Monday, 16th June 2014

Term 2 Week 8:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Term 2 ends Friday 27th June, students return for Term 3 Tuesday 15th July 2014. We ask that everyone keep a safe eye on our school over the two-week break. If you observe any unusual or inappropriate activity occurring on school grounds please report it to the Green Valley Police on 9607 1799 and School Security on 1300 880 021.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next Tuesday, 24th June. A note was sent home earlier with information regarding interviews and times.

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE:
Students at Badgerys Creek PS have been taking part in the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge with much enthusiasm. The Challenge spans 10 weeks with the goal of getting in as much physical activity as possible. The staff and students are managing 30 minutes a day with such different activities as T-ball, dancing, ball games and walking.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY:
The school cross country was postponed on 12th June due to wet weather and will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12 o’clock with all parents invited to attend.

BIG BREAKFAST:
On Thursday 12th June, the students were welcomed to school by the Outer Liverpool Community Service. With a delightful display of fruits, cereals and milo! All students ate a scrumptious breakfast, with some even returning for seconds and thirds.

LIBRARY NEWS:
BOOKS IN HOMES ASSEMBLY:
All parents are invited to attend the Books in Homes Book Giving Assembly where the students will be receiving their selected books. The assembly will be this Wednesday 18th June, at 2:30pm in the school hall. There will be a representative from our sponsors - The University of Western Sydney as well as James Roy a famous children’s’ author, whose books have been shortlisted and won several categories in the Children’s Book Council Awards.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
Congratulations to William Pope for completing the Reading Challenge. William now joins Saffron Strickland in completing the Challenge! A reminder that students can bring in their reading logs on Wednesdays and Mrs. Psilos will update their reading records on the computer.

HOLIDAY LIBRARY BORROWING:
K/6 students will be able to borrow 2 books (K/2) and 4 books (3/6) to read over the holidays. Students need a library bag or an old pillowcase in order to borrow books for holiday reading.

FAREWELL MISS SULTANA:
During this term Miss Sultana has been working with the students as part of her teacher training. We would like to thank Miss Sultana for her professionalism and wish her all the very best for her future.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Tuesday 17th June: School Cross Country
Wed, 18th June: Books in Homes Assembly
Tues 24th June: Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday, 27th June: Pyjamas Day

Tuesday, 15th July: Term 3 starts for students
Adam: I liked it when they painted the dots on my cheeks. They put three dots on my face. They used white paint.

Cody: I liked it when they painted out faces. We danced with the people we liked.

William: I liked the cockatoo dance. I had to dance and make my arms like wings. I liked it and the show was great.

Lucas: I liked it when I danced to the beat in the ocean song. I liked the music.

Lizzie: There were only two people. They asked if anyone wanted to go up and dance with them. Everyone got up except for William. Then we danced. I liked it when one of the ladies painted all of our faces with white paint. She painted three dots on our faces.

Saffron: I liked it when they did a dance about kangaroos. We joined in and jumped around like kangaroos to the CD music. They told us aboriginal stories and there was one where, they had to jump into the water but they had to be careful because there were crocodiles in the water.

Dakota: We went to the hall to see the Beatty Crew Clan. There were only two girls in the group. They said if you want to come up and dance with them you could. Lucas and I got up first. We danced to the ocean song and moved liked the water. We did another song and used instruments this time and they were made out of bamboo sticks and crab shells for the bells. The best part was when Lucas and I got to sing along with the song.

Emma: I liked it when we did the kangaroo dance. We hopped up and down and went around the hall. I had white dots painted on my face.

Connor: During the show the performers would pick a couple of kids to get up and dance and the songs were from the Torres Strait Islands. Then they painted three dots on our faces with paint made from coconut and crushed rocks. They had music and they told us one story about a guy who turned into a cockatoo because people were throwing spears at him. I enjoyed the show because it was fun and interesting.

Claire: Two aboriginal women presented a show. In the show they performed dances for us and we were allowed to join in. The dances were about Australian animals such as an emu, kangaroo and a cockatoo. They played the clap sticks for the music. They had some face paint and they painted our faces with three white dots. They also had a big piece of bamboo, which they used for drums.