GET WILD

Last Wednesday Stage 1 were lucky enough to experience a wild encounter. The ‘Get Wild’ team came to Condell Park Public School with a variety of reptiles, insects and amphibians for us to see and touch.

First we went into the library where the animals were waiting for us. Next Mr Daniel told us we needed to be quiet otherwise the animals wouldn’t come out and say hello. He showed us a stick insect and we watched it crawl up on Aisha’s arms and then her head. A giant cockroach came out next and we found out it only lives in rainforests. Then we said hello to a lizard that found a nice place to rest – on Skye’s head. A blue tongue lizard followed. Blue tongue lizards stick out their blue to frighten off predators. A little turtle followed and came out to say hello to us all. We had to hold him very carefully with one hand on top of its shell and the other hand on the bottom of its belly. After that Mr Daniel brought out a snake and many people were scared. All the teachers started to move away very quickly. Zahra was very brave and let Mr Daniel wrap the snake around her neck.

Finally Mr Daniel took out a giant snake. It was so big, long and heavy that six people had to carry it. A baby crocodile was the last reptile we saw. It felt very smooth and soft. We all had lots of fun and saw many interesting animals. It was an awesome experience.

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LIBBY GLEESON – AUTHOR
In spite of the big wet, the long awaited visit by children’s author Libby Gleeson was a big success. Libby shared some of her writing experiences and lots of fascinating detail – such as American publishers thinking that American children aren’t as clever at getting messages from illustrations as Australian children are! Libby also conducted two writing workshops. We hope she inspired someone to be as successful an author as she is.

Thank you to Mrs Biordi for organizing the author visit. If you have any ideas about which author or illustrator should visit Condell Park PS next year, please see Mrs Biordi.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge ends on Friday! There are a couple of more days to read books to complete the PRC. Student Reading Records are due to teachers by this Friday (22nd August). Please note that Student Reading Record sheets cannot be accepted after this date as reading data is due to the Department of Education and Communities Arts Unit. Reading Record data will be entered by Mrs Biordi. PRC certificates are created by the DEC Arts Unit.

DEBATING

What a season! Our debating team finished this year’s season with a narrow loss against Panania PS. Annika, Bariaa, Youssef and Tiana argued that ‘sport brings out the best in us.’ Thank you to Mrs Hoppitt and Miss Buckland for guiding our enthusiastic debating team and we look forward to many more successful debates in 2015.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school library from Thursday 21st – Tuesday 26th August. The Book Fair has a wide selection of books suitable for both girls and boys within each age group and aims to capture their imaginations and excite them about reading. It offers students a fantastic selection of books, featuring exclusive titles from leading Australian authors and illustrators.

This is a fundraiser for our school and money raised will be used to purchase new books. Each class is timetabled to have a visit to the Book Fair to look at the books and stationery for sale and to record what they would like to buy on ‘Wish Lists’. Students may buy from the Book Fair during their class visit or another time during the period that the Book Fair is at our school. Payments may be made via credit card or cash.

The library will be open from 2.45-3.30pm each day of the Book Fair for teachers, parents and students to browse and buy. The library will also be open from 1.30 – 2.30pm on Tuesday 26th for parent and student sales.

Celebrate Book Week and support our school by buying a book or two and help us to buy some great new library books for your children to read!

EVERYTHING IS AWESOME

Tickets are currently on sale. Additional tickets are now available for purchase. Please come to the front office for an order form.

EISTEDDFOD DUOLOGUE

On a very wet Sunday Eleni and Daniella shone at a duologue Eisteddfod competition. The girls did really well, scoring 84% and narrowly missing out on a place. Thank you to Miss Spano and Miss Thomas for not only coaching the girls but for giving up their Sunday morning to support them in the competition.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 26 August
District Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 27 August
Launch of our new app

Monday 1 September
‘Everything is Awesome’ rehearsal

Tuesday 2 September
‘Everything is Awesome’ School Concert

Labelling Clothing

Please ensure that your child’s clothing, especially rugby tops, jackets and hats are labelled with their name.

We have had a lot of clothing in lost property with no name.

Clothing with no name is cleared out weekly and sent to the uniform shop to be resold as a second.

PARENT MESSAGES

School finishes at 3pm each day. If your child has NOT been collected by 3:15 they will automatically be taken to the on-site after school care where you will have to pay a fee.

We understand that sometimes appointments can only be made during school time, however, please do not pick up your child/children during recess and lunch times.