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Baseball

19th and 26th November

Transition Days

27th and 29th November

Dancify

22nd, 28th November and
6th December

Wheelinet

Tuesday 3rd December

End of Year Concert

Tuesday 10th December

Waterworld

Wednesday 11th
December

Term 4 Ends

Friday 13th December



Greetings all,

Parent Survey: In previous newsletters I have asked for feedback to support our ongoing quest to respond to our community and continue our improvement cycle. I value your feedback and I would encourage you to participate in our anonymous survey at the link below. If you prefer a hard copy, please pick it up at the front office desk, or ask for one to be sent home with your child. As always I am happy to meet with parents or feel free to drop me a line, signed or anonymous.

www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/2019ParentSurveyKPS

5 cent challenge update – With a little help from the coin counting machine supplied by Bec Thomas we have finally counted all of the very generous donations. The total is currently \$607.70 which is an amazing amount of money. Many thanks to all students, parents and our fundraising committee.

Year 7 Canberra Trip – Aish, Daniel and myself travelled to Canberra for a week, as a part of the Civics and Citizenship component of the curriculum. Thank you to the Australian Government for recognising the importance of students visiting our national Capital. The Government contributed \$60 for each student attending, to assist families in meeting costs, under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program. We were also fortunate with our fundraising as well as receiving donations from the Church of Christ Kersbrook, Torrens Valley Lions Club and an anonymous donation. Aish and Daniel learned a lot about our democracy, history, culture and heritage. See their comments and photos on the following pages.

Homestay opportunity for 2020 – As I mentioned in our last newsletter we are very excited to be given the opportunity to host up to 20 Chinese students early next year. International students add so much to our school and all of our students benefit in one way or another from us



hosting them. If you are interested in hosting please see me for more information this week. The updated itinerary has changed slightly with the most significant difference being the length of the stay. Students will only be here for 7 days, 6 nights and this covers just one weekend. They arrive on Thursday 6/2/20 and depart on Wednesday 12/2/20. Homestay families will receive just over \$42.00 per student per night. If you have not hosted before and are not accredited to host I can get this done for you before the end of the term. The Chinese school select their participants very carefully and most students are currently in the international class and are aiming to study overseas in the future.

Anti-Bullying – Students in Rooms 2 and 3 learnt a lot about anti-bullying during their Virtual Reality sessions last week. It was an engaging format that supported the work being done in classes.

Catastrophic Fire Day – Wednesday 20th November was declared a Catastrophic Fire Danger Day. We were able to respond in a timely manner, firstly with a notification on Monday of the possibility and then the confirmation late on Tuesday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Transition visits for new students - We have rescheduled the transition visit from Wednesday 20th November to Friday 29th November. Thank you again for your understanding.

Planning for 2020 – Planning is already underway for next year and I have been working with teachers, our Education Director and Principal Consultant on our Site Improvement Plan (SIP) for next year. Staffing for 2020 has not yet been finalised and I hope to have more news for you in our next newsletter, which will be the last for this year.

Jill Gurner
Principal

BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.



regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep



limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings



help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time



arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens



take family vacations during school holidays



make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays



talk positively about school



show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends



regularly communicate with your child's teacher

Year 7 Canberra Trip





Daniel said: Going to Canberra was a great experience. I learnt a lot more than I thought. People in Parliament don't have as much power as you think. It is more up to the people. That is why we are a democracy. The new Parliament House is a lot different to the old one. In the old one, the members were allowed to yell out and heckle. In the new one the rules changed and it is not allowed. Parliament House, the old Parliament House and the War Memorial are all in a dead straight line, north to south. My favourite part of Canberra was the AIS, the Australian Institute of Sport. They had interactive activities. The cycling was completely different to riding a normal bike. The High Court was interesting. It was a good experience to learn what goes on there. The building was pretty cool. On the Coat of Arms are all the symbols of the different States and South Australia's is the Piping Shrike. In Questacon the Gravitrax looked really cool. It lifted, rolled and dropped billiard balls around. I made a lot of new friends. All of them will be going to Birdwood High School so it makes me feel pretty confident to go there.

Aish said: I didn't really have a favourite thing because it was all really good. The new Parliament House building was really cool. They had a miniature version of the Parliament and we did some role playing. Role playing was fun. The AIS – Australian Institute of Sport was really good. We got to go into a room with different sports and they had some rock climbing poles which I climbed across and they had multiple different things connected to a screen so I tried bike riding and it looked like I was on Tour Down Under.

Questacon was pretty good. On the vertical drop I walked up to a platform and then a guy told you what to do – sit on the edge and grab a bar and he told me when to let go. I dropped a metre or two into a slide. That made me feel energetic. The Telstra Tower was fun because of the view that was there. We saw Canberra, the lake, buildings and forests. It was really windy on the looking platform.

In the National Museum we got to see Phar Lap's heart.

In the War Memorial I managed to find Great Uncle Graeme. A dude found him on an iPad and then showed us to the wall with his name on it.





School Garden



Have you seen our garden? Did you get to buy any of those delicious lettuces or radishes? Ms S and her team have done a wonderful job growing produce.

Students have learned about healthy eating and how food is grown. The produce is fresh, organic and looks magnificent.

Thank you Ms S and thank you Tara, students and all other helpers.

Birdwood High School Band



The Birdwood Band was so cool.

PIC•COLLAGE

Thank you to Birdwood High School Band for coming over to entertain and inform Room 3.

Bass: Ben Pain
Vocals: Kane Mobbs
Drums: Cooper Pyman
Keys: Flyn Bitter
Guitar: Ethan Brown

The band came over with Mr Callisto and Ms Petra. They told us about the programs at Birdwood High School and performed for us. It was important to Room 3 to know about Birdwood High School and what they offer because many students will be attending there in a year or two. It is exciting to know they have a vibrant performance and music program.



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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(in conjunction with The Smith Family)

Want \$500 to help with education costs for your child?

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- Be at least 18 years old
- Have some regular income from work (you or your partner), *can be casual, seasonal, part-time, self employed*
- Be a parent or guardian of a child attending school or starting next year, OR enrolled in accredited training yourself

To find out more:

Contact Stacey your local Saver Plus Coordinator on 0417 048 689 or

Email Stacey.hall@thesmithfamily.com.au

Or check out the Website: www.saverplus.org.au

Thank you