Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 can participate in this year’s Multicultural Public Speaking.

The topics have been listed as follows:

**Stage 2, Years 3 & 4**
- What is an Australian?
- The same but different
- Multiculturalism at school
- Bullying and racism
- Kids can make a difference
- Harmony Day
- Understanding others
- When does a migrant become an Australian?
- Sport breaks down the barriers
- Every family has a story

Prepared speech goes for 3 minutes and then the students have to do an impromptu speech for 1 minute.

**Stage 3, Years 5 & 6**
- Respect
- Team Australia
- Growing up together
- Words can hurt
- My identity
- The meaning of Australia Day
- Refugees
- Learning languages
- Multiculturalism online
- Living between cultures

Prepared speech goes for 4 minutes and then the students have to do an impromptu speech for 2 minutes.

**DEBATING NEWS**

More than 60 students came in the tried out for this year’s debating challenges. We now have enough students for 3 teams in Years 3/4 and 3 teams in Years 5/6.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for our school debating teams.

**Stage 2, Years 3 & 4**

Team A and Team B (in no particular order):
- Pippi
  - 3/4S
- Sam
  - 3/4P
- Anusha
  - 3/4S
- Mabel
  - 3/4S
- Chiyu
  - 3/4P
- Harry
  - 3/4S
- Mikayla
  - 3/4S
- Chloe
  - 3/4P
- Sarah
  - 3/4S
- Lauren
  - 3/4S

Backup Team
- Harriett
  - 3/4T
- Tobe
  - 3/4R
- Alix
  - 3/4R
- Oscar
  - 3/4P
- Morley
  - 3/4R

**Stage 3, Years 5 & 6**

Team A and Team B (in no particular order):
- Aneeka
  - 5/6R
- Hamish
  - 5/6R
- Eden
  - 5/6K
- Ryan
  - 5/6R
- Jessica
  - 5/6R
- Zeudi
  - 5/6R
- Ella
  - 5/6R
- Ester
  - 5/6R
- Fynn
  - 5/6R
- Piyumi
  - 5/6R
- Grace
  - 5/6R
- Airlie
  - 5/6K

**Backup Team**
- Delphi
  - 5/6Mac
- Leila
  - 5/6J
- Olusoma
  - 5/6J
- Toby
  - 5/6R
- Alexander
  - 5/6R

**DEBATING WORKSHOP**

In the last week of Term 1, The Arts Unit ran a ‘Debating’ Workshop for students in Years 5 & 6. We hosted 60 students from 5 local schools. Each school was only able to nominate 8 students and after consulting the Stage 3 teachers the following students attended:

- Aneeka
- Hamish
- Eden
- Ryan
- Jessica
- Ella
- Fynn
- Grace

These students will be able to peer mentor all of our Debating students and pass on some excellent tips.

Debating activities will be held every Tuesday and Thursday in the Library during 2nd lunch in Term 2.

**BOOK FAIR**

We will have a Book Fair, a mini book shop, in the Library in Week 2, next week. The Library will be open before school from 8.30, during lunch time Tuesday to Thursday and after school every afternoon until 3.30pm. Students will be able to look at the books, posters, novelty pencils and pens and during their library times and will come home with a ‘wish-list’. The Book Fair is run by the Scholastic Book Club and is a fund raiser for our school. Please come in and have a look at the books and all of the extra sparkly amazing extras.
The Staff Development Day held on Monday was attended by all teaching and support staff and they completed professional learning on the Performance Development Framework and the Quality Teaching Framework. All staff are looking forward to the term ahead with working with students and their families.

This Saturday, 25 April will see the Armidale ANZAC Day March and Service take place. Students are requested to assemble in Curtis Park from 10am with the March commencing at 10.30am. The Service will commence at 11am following the March in Central Park. Students are asked to wear full school uniform and come along and take part in this significant event. We will be holding our school ANZAC assembly from 9.30am in the school hall this Friday, 24 April.

