FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL,

Just a short mini newsletter to finish off the term

Thank You
Thank you to my wonderful staff, beautiful students and thoughtful parent community for all your support this term. I greatly appreciate all the extra things you do to make our school community so special. I hope you all have a safe and restful holiday. See you next term when we welcome our new Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs Tricia Miller.

Uniform
When we come back next term all children should be in their full summer uniform. School Photos are week 2, please ensure your children have the correct uniform, including black leather school shoes.

School Photos
Order envelopes for School Photos will be sent home next term please return on photo day Thursday 15 October. If you would like your children to have a family photo the order envelope will be available at the office

Cultural Day
What a day! The children looked fantastic and their cultural feast was to die for. Hope you all enjoyed the parade and learnt something about the country your child studied this term.

Junkyard Orchestra
Thank you Mrs Morris and the Year 2 children who represented our school so beautifully at Erina Fair last night. Fingers crossed the judges were impressed with us too.

Michelle Perry

Coming up….

Term 4
15 October  School Photos
24 October  Dinner Dance
18—20 Nov  Year 5 Camp
10 December  Year 6 Graduation
11 December  Final Assembly
14 December  St. Patrick’s Carols Night at St Edward’s
16 December  Last Day of school, Step Up and Final Mass

Return to School Dates—2016
Mathematical Assessment Interviews  Thurs 28 & Fri 29 January 2016
Year 1—6  Monday 1 February
Kindergarten  Tuesday 2 February

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Congratulations to our University Competition winners.
We’re so proud of you!

Congratulations on a High distinction - Isabella Gooley
Yr2 Junkyard Orchestra

This term Year 2 undertook Erina Fair and CC Conservatorium of Music’s Junkyard Orchestra Challenge to promote music education in schools and sustainability. We began by sourcing ‘junk’ that made interesting sounds and pieces to create our own instruments. We then explored the sounds they could make creating and playing different rhythm patterns. We then embarked on composing a piece of music around the events in first book of the Bible. We were so impressed with ideas and concepts that the students came up with to express this through music.

All our work culminated in a public performance in The Hive at Erina Fair last night. THEY WERE AWESOME!

We learnt so much along the way including; lots of new rhythms, timing, dynamics, self control, tempo, listening, keeping the beat, pitch, responding and playing together to list a few but more importantly here are some of the things the students thought they learnt along the way:

♫ you need to look at your audience ♫ we can play junk! ♫ about being ready ♫ I liked performing together ♫
♫ what to play when ♫ saying ‘yeah’ at the end felt good ♫ not to make the beat creep up faster ♫
♫ we work well together when we watch ♫ it was fun coming up with the music story ♫ to concentrate ♫
♫ how to make an instrument sound good ♫ when we listen we stay together ♫ that it is challenging ♫
♫ about the sounds from our different instruments ♫ you can make an instrument out of junk ♫
♫ we got better and better ♫ how to stop at the right time ♫ that I could play music ♫ to do my best ♫
♫ staying together on the beat ♫ how to have fun and try hard ♫ how to perform together ♫
♫ how to make it louder and soft ♫ how to play in front of people ♫ about keeping together with everyone ♫
♫ not to be afraid of performing ♫ how to play a good beat ♫ that I like to do the drums ♫

Thank you to our fantastic parent helpers - assist with preparing the composition, carting instruments, taking photos, tying headbands, videoing, marking off names, handing out instruments, packing up and generally trying keep a sense of order with 50 odd VERY EXCITED students!!

We certainly appreciate your support and assistance and couldn’t do it without you!
St Pat’s Cultural Day

Learning about and celebrating different cultures from around the world!