Term 2 Week 7, 16th June 2016

Dance to the Beat of Your Own Drum!

We were in for a real treat at our school Assembly last Friday. The Year 1 students from HB28 delivered a story-dance performance titled "Dance to the Beat of Your Own Drum".

In short, the story followed Immy, Jack and Cooper who went off in search of a dance that would suit them. They found all kinds of dances in their travels but by the end of the story, they realised they should dance to the beat of their own drum! A great message for all!

The HB28 students were supported in their performance by the Year 5 students from HB1. For both classes, this was a terrific lead-up to the National Wakakirri Story-Dance Competition in August.

A great story can change the way people think about the world around them and Wakakirri gives schools the opportunity to do just that. Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create Story-Dances for Wakakirri that reflect their students’ thoughts, ideas and aspirations. These stories are performed in professional theatres in front of the official ‘Wakakirri Panel’ who are searching for ‘Story of the Year’. Performing in Wakakirri is an experience students never forget. Schools spend show day rehearsing and meeting other schools and that same night walk the red carpet with the Wakakirri Panel and perform on the big stage. We wish both classes all the best on their Wakakirri journey.

Kind regards,
Wendy Moore

If you would like to support our Wakarri team, remember to bring your coins along when you vote at school on July 2nd (Federal Election day). All money raised at our Sausage Sizzle will fund our Wakakirri entry.
Kelly’s News

TMI!! Most of us have seen it written on social media or heard someone use this acronym, often accompanied by the same person putting their hands over their eyes or ears – too much information! There are some things that we simply don’t want or need to know and this is one way we let others know our limits.

Sadly, children often get overloaded with information that they don’t need and it can come from many sources – television, social media, movies or video games. Whenever a tragedy occurs anywhere around the world, we can depend on the 24/7 news cycle to bring us up to date on it every moment of the day or night. Children’s brains are still developing and learning how to cope with the world around them. They can find this exposure overwhelming at times and it has been proven to cause increased fear and anxiety for some. As adults we know that our community is not a war zone or under direct threat of assault but kids don’t automatically understand that world events are not on their doorstep and threatening themselves and the people they love. In a similar way, the reason that video games or movies have classifications is because studies have shown that exposure to violence or adult themes has a negative effect on children. Our role as parents and caregivers is to protect our kids and keep them safe and while we are usually very aware of physical dangers we don’t always take emotional and psychological dangers as seriously. Please think carefully about the media information that your children have access to, talk to them and reassure them if they are feeling stressed about things they’ve seen and keep in mind that there can be TMI for kids!

Kelly Johnston
Pastoral Support Worker
Tracy Clark and Troy Harrison from SAPOL visited our Middle School students on Tuesday 14th June 2016. They shared some very important messages regarding cyber safety and internet use. Students were informed clearly of the message to use the internet wisely, with parent permission, to keep personal information private and to report anything they feel is unsafe or incorrect to an adult immediately. The Middle School staff followed this presentation with work and discussion in their classrooms.

On Wednesday 15th June our Girls and boys SAPSASA Netball teams competed in the local district carnival at the Golden Grove courts. Our 2 girls’ teams competed strongly against the other schools. There was fantastic team work, ball skills and footwork displayed by all the team members. Unfortunately the girls didn’t place at the carnival, but had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

We also took a boys team to the carnival this year. They had never played together as a team before, however on the day they worked well displaying excellent team work skills, defeating 5 teams with ease. The boys went on to win the carnival.

We would like to thank Kathy Mitchell (Riley’s Mum HB20) for coaching the Year 7 team and helping out all day. Thanks also to the other parents that attended the carnival to support our 3 teams and to Bruce Pearce and Kelly Johnston.

Friendly reminders to our school community

- Hard play areas are only supervised from 8:30am.
- Students and parents are not permitted on the hard play areas or in the Botany area before the 8:30am bell.
- At the 3:10pm bell we ask that students and parents move from the school grounds and refrain from using the hard play areas.
- Please use the 2 school crossings with your children rather than crossing the road at other places.
Golden Grove Primary School
Award Winners
This week's awards were given for Collaboration and Growth Mindset