IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

31st March 2014   Annual General Meeting—7.30pm
2nd April 2014    Parent Information Evening—7.00pm Developing Independence
2nd May 2014      Middle Primary Explained—7.00pm

BOAB FUN AT THE P&C CAR BOOT SALE

At the car boot sale, we had a stall selling many items that we had made. We made bracelets, bookmarks, muffins, apple slinkys and some second hand toys. We all worked together and after hearing Bob talk from the Wheelchair for Kids Organization, we decided to raise money for them. We gave half of our profits, $153.55 to the charity.

We raised enough money to buy one whole wheelchair for a child, with a stuffed toy and a blanket.

Stephanie, Amelia, Crystal, Emily, Grace, Alexandria and Emma

At the car boot sale we sold all sorts of things. We collected second hand things. We donated one third of our earnings to the Cat Haven of Western Australia.

Violet, Maddy and Sam

At the car boot sale we made watermelon juice, chocolate muffins and made bracelets from Rainbow Loom. We gave 23 dollars and 20 cents to the RSPCA.

Malu, Ella, Hannah and Bianca

At the car boot sale we had the Lolly Lover Shop. We sold lots of really yummy sweet things. We had a donation tin for the Farmers Drought and raised ten dollars.

Josh V, Noah, Giuseppe, Josh G, and Charlie
Whole School News

Multicultural Infusion Incursion and Harmony Day

Fun was had by all with our Multicultural Infusion, starting off with Bollywood dancing.

For some children, dancing was a natural response to rhythm/music while it took others a bit of encouraging before they could engage in the movement, singing & dancing offered by the different multicultural groups.

Their participation increased as the morning progressed with Brazilian, African & Middle Eastern Music.

The highlight of today’s celebration of Harmony Day seemed to have been the Middle Eastern dancing, for out came the scarves, the golden sticks, beads and tambourines and best of all, the teachers dancing with those elegant scarves!

The Wandoo children found the Multicultural Infusion Incursion very entertaining. They were enthralled by the performances and loved participating in the dance and music activities.
Whole School News
Multicultural Infusion Incursion and Harmony Day

What a wonderful way to spend a morning; dancing and playing instruments from across the globe! “Cool Capoeira” and the African Drumming were the favourites amongst Wattle children. The Capoeira was enjoyed because of the stories told about its origin. Wattle children also loved the “Dance fighting” style of dance used in Capoeira. Maddy said “I never knew dancing fighting existed, it’s great that no one gets hurt, and everyone has fun”. The African drumming was a hit because “of the loud noises the drums made and the fun dance moves” – Jacob. Although a very full morning, it was great to experience a taste of music and movement from differ-
A Wonderful Multicultural Extravaganza!

The whole school participated in a Multicultural morning, sharing experiences with performers from Brazil, Africa, Egypt /Turkey and India.

The children and staff had a wonderful time learning about the different cultures, their music, instruments, language and dance.

Rebecca and the children cooked a magnificent multicultural feast during the week, to share with everyone on the special day.

EMILY: “I enjoyed the Cultural Infusion performance because of the lovely dancers from different countries”.

JOSH V: “I liked the Bollywood dance because it was fun”.

NOAH: “It was a very fun day and I learned a lot about culture”.

STEPHANIE: “I really enjoyed all the movement in the Bollywood dance”.

CANDICE: “I liked the Bollywood dancing the best because it was fun”.

AMELIA: “I liked the Incursion because it was fun, and it was nice learning about the different cultures and dances”.

CRYSTAL: “I thought it was really fun. I liked it because of all the different dancing we got to do”.

ANITA: “I thought it was absolutely amazing and it really inspired me to learn about different cultures”.

JOSH G: “I liked the Cool Capoeira because I didn’t know you could make music out of a bow and arrow”.

MITCHELL: “I liked the Rhythm of Africa because I got to drum”.

VIOLET: “I liked Rhythm of Africa”.

BIANCA: “I liked the Cool Capoeira because it was a martial art disguised as a dance”.

GRACE: “I liked the Bollywood performance, it was my favourite one. She was so pretty”.

ALEXANDRIA: “I liked the Capoeira dance because it was really fun to move around like that”.

HANNAH: “It was really fun and we learned lots of different things”.

EMMA: “I thought all the dancers were amazing and it blew my mind how good it was”.

