



**Fisher Road SCHOOL**  
Together We Can

*April  
2013*

## Principal's News.

Quite a long term but varied in the activities and events that have occurred during term 1 of this school year. Our celebrations have included a sporty Harmony Day with all students, plus our SHORE boys, participating in games on the back oval. The Family Day Picnic was great and 10 families came and joined in the fun. Still to come is our Swimming Carnival on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Staff attended a special swimming course at the school on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> which was run by Aus Swim. It was an excellent course and gave us some great ideas for working with students as part of their swimming program. Staff also retrained on CPR, updating our certificates for the year.

During this term we have put in submissions to the Department for an upgrade of our pool change rooms as well as for a new roof for each of the school buildings. We have had increasing levels of damage to the classrooms due to the aging nature of our roof tiles and we hope that money will be granted for both much needed upgrades. During this term our computer server system was upgraded. The upgrade allows us greater ability to manage our technology from the school, but still gives us options to use the Technical Support option offered by the Department. Our project introducing iPads as learning tools continues with further work being done on communication and the iPad. Families can follow our work by looking up the website we have developed to showcase and store our work. It is a work in progress but can be viewed on <http://fisherroadipadtechnology.com>.

Finally it has been fantastic to see so many students in our new uniform. My thanks to families who have come on board and purchased our new tops, shorts and jackets. All the students are looking very smart.

At the start of term 3 there will be 2 school development days for staff. The government has added a day for all schools to work on the new Australian Curriculum. We will be using the days to review our strategies and materials to make sure they are aligned with all new syllabuses ready for full implementation in 2014.

### **Dates to remember:**

April 8<sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival

**Term 2 starts on May 1<sup>st</sup> for students** (staff will be starting on April 29<sup>th</sup>)

Susan Barisic

## CLASS JM

What a busy term we are having! The class are having a great time during music therapy each week. Everyone's preferred choice of instrument is usually the drum which makes for a very loud and excitable music lesson! We are still going to Dee Why Beach Park each Friday for community access and all the students have a ball. The climbing equipment is always a favourite and it is sometimes difficult to get the students to come and eat their morning tea as they would rather be playing!

Julie, Wendy and Rosemary.



## The Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to parents for showing your creative talent in the form of the juniors Easter Hats. The hats stood out and it was great to see big smiles on student's faces as they wore them proudly.

Thank you to parents who came along to watch the parade and help out. We hope you enjoyed the Hot Cross Buns and the holiday break.



## Reminder

**Swimming Carnival Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Midday**  
For parents of those students participating in the swimming carnival at Fisher Road School, please arrive at midday. The carnival will last approximately 45 minutes. Please come along to help cheer for your child and join in the fun.

## Class RT

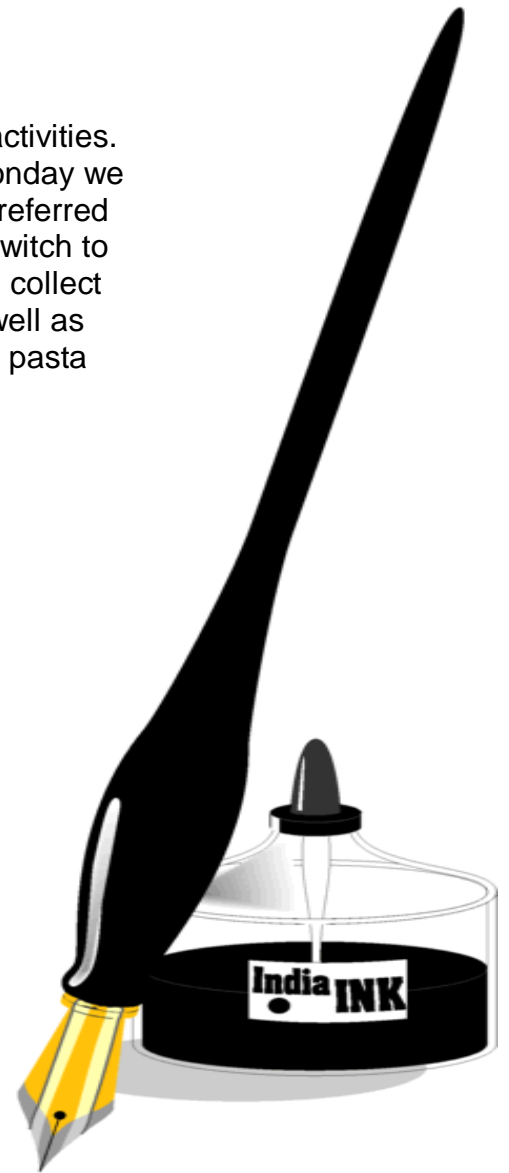
In Class RT we do lots and lots of exciting and interesting activities as part of each student's individual program. Their programs are very varied and include things such as bike riding, swimming, recycling, cooking, music, art and craft, canteen, sport, gardening, etc. In the photos below we can see Lachlan and James carrying out some of their favourite activities.

