6th March 2013
Term 1 Week 6

“The season is Gudjeuk - The Monsoon Season. The winds are blowing from the North-East, bringing the monsoon rains with them. Storms blow across the countryside and rain rejuvenates the land after months of being dry.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

You may remember that we recently had a parent information session with Barbara Brann where she explained the approach we are using to teach spelling. This approach teaches students to identify the sounds in words, firstly initial sounds but then all of the sounds. We then need to know what letters are used to make these sounds as the English language often uses more than one letter or letter combination to make a sound. For example, two weeks ago all classes were exploring the sound ‘k’. This same sound can be made with ‘c’, ‘ck’, ‘q’, ‘ch’ or ‘x’ (ks) so there is quite a bit of room for children to learn new words and an important aspect of this is then learning the meaning, how to use the word and how to build on it (direct – directed, directing, director). This then opens up the area of verbs and nouns and tense.

This week children are learning the ‘d’, ‘dd’ sound and so you can ask them what words they know? Can they use the word correctly? Can they build other words from this base word? Can they spell the word? You can see that, depending on what year level your child is in, there is quite a lot of scope to broaden not only their spelling but their word knowledge. Transition children are working their way through every letter and sound quite quickly so they are not at the same point as other year levels.

This is an important part of our approach and you can see that, while it does teach spelling, it does not teach it in isolation. Many other aspects of English are involved.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our eight House Captains who were elected last week after giving their speeches in front of their House members. The captains for 2013 are:

- Moonta (green)  Jessica Murdock and Ethan Bradley
- Sirius (red)  Jessica Linnell and Braith Slaven
- Beagle (blue)  Lilly McGrath and Nathan Lee
- Alligator (yellow)  Andriana Kokkinidis and George Vazanellis

SHARING FOOD / LOLLIIES

As Easter approaches it is worth pointing out that this school has an Allergy Awareness Policy and part of that policy is that we do not bring food to school to share. This includes the Easter eggs that have appeared in shops.

There are many children in our school who are allergic to various foods and in order to protect them we wish to ensure that they are not exposed to any harmful foods.

This policy of not sharing foods also helps you know what your child is eating at school so that you can be sure they only eat what you send with them and so they have a healthy meal that keeps them alert and strong throughout the day.
PRESCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE IS HERE AGAIN...

Easter is fast approaching… which means we need to get cracking with supporting the Preschool Easter Raffle. This is their first fundraiser for the year and tickets will be sold both at Preschool and in the Primary School. This helps to purchase many books, toys, puzzles and outdoor equipment for the Preschool.

Here are some ways you can help

1. Donations of Easter eggs or Easter goodies that we can bundle up into lots of prizes.
2. Sell as many books as you can!

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 28th March** during the Preschool morning session. Please look out for the tickets that will be sent home.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

We have been working towards going digital and sending newsletters and class letters home by email rather than a paper copy. This is about to happen!!

For most of you this will be the last paper newsletter you receive.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is celebrated each year in Australia on the 21st March. It is a day to recognize the cultural diversity of this country and to show appreciation and respect for traditional owners of this land and those who have come to Australia from countries around the world.

Stuart Park Primary School has 161 students from 25 countries located in five different continents. The experiences and backgrounds of these students and their families add a richness to our school that fits in beautifully with the theme of this year’s Harmony Day, **Many Stories-One Australia**.

There will be a special **Harmony Day Assembly on Friday, 22 March**, when 3 groups of students will share their culture with all of us. There will be the spectacular Chinese Dragon and Lion Dance, a troupe of Greek dancers performing the Zorba Dance and a group of students from the Philippines performing the Kinikling Bamboo Stick Dance.

Parents and friends are invited to come to this assembly to help us celebrate Harmony Day 2013.

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

The vouchers worth $150 that are available to all students and are to be used by the end of Term 1. We are unable to supply the uniforms you require, we are able to take orders and supply at a later date. Vouchers not used by that date will no longer be valid.
**BOOKCLUB** is due back on Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March

**CALENDAR**

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**DEFENCE NEWS**

Morning Tea will be held this Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March in the Dragonfly Room from 8:45am – 10:10am straight after the whole school assembly. Hope to see you there.

Phillipa Cosgrove  
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**OTTWAYS TAE KWON DO AND SELF DEFENCE.**

Classes are held at Stuart Park Primary School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6.30 to 8 pm. Come and enjoy martial arts with a qualified instructor for self-defence, fitness and fun. Contact Peter on 0427991394. Come and Try.

**COME AND TRY ORIENTEERING** - the ideal way to exercise your mind and your body. Great for families of all ages. Your FIRST EVENT is FREE, with experienced club members and coaches on hand to get you started. Events are held on Sunday mornings.

Next event: On: Sunday 10\textsuperscript{th} March  
At: East Point  
Start: Picnic area on left just past Pee Wee’s restaurant  
Coaching: between 8 and 9am  
Time: any time between 7am and 9am; finish before 11am.

Coming events: 7th April - Malak  
5th May- Jingili  
26th May - Mitchells Creek/ Rosebery  
16th June - Holmes Jungle

Enquiries and more details: phone Susi Bertei on 89815841.
**nab AFL Auskick**

**AGE:** 4 - 8yrs (boys & girls)

**COST:** $75

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 13th, 20th APRIL, 9am-1pm

**WHERE:** CASUARINA SHOPPING CENTRE

- Introductory program for primary school-aged children
- Modified skills, activities and rules
- Fun and safe environment
- Great value! Includes backpack, football, cap, water bottle, pump, CD-ROM, Passport, Wall Activity Chart & Footy Cards

For further information visit:

www.aflauskick.com.au

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**Thunder Juniors**

**AGE:** Boys 8 - 12yrs, Girls 8-13yrs

**COST:** $90

**WHEN:** MARCH 9TH AND 16TH, 9AM-1PM

**WHERE:** OFFICEWORKS SIGN ON 8TH MARCH 4-8PM

**SIGN ON DAYS: TIO STADIUM**

- Bridging competition between NAB AFL Auskick and local club football
- Modified games with limited body contact
- Focus on skill development and participation
- Great value! Includes backpack, shorts, socks, singlet, water bottle, cap and Cracka Club Membership & $20 Amart Voucher

For further information visit:

www.thunderjuniors.aflnt.com.au