Enviro Champs

Last Tuesday was Year 5’s chance to present their final presentation around the Delitter for the Critters at Charles Sturt University.

Even though they are getting ready to actually complete their project, they were able to outline the process so far. Term 3 will see us building bird boxes and the frog pond.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.

To raise money for their project, they recently ran a lucky squares money board. The lucky winner was Beth Dowdle (c/- Rebecca Wilson). Congratulations.

Debating—improvement all round

Monday was a full on day for Year 5 and 6 with three debates at Sturt Public School. Thanks to Mrs McDougall, the Year 6’s were at Sturt by 8.45am ready for preparation at 9.00am. Their topic was “Years 5 & 6 should be allowed to vote”. Ladysmith were the negative and they thought 5/6 students ticking the box wasn’t necessarily good—children aren’t responsible enough and they wouldn’t get enrolled in time. Their rebuttals were much better; this time third speaker, Eddie, really summed up well and was well organised.

Year 6’s second debate topic was “That weekend sport should be compulsory for school students”. They were again the negative side which gave them room to move. The adjudicators comments included mention that the boys’ performance was a 100% improvement on the first round. Lachlan remembered all the steps which was wonderful. Effort played off. Congratulations team 1—with consistent effort your skills have developed.

Year 5 gave some outstanding arguments for the topic “Sporting cheats should be banned for life”. Georgia opened the debate for the negative side by accepting the definition, presenting her argument and rebutting. Riley rebutted well—and gave his argument. Joannah outlined the arguments and rebutted, too. Riley Whiting was the team adviser and is keen to take on this role again when Year 5 debate against Kooringal on Tuesday, 6th August … come and watch, everyone!

TOMORROW—

Education Week Assembly
Wednesday 31st July—11.30am at Ladysmith Hall
followed by the grand opening of the chicken pen, picnic lunch and open classrooms.

All welcome, please support your child’s learning.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Eddie, Joannah, Cameron, Charlie and Riley Wilson will be testing their mathematical knowledge when they participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday. We wish them all the best.

Year 6 Fundraiser … Win a jar of chocolate Skittles!

Year 6 students are raising money to purchase a Minecraft Computer Licence for use at school. Please support them by sending in your money to have a guess, - $1.00 a guess.
How2Learn—Building Learning Power

Noticing, observing and learning collaboratively—three areas of our learning disposition we are stretching this week. To build more neurons and grow more dendrites, we will be stretching these muscles to learn more effectively.

Here are some children stretching their muscles.

This week’s How2Learn **SUPER STUDENTS**—

Charlie Murphy and Charlli Whiting—for extending their learning into the home environment by asking questions.

Ashton Grimshaw—for great questioning.

P&C Meeting

We discussed many facets of school life at the P&C meeting last week. The ones that affect us all are the following:

- **CHORDS**
  On 13th August, Years 3-6 will be visiting Turvey Park for the first rehearsal for the Term 4 performance. CHORDS is a combined schools choir and performance group which 3-6 will be joining. An attached note outlines the program and includes a permission note. For home learning, your 3-6 children need to be listening to the songs and learning the words.

- **EXCURSION**
  Early November, Yrs 3-6 will be going to Mt Kosciusko for a week of camping, survival skills, environmental appreciation and life skills. We hope to use a Hertz 25 seater bus so will be looking for a parent to drive. If you have the appropriate licence and would like to spend a week with us camping, please let me know. If there are two parents who would like to share, we could organise a mid-week swap. This will minimise costs.

  All students will need to bring their own tent and sleeping bag. If you have a tent, please let me know—I already have a 10 man tent available which will be great. More information will be forthcoming—the excursion will be in Term 4, Week 5—starting Monday November 4th.

Coming Up … Science Week

**Years 3-6 Flight Afternoon:** Thursday 8th August—1.45pm—3.15pm

To complement what we have been learning in class, Mr Brian Thomson, from the Wagga Model Aero Club will be visiting the primary class and engaging the students in various activities centred around the topic of ‘Flight’. They will also have the opportunity to practice their skills with a computer flight simulator program and view one of Mr Thomson’s model aircraft.

**Astronomy Night Friday 9th August (weather permitting)**

All K-6 students are invited to attend an Astronomy night at Ladysmith School led by Professor Graeme White, Professor of Astronomy at Charles Sturt University. They will have the opportunity to view the night sky through a large telescope, along with other exciting astronomy activities. **Cost:** $5.00 per person attending.

Our P&C will be providing a Sausage Sizzle, commencing at 5.00pm – Sausage Sandwich $2.00, Fruit Box $1.00. This will be followed by activities from 5.30pm and viewing through the telescope from 6.00pm onwards. However, should the weather be cloudy, or if it is raining, this evening will be postponed and a notice will be sent home to this effect.

Student Award System …

At the end of each term, students are encouraged to bring in the certificates they have received throughout the term for inclusion in the ‘Super Student of the Term Awards’. Certificates they may have received include: **Certificate of Merit** (5 points); **Super Student** (3 points); **How2Learn** (3 points); **Playground Award** (1 point); **Better than a Playground Award** (2 points).

Students’ points for each term are then combined at the end of the year for the ‘Super Student of the Year Awards’.