Nick (replacing Rob for a few weeks), Donna and Sue R.



## Class TH

In Class TH we have been busy with a range of activities. Cooking has been one of our highlights. Each Monday we do smoothie making. Banana with honey is our preferred flavour. Eddie has been fantastic at operating a switch to blend everything together. For our pasta dish, we collect vegetables (such as tomatoes and pumpkin) as well as herbs from the school garden. We add this to our pasta dish, together with cucumber, cheese and a little seasoning. Believe it or not, it tastes 'Delizioso'!! Trish, Sue and Mandy.





### Class JP

Class JP started integration this week. We arrived at the Allambie Heights Public School and entered the kindergarten classroom where we were introduced to all our new friends. We enjoyed participating in the developmental play session where we explored different activities in the classroom. At 12:50 we headed outside to eat lunch and meet our year 6 buddies – who took care of all the students while they were in the playground. All of class JP enjoyed the equipment and interacting with the other children. We can't wait for next week so we can do it all over again!  
Jen & Di.

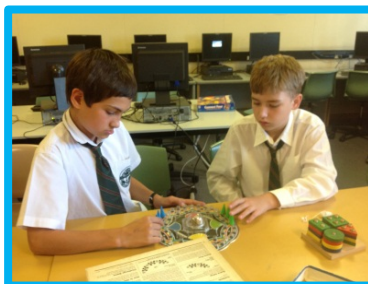


### CW Group

We have started integration at The Forest High School each Thursday. There have been some lovely opportunities for students to engage in social interactions both in the classroom and the playground. In week A, we take turns to join a Visual Arts, cooking and P.E. class. In week B we are joined by six Year 8 students in the computer lab where we share computer activities then group together for a variety of board games such as Connect Four, Tic Tac Toe and puzzles. These types of interactions are a great way for students to socialise with students their own age.  
Caroline, Jenny and Pete (on Thursdays).



Adam and Connor



Jake and Paul



Harrison

## Senior High School Groups RR & MT

Twice a week a mixed group of students go in to the community to deliver pamphlets. When we first introduced this program the students struggled with the variety of post-boxes, and handling the flyers. They are now fairly independent in completing this activity, which serves as a realistic work skill for many of our graduating students.



Adina and Emily delivering pamphlets in the neighbourhood

Ruth, Matt, John & Sue M

## Harmony Day Activities Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.



## Fisher Road Stars

**Group JP:** Jessica and Lachlan for building confidence and showing improvements in swimming.

**Group JM:** Gwyneth for good listening and Ty for PECS work.

**Group TH:** James for great vocalisation.

**Group CW:** Jake for being kind and helping other students in the playground.

**Group RR:** Adrian for following directions.

### Class AM

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March class AM went to Mater Maria College for a fun outing at the Year 10 Fair. Class AM enjoyed a bus ride followed by a huge 'dress up' welcoming from the Year 10 students. Disco, sensory games, cooking classes and a BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all.  
Tanya, Arianne and Carmel.



### Group MP

Our class is very happy to have Anastazia join us most of the week and Kiang Kiang on a Friday. We are glad to see both students participating in our daily routine with enthusiasm. Ella, Kane, Nathaniel and Connor are actively participating in our daily routines. We use a lot of sensory activities to facilitate learning in a meaningful way to the student. We are also pleased to have Helen (Connor's mum) on a Friday morning. Thank you for assisting us in our swimming program.

Maria and Monika