CONALL: “I liked the Rhythm of Africa because you could have a go at the bongo drums”.

ETHAN: “I liked the Cool Capoeira dance because it looked really fun, because it was a martial arts disguised as a dance”.

ELLA: “I thought it was really fun and I especially liked the Bollywood dancing because we all got to have a turn, and I liked dancing”.

SAM: “The incursion was interesting and fun”.

CHARLIE: “I liked Rhythm of Africa because the dancing was cool and I really liked the singing”.

MALU: “I really enjoyed the performance, I learned a lot”.

Blue Gum News—20th March 2014
CURRICULUM SUPPORT NEWS

Thanks to the P&C Christmas Fundraising drive, our school won a mini iPad and I am the lucky teacher to get to use it with my students. I have been playing lots of educational games and choosing the best for the students to use as part of their lessons. There are some great apps for teaching students the correct formations of letters and numbers by tracing them on the screen. I have found apps based on the Montessori learning method, including the movable alphabet, the pink tower and a very cute monkey, Bongo, who takes you on a spelling and reading adventure. There are many learning activities for teaching phonic and spelling skills in a way that will appeal to some students and make learning easier.

Some students need some extra support learning to identify sounds and to read and write.

It’s always good to use a multi-sensory approach and making use of the new mini iPad will encourage students to enjoy learning through interactive games.

Michelle

LUNCH BOX SUGGESTIONS RECIPES

Tuna Pasta Salad

150g farfalle pasta
310g can corn, drained, rinsed
250g punnet grape tomatoes, halved
185g can tuna, drained, flaked
¼ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon chopped chives

Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling, salted water for 8-10 minutes, until tender. Drain well and return to saucepan. Cool slightly.

Toss remaining ingredients through pasta.

Spoon into an airtight container and store in the fridge.

Spoon a serving portion into a small airtight container for school lunch.

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

Annual General Meeting Notice

Blue Gum Montessori School AGM will be held on Monday 31st March 2014 at 7.30pm on the school premises.

We will be calling for all nominees to apply, application forms can be picked up from the school office and a box will be provided to place the nomination forms in.

The AGM is compulsory, a representative from each family is asked to attend.
Car Boot Round up

Well, our very first Blue Gum car boot sale was a success. Everybody who attended had a great time, especially the kids, and we raised nearly $600 for our water play feature. We’ve learned some valuable things for next time:

Whilst this year’s event was mostly targeted as an internal “swap meet”, with the intention to give people an opportunity to get together, it became rapidly clear that we have a host of talented craftspeople at Blue Gum, who would like an opportunity to market their wares.

To do that we’ll need to pitch next year’s event as a “Handmade and Home Grown” market, maybe “Blue Market”?! We’ll need LOTS more external publicity, long in advance, and we’ll need to make sure we have all the right licences to be selling to the public, particularly foodstuffs.

We need to choose a date that’s not the same as Upmarket, or a Melaleuca wedding (!), maybe tying in with a sporting event on the Meller Park oval, to pick up passing custom.

We need more signage, particularly for the stalls in the grassed area, and we’ll have more of those.

Keeping the middle of the car park free for the kids to run around worked well, as did the presence of a coffee van – maybe we’ll throw in a sausage sizzle or a baked goods stall next time.

All in all, we think it was a great first run, and we’ll do it bigger and better next year! Make sure you book your spot well in advance!
So it’s on to the next event.... Get ready to boogie on down to the

Blue Gum School Disco

Thursday 10th April, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

This is an old favourite, fun for the whole family. We’ve moved it from Term 2 this year in the hope of better weather.

Entry fee is $2 (per child), parental supervision required but free!

Children will be entertained by our DJ, **Bop 'til You Drop** who have been very popular the last few years.

**Planet Espresso** will bring their delicious coffee for the grown ups, hot drinks, slushies and ice creams for the kids.

We will have a **Glow In The Dark Disco Shop** at the entrance table, where the children will be able to buy all manner of exciting glowing things (much more than just the endurably popular glow sticks).

This is a self funded event. Entrance fees and any profits from the glow shop will cover the cost of the DJ.

**P & C Meeting**

Please join us for our next P&C Meeting on Friday 28th March 2014, 5pm arrival for 6pm meeting at 31 Rainer Mews Willetton.

Children are welcome please bring your own dinner and drinks.