Children’s Book Creators To You Event

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding the Children's Book Creators To You (CBC2U) program being presented at our school this Thursday. Fernleigh Public School will also be joining in with us. In summary the program for the day is:

9:30 am – 9:45 am Welcome, introduction, housekeeping

9:45 am – 11:15 am Workshop 1
* Author presents writing workshop to Kinder-Year 2 students
* Illustrator presents illustrating workshop to Year 3-Year 6 students

11:15 am – 11:45 am Recess/morning tea

11:45 am – 1:15 pm Workshop 2
* Author presents writing workshop to Year 3-Year 6 students
* Illustrator presents illustrating workshop to Kinder-Year 2 students

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch

Parents & school community members invited to visit and chat with guests. Book signings.

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm Plenary Session
Guest Author & Illustrator lead students to discuss and share with other students, and with parents/community, their writing and illustrating experiences/knowledge gained. Q & A session.

3:00 pm End of school day for students.

For your Diary

Term 4

Week 9
Tue 2 Dec Golf @ Coraki Golf
Course 9 - 11:30am
Ice blocks for sale

Wed 3 Library / HSIE
High School orientation
Rural Fire Service Visit @ 11:30am

Thur 4 CBC2U Event
P&C meeting

Fri 5 Ice blocks for sale

Week 10
Tue 9 Ice blocks for sale

Wed 10 Library

Thur 11 Special Scripture with Rev Roy Cowan

Fri 12 Christmas Concert
Ice blocks for sale

Week 11
Tue 16 Ice blocks for sale

Wed 17 Last day of the School Year!!

Students return to school
Wednesday 28th January 2015

P&C Meeting
Thursday 4th December @ 6:30pm
**Tennis Gala Day**

Last Friday we had an action packed morning of FUN! Thank you to our students for their participation and co-operation in the Active After School Communities Tennis Gala Day.

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**Golf at Coraki**

Tomorrow will be our golf experience at Coraki Golf Course. We will be travelling by Quinns bus service to Coraki, departing school at 9:30am and returning approximately 11:30pm.

*Thank you to James Quinn for giving up his time to organise and run this activity.*

**Slave for a Day**

A big thanks to our hard working slaves Jacob L, Grace, Mary, Lucy & Jiah.

**Library Books**

Could all students please return any school library books by this Wednesday 3rd December.

**End of Year Celebrations**

Another reminder about our Christmas Concert & Carols night on Friday, 12 December. There will be ham raffles, hamper full of goodies, BBQ, presentations and of course the man in the big red suit SANTA.

All the money raised on the night is to benefit the children of Wyrrallah Public School (eg, to buy text books for 2015, go on excursions, etc). This is our last Fundraising event for the year.

*Get in early and pick your winning numbers (limited numbers available). This year we are having a 100’s chart, which is filling up fast. For $2 you get to choose a number between 1 and 100. The prizes are 2 x child tickets to Seaworld or 3 x child tickets to Seaworld. All numbers are to be sold before the night, so ask your friends, grandparents, parents to pick a number! (Or the kids can pick a number for you).*

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**Christmas Hamper Donations Needed**

Any donations of non-perishable goods for this hamper would be greatly appreciated.

Please check any use by dates. Only 11 sleeps to go!

*All donations get a free ticket into the draw.*

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Once upon a time…

In a land far, far away, er...well, in a school actually. And it really isn’t too far away. Why, boys and girls, you already know, don’t you? Yes, it’s here in the gorgeous Wyrallah Public School where this special story takes place.

In the deep dark recesses of the Principal’s, Mrs Fahy’s, office a light dully glimmered on the desktop. As the tall black well-worn chair slowly turned towards the desk with a muscle-aching slow speed scratching sound that made flowers wilt and anyone nearby nervously back away, Mrs Fahy’s face emerged, half-lit in the gloomy light of the laptop on her desk. Tap, tap. The sound persisted. Tap, tap.

The photocopier clacked then hummed, with the sound of mechanical readjustments then grudgingly ejected a piece of paper. A weary, coffee-stained hand stretched out knobbly grasping fingers and slid the piece of paper from the side of the grey machine.

Congratulations Wyrallah Public School!

You have been successful in your funding application from the Children’s Book Council of Australia!!

As part of our emphasis on the importance and joy of literature Mrs Fahy applied for funding for the Children’s Book Creators To You (CBC2U) program.

This program is designed to assist schools and libraries in areas disadvantaged by economic, cultural or distance hardship. Authors and illustrators of children’s literature are invited to talk to and work with the students, enriching their reading and writing experience. To share such an excellent opportunity we will be joined by all 18 of the students from Fernleigh Public School.

So, we most happily and proudly will welcome to our school, this Thursday, 4th December:

Author, Candice Lemon-Scott

and Illustrator, Lucia Masciulllo.

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BOOKS! READING!
The best thing we ever learn at school is how to read.

Reading opens up a world – many worlds, for us. There are sooo many reasons why reading is good for you. Here’s just some from www.best-books-for-kids.com:

* Kids who read often and widely get better at it.
This is pretty much just common sense. After all, practise makes perfect in almost everything we humans do and reading is no different from anything else.

*Reading exercises our brains.
Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than, say, watching TV is. Reading strengthens brain connections and actually builds new connections.

* Reading improves concentration.
Again, this is a bit of a no-brainer. Children have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when they’re reading. If they read regularly, they develop the ability to do this for longer periods.

*Reading teaches children about the world around them.
Through reading, children learn about people, places and events outside their own experience. They are exposed to ways of life, ideas and beliefs about the world which may be different from those which surround them. This learning is important for its own sake however it also builds a store of background knowledge which helps younger children learn to read confidently and well.

*Reading improves a child’s vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills.
This is because children learn new words as they read but also because they unconsciously absorb information as they read about things like how to structure sentences and how to use words and language effectively.

*Reading develops a child’s imagination.
This is because when we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. When we’re engaged in a story, we’re also imagining how the characters are feeling. We use our own experiences to imagine how we would feel in the same situation.

*Reading helps kids develop empathy.
It makes sense because, if you’re identifying with the character in the story, you’re feeling what she’s feeling.

*Children who read do better at school.
And they don’t just do better at subjects like reading, English and history. They do better at all subjects and they do better all the way through school.

*Reading is a great form of entertainment!
A paperback book or an e-reader like a tablet/iPad/Kindle doesn’t take up much space so you can take it anywhere and you’ll never be lonely or bored if you have a book in your bag. You can read while waiting in a queue, while waiting for a friend who’s running late or during a rain delay at a sports match.

*Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.
This is an important point because these days we seem to have forgotten how to relax and especially how to be silent. The constant movement, flashing lights and noise which bombard our senses when we’re watching TV, looking at a computer or playing an electronic game are actually quite stressful for our brains. When we read, we read in silence and the black print on a white page is much less stressful for our eyes and brains.

You may have a range of your very own reasons why reading is good for you!