Executive News - Campers

Over the course of many years in education, I have to say one of the highlights has been participating in school camps. Being part of the Year 5/6 camp to Borambola was no exception. Aside of the wonderful activities conducted there, including kayaking, BMX bike riding, archery and rock climbing, the students were able to demonstrate their skills of resilience, persistence and problem solving. Many new friendships were started and all of the students learnt what it was like to have to run to a strict timetable, how to mingle with friends from another school and how to work as a team including being ‘kitchen hands’. Some of the students have written about their trip further on in this newsletter.

The camp to Birrigai (for Year 3/4) was just as successful. Their theme revolved around team work and also encompassed a bit of history through experiencing what it would be like to be an early settler. The teachers who accompanied these students were impressed by the way the children engaged with the activities and how they helped their group members. At both camps many of the students were given opportunities to try activities that they might not normally have participated in. ‘Taking a risk and having a go’ meant success and this is just one of the many positive results that emerges from students going to camp.

Corinne Follett (Senior Team Executive)
### SCHOOL DATES AND INFORMATION

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### Notes and Money to be returned

ASAP Students Information packs

10 March Easter Chocolates due

25 March Preschool Farmyard Nursery Note & Money

1 April Incursion - "Our Story" Note & Money

3 April Band payment Note & Money

### Assemblies and Awards

**Time - 12.20pm to 12.50pm**

**Where - School Hall**

**Friday 13 March** -
Yr 3/4 & 5/6 Assembly & Student of the Month awards & house Captains and Vice Captains presentation

**Friday 27 March** -
Harmony Day Yr 1/2 Assembly & Artist of the Month awards

**Friday 10 April** -
Kindy Assembly & Academic of the Month awards

### Term 2 Starting Dates

Please be advised that due to ANZAC Day (25 April) falling on a Saturday, Term 2 2015 will commence for all ACT Public Schools on Tuesday 28 April.
I was in Donkey Kong group and our first activity was Kayaking it was awesome. First we put our life jackets and pad on, then we got the kayaks and lined them up at the edge of the Billabong. Gus asked us to grab a paddle and he taught us how to paddle after we learnt how to paddle we jumped in our Kayaks and started paddling.

By Kyara P 5/6L

On the last day we watched some movies and we had popcorn. After recess we did some trivia. In the afternoon we watched movies that was the end of the three days of fun.

By Emily P 5/6G

It was a warm night so waiting in the steam of the showers didn't help much. It took ages to get to sleep because Jasmine had the giggles. In the morning I had rock climbing and in the afternoon I did kayaking. I loved kayaking so much!!!

By Brittany Stevens 5/6G

On Thursday morning Mario went and did rock climbing. The wall was really high to climb up. I got up way more than half way but I didn't get to the top which was annoying. Daisy luckily got to the top that was cool. I had lots of fun.

By Emily C 5/6G

On Wednesday when the campers went to camp the 5/6 students that didn't go to camp had a lot of fun with Mrs Lowes. After that we went out on the basketball court and played octopus and line tag. We went in the shade shelter and some year six students taught us a poison ball game. After recess we go given a Lego man to create our own design. I did a Lego cat. I sat with Chelsea, Joyce and Jayla and Luke. We were chatting then it was lunch.

By Erin C 5/6L

On the 25 February all of the 5/6 students that didn't go to camp were with Mrs Lowes. We play a lot of games. The next day on the 26 of February the 3/4 students came and at lunch we had pizza yum it was good. On Friday afternoon we brought in board games and played board games. At 3 o'clock we went home.

By Michael R 5/6G
YR 3/4 CAMPERS AT BIRRIGAI
School News

A very big **Thank you** goes out to Brooke Wood and all the teachers, Calwell High students and fellow parents that helped make the Swimming Carnival a great success.

It is a monumental task and I think it is safe to say that Brooke Wood did a fabulous job!

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**Enrolments Opening Soon for Theodore Preschool 2016**

Online Enrolments for 2016 prospective students will open on the first day of term 2, Tuesday 28 April 2015.

The closing date will be Friday 5 June 2015.

All welcome to the P & C General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 March 2015 in the Theodore Primary staff room from 7.00pm. The meeting provides an opportunity for parents and carers to actively engage with the Theodore P&C, incorporating both the Preschool and the Primary School, and influence and guide activities which support the school community throughout the year.

For those parents and carers who may consider actively joining the P&C we can advise that the P&C convenes eight meetings across the calendar year with meetings occurring in Week 3 and 7 (normally) of each term. Meetings usually run from 7.00-9.30pm. There are a range of roles within the P&C related to activities such as administration, fundraising or liaison which could suit your time constraints and personality.

Currently the roles of Assistant Treasurer, Uniform Liaison and ACT Council of P&C Association Delegate remain vacant. The P&C would welcome the nomination of any parent/carer into these roles across the 2015 calendar year.

The meetings are held in a relaxed and fun atmosphere and are open to all members of the school community and provide an opportunity for parents or carers to share their views, or gain better insight, on school events and objectives.

Community News

Hook in 2 Hockey Come and Try Carnival

**When:** Saturday 21 March

**Time:** 9.00am to 12.00pm

**Where:** National Hockey Centre, Lyneham ACT

**Contact:** 26257 2374

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