All students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN from 12-14 May. Parents of children in these year groups should contact their child’s teacher as soon as possible with any questions or concerns they may have. Students in Years 3 and 5 have been provided with specific information relating to NAPLAN sent home with the Blue and White today.

For Term 2 teachers are focusing on the quality teaching element of explicit, quality criteria in their classrooms. Students will be participating in learning experiences that focus on this element and parents are encouraged to talk with their child’s teacher about this important element of the quality teaching framework.

Parents are reminded that the school car park is for staff use only and that it should not be used as a pick up or drop off point in the morning or afternoon. Parents are also reminded that school commences each day at 9.10am and finishes at 3.10pm. Supervision is provided for students from 8.40am in the morning and students should be going home as soon as possible in the afternoon. It is important that children arrive each day in time to be in class at 9.10am. We appreciate parents are busy people but it is vital that students do not miss this crucial time at school and we thank parents and families for ensuring their children do get to school on time each day.

If any parent has something they would like to discuss at any time please email me on the address below or contact the school office to make an appointment. Have a safe and happy holiday, see you again in Term 2.

Mr Matt Hobbs
Principal
matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

PRIZE WINNERS
1st Sarah Schumde
2nd Alexis Lockwood
3rd Kendall Bradley

LIBRARY NEWS
OVERDUE NOTICES
PLEASE DON'T PANIC!
Last week, the students received their Library OVERDUE NOTICES. Before you panic too much, this is the first notice to go out this year. Our Library record keeping system has a very LONG memory. Along with the name of the book and the author, the overdue notice might list a ‘COST’ value to replace the book. The note also has an annoyingly stern note to ‘Report to the Library Staff’. (We can’t change that – it is part of the Library’s automatic record keeping program – Sorry).

If you receive a notice -
1st - Check everywhere you can – under the bed, in the car, in your own bookcase, in the toy box, in the kids school bag, and ask around at any relatives or friends houses.

2nd - Please let the Teacher-Librarian know that you have checked everywhere and that your child MAY have brought it back to school and not returned the book properly. Sometimes the kids are so excited about borrowing another book that they forget to place it on the “Returns” counter. Instead they place it somewhere in the Library and it may have been reshelved. Last week a student in 3/4 and another in 5/6 did just this. Sometimes they bring the book back and leave it in the classroom. Sometimes they bring it back, talk about the book with their friends and give it to a friend to take home.

3rd - COME AND SEE ME, THE TEACHER-LIBRARIAN.
Please don’t go to the staff in the Front Office and talk to them about receiving the ‘Overdue’ notice and the cost of replacing a book. I am available before school from 8.45am - 9am and after school from 3.10pm - 3.30pm. Monday - Thursday, if you’d like to come in. OR please call me on 02 6772 3420.

Students will ONLY be asked to cover the replacement cost of a book IF
1. a thorough search at home has not found the book; AND
2. a thorough search for the book in the Library has not found the book; AND
3. the Teacher-Librarian has done a search of the students’ borrowing and returning have been done; AND
4. the Classroom Teacher has looked for the book; AND
5. I have spoken to you, in person, about the book.

Only if ALL of the steps listed above have been checked, will an invoice be sent to you.

AND PLEASE remember if you do find ANY Library books, at ANY time we are happy to have them come back.

Bronte Awards
KB Alexis
KR Charlie
1/2P Chloe
1/2S Rachel

School Fundraiser
BOOK FAIR
Hold the Book, See the Book, Teachers’ Pick
TUESDAY 28
WEDNESDAY 29
THURSDAY 30
Educational Recommendations
8.30am - 9am
1.25pm - 1.50pm
3.10pm - 3.45pm

Congratulations

ANZACS LAST CHANCE
This is your absolutely, final chance to send through photos or images of any family members that have served our country in ANY Conflict or Peace Keeping Mission.
PLEASE send information and images to kmcaruso@hotmail.com
Final Date: 23 Thursday
8pm

Mrs Kate McGrath
Teacher/Librarian

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