have little ones who want to play with other children? Or do you want to chat with other parents over a cup of coffee?
Then “Come and Play” each Friday morning from 9.00am-10.30am in the Community Room.
Please join us Friday mornings. It’s Free!

Barbara Hornung
Principal

STUDENT WORK

Work from Gracie 3C
6th March 1788
Colony of New South Wales

Dear Mum and Dad
I have just arrived here after 9 months of the worst voyage ever! I was on the ship ‘Sirius’. We were leg shackled every day, except Sundays, when we were allowed upon deck for fresh air exercise. It was disgusting because we only had a bath once a month!
In Rio de Janeiro, where more people got sick, it was boiling so much. I didn't think I was going to survive with one bath every month – I stunk!
The ‘Roaring Forties’ winds in the Indian Ocean were wild. A few went over board. Some were sick. It was freezing. I wore all my clothes but even more people were sick when we went from hot to cold.
There is nothing here. We sleep 8 in a tent. It is hot and wet. I miss you. I'm sorry I stole and murdered that man (even though he deserved it!). I suppose I should go now, the captain who is now the Governor of the Colony is calling me. I miss you.
From your loving daughter Gracie
P.S. See you soon – I hope.

Congratulations
Well done to Jade who competed at the State Swimming Carnival this week.
Jade swam a Personal Best taking 1 second off her best time in her 50m Age Race.
Congratulations Jade
The Canteen will be having a Lolly Day on Harmony Day/Grandparents Day. We will have a variety of lollies available on the day. Feel free to come down for a visit.

Thanks

Kandie & Angela