Review – The 13-Storey Treehouse

It was simply amazing to see ‘The 13th Storey Tree House’ go from page to stage, with actors using a wealth of theatrical tools such as props, video & sound effects, puppets, blow-up props, imagination, dance and audience participation to retell the amazing story.

Students were given the opportunity to meet author Andy Griffith after the show, who was only too happy to answer their questions and give them tips on improving their writing.

It was an outstanding theatrical experience which gave us lots of cool ideas to try out in this years school performance!

“The giant gorilla was awesome!
It was so real looking that it freaked me out!”
Molly, Year 3.

“I liked watching the sea monster. She had big eyes.”
Roman, Kinder.

Review – Debating the Change

Congratulations to our senior debating team for competing in yesterday’s BSC Debating the Change competition. I was very proud of the team work displayed by our students and their willingness to learn from the Adjudicator’s tips.

Students were able to take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity of refining their debating skills for future competitions. Thank you to parents for transporting students to & from this very beneficial event.

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Wednesday 11th June

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Senior Excursion Round 1 chocolate monies (senior students) Due – ASAP

Senior Excursion FINAL CHOCOLATE ORDER FORM (senior students)
Due – Tues 10th June

SXCSS Spelling Bee permission (selected students)
Due – Tues 10th June

SXCSS Spelling Bee CUPCAKE order (selected students) Due – Tues 10th June

SS PSSA Athletics (ALL students) Due – Wed 11th June

SS PSSA Soccer Knockout (selected students) Due – Tues 17th June

NAIDOC permission & payment to CTIPS (whole school) Due – Tues 17th June

NAIDOC permission to BHS (Years 3-6) Due – Tues 17th June
Students have been practicing hard for the up & coming Public Speaking day here at the school. Judging is to occur on Friday 6th June.

Student selections have been finalised & the following students will represent their speech to our judge this Friday starting after recess (11:30) and finishing at lunchtime. We will start with the kinders & work up from there.

Finalists for 2014......
Yr 6 - Jade T, Anthony M, Lillian G
Yr 5 - Jasmine C, Riley G, Kirsty GJ
Yr 4 - Owen G
Yr 3 - Sally C, Gypsy S
Yr 2 - Erin G, Billy Walsh
Yr 1 - Jumalia F, Connor O
Kinder - Violet F

Our judge, Marty Wheatley from NSW Teachers Federation, will then select the top 30% of students from each Stage who will be presented with ‘Stage Winners’ certificates. Two students from Stage 2 & 3 will also be selected in the near future (following assessment of their Impromptu speaking skills) to compete in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition to be held at Alstonville P.S on Monday 16th June.

Northern Cross Community of Small Schools’ (SXCSS) – Spelling Bee

When: Thursday 12th June
Where: Wardell Hall
Time: 9.30am start (finish approx. 1.30pm)

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the Small Schools’ Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, June 12th at Wardell Hall.

Stage 2 Stage 3
Owen G Jade T
Sally C Lillian G
Laura G David B
Bella M Maureen G
Res: Lillian T Jade F

Program
9:30-11:00 Stage 2 (approx. timing)
11:00-11:30 Recess
11:30-1:00 Stage 3

There will be a practice round initially to settle everyone's nerves! Students may stay for their timeslot only or stay on to watch the other stages compete. Transport will be the responsibility of the parent.

Students will need to bring along their recess, lunch & a drink bottle. Hot food may be purchased from the shop across the road at the conclusion of the competition (however this will not be under the supervision of staff).
NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC celebrations will be over two days beginning on Tuesday June 24th at Cabbage Tree Island PS where the students will be participating in traditional dance with dancers from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts in Brisbane. On Wednesday students from years 3-6 will be participating in the SXCSS dance/games day held at BHS playing traditional games as well as putting on the dances they learned from Tuesday. Permission notes need to be returned no later than Tuesday June 17th.

Day One
When: Tuesday 24th June (all students)
Where: Cabbage Tree Island PS
Cost: $5.00 per student
Transport: bus

Day Two
When: Wednesday 25th June (years 3-6)
Where: BHS
Cost: nil
Please note: A big thank you to our P&C who have covered the cost of this excursion!
Transport: bus

Attachments
• S.S PSSA Soccer Knockout info & permission note (selected students)
• NAIDOC Day permission notes
P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, 10th June in the senior classroom at 7.00pm - all are welcome!

Top Tips from the DET

Too sick to go to school?
Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Mondayitis. This chart will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find out more:

Speech problems
All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you're worried about your child's speech development – or their teacher has concerns – the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally. Find out more:

Community News

Some news from the outdoor classroom…..

Dear everyone,
We are having a great holiday.
Some of my favourite things I have done recently are climbing around gorges at Karijini NP. We swam up to a waterfall and in rock pools at the base of the gorges. We had an amazing time swimming with the Whale sharks at Ningaloo reef.
We are now in Broome and are heading up to the NT.
Hope you are well say hello to everyone in the class.
From Ethan.

Hello everyone,
We are in Broome and these are some of the exciting things we have done in WA. Hope everyone is going well.
It is 33 degrees in Broome and we went for a swim at 6:00pm. Is it raining and cold in Ballina?
From Jesse.
Small Schools’ Spelling Bee Information
& Cupcake Order Form

When: Thursday 12th June, Wardell Hall
Times: 9:30 am - 11.00am (stage 2)
11:30am - 1.00 pm (stage 3)
Transport: Private car
Lunch: There will be NO CANTEEN, please bring a water bottle, recess & lunch.
However, pre-ordered cupcakes will be available on the day (see below)
Need: Full school uniform

Permission notes were sent home last week. (Please note that if permission is not received or transport arranged by the due date the reserve will attend in your child’s place)

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CUPCAKES ORDER FORM

As a fundraiser for Breast Cancer & Cystic Fibrosis, cupcakes will be for sale for $2.00 each at the Spelling Bee on Thursday June 12th. If you would like a delicious cupcake while supporting a good cause, please fill in the order form below & return it to your school by Tuesday 10th June.

Name: __________________________________________________________

Number of Cupcakes: _____________________________________________

Amount enclosed ________________________________________________