Principal’s Report

Sydney
What an amazing opportunity, to be part of the Small School Marimba Ensemble and playing at the Sydney Opera House during the Endeavour Concert. Our students did us proud! We had a hectic week visiting Sydney and exploring the sights. We visited the Aquarium, Wildlife World, Madame Tussauds, The Telstra Tower, Taronga Zoo, Darling Harbour, Luna Park, Paddy’s Markets and the Sydney Opera House. We averaged walking about 25kms per day; needless to say we were happy to curl up in our beds each