



STAFF CHANGES

We are looking forward to the arrival of Miss Nicola Scott next Monday. Ms Scott has won the position of Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year. Thank you to Mrs Kristel Couper who has been very flexible; coming in to do relief to ensure Mr Minson's teaching load is covered during the transition.

KINDY READINESS

We have had a great start to Kindy Readiness with two sessions complete, and 14 new students attending and having great fun. Some of the parents made the most of the opportunity; taking advantage of the delicious coffee and treats at the Dowerin Bakery for a catch up. Others stayed to play with us which was great! The Pre-primary students were fantastic leaders and great examples of being welcoming and nurturing. We have sung, read stories, danced, painted, and engaged in a variety of fine motor and play activities.



SCIENCE ASPIRANT CAMP Congratulations to Piper and Ainsley who were one of 27 students across 18 schools selected to attend the ILN Science Aspirant Camp for Year 5/6 students. Along with Miss Hibbitt, they will engage in lots of amazing science activities at Curtin University throughout this week.

DEDICATED STAFF

Our staff always seek to improve their practice. Over the recent holidays Mrs Petchell, Miss Arthur, Miss Fowler and I attended the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers 3 day conference in Brisbane. We have brought back a lot of new ideas to value add to mathematics delivery at the school and it has been very pleasing to see the students and staff enjoying the activities we have shared so far. Ask the students why you need to 'whack it in a bracket'!

Barb Garner, Principal

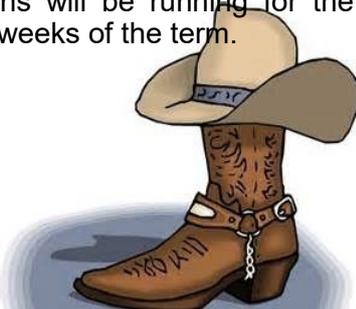
STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM—SEMESTER 2



Miss Arthur would like to say a massive thank you and farewell to Amber, India, Kailey, Cheyanne and Erica. We would like to welcome Isabella, Holly, Willow, Austin and Chalice to the team for Semester 2!

We have kicked off the term with some fun and would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Allison and Hudson for volunteering their time to come in on Monday and Friday lunchtimes to teach us some awesome **BOOTSCOOTING**

dances. We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful volunteers and an opportunity to try something new! These sessions will be running for the first 5 weeks of the term.



Scintillating Science

In Science, the Year 4's are learning about Life Cycles so we thought the best way to gain new information was by going out to catch our own tadpoles and observe them as they turn into frogs.

We were blessed with lovely weather and had a great 'outdoor' Science lesson, enjoying our natural surroundings and listening to the wildlife.

In small groups, all students caught their own tadpole and noted their natural environment.

A very big thank you to Carla Proud for driving the bus and sharing her wonderful knowledge about the local area with us.



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FACTION CROSS COUNTRY

On last day of term 4 the Faction Cross Country was held at the Dowerin town oval and surrounding field day area. The forecast of rain came early and by the Friday we had clear skies and a very muddy course. Starting us off in the morning were the high school, who were as excited about the run as you can imagine. However, when the horn sounded to start them off, there was a lot more enthusiasm than they would like us to believe. In the 7-10 Girls, it was Courtney Robinson (Forrest) crossing the finish line first followed by Chalice Proud (F), and Logan Ward (Stirling) won the 7-10 boys followed by Riley Dix (S). The 5/6 Girls was won by India Quartermaine (F) and runner-up was Holly Robinson (F). The boys race was won by Jordan Petchell (F) and runner-up was Koby Dix (S). At this stage Forrest had a small lead in the overall standing 116 to 114. In the 3/4 division Jaycee Windsor (S) won the girls race followed by Talia Brown (S). In the closest finish for the day, Daniel Holberton (S) edged out York Jennings (F) by a matter of inches, after they changed places 4 or 5 times in the last 200m.

The Pre-primary to year 2 races are always the best fun to watch for the day and they didn't disappoint, with the pre-primary students running for the first time there is always a bit of chaos at the start and finish line. The girls race was won by Mia Hall (S) and runner-up was Sarah Offszanka (S). In the boy's race, we had students cutting each other off, tripping over and eventually finding their way across the finish line. Amongst all the chaos Hudson Petchell (F) won, closely followed by David Couper (F) in second.

After everyone had run their individual event we turned our attention to the open. In was a case of who could knock off the defending champions. Courtney Robinson and Jordan Petchell had won the previous year's open events. The girls race was down to two after the first 2km with Courtney leading India by 200m, over the next 2km India made up some ground but Courtney was too good on the day to win from India in second. The boys race was very similar, with Jordan leading Logan Ward by 5m at the half way mark. However, the finish was very different to the girl's race. With 200m remaining Jordan still lead, but Logan made his move and won the race in a close finish.

Overall only 5 points separated Stirling and Forrest, with Stirling claiming a well-deserved team victory. Thank you to the P & C for the delicious lunch provided and to all of our volunteers and the staff who make such a successful carnival happen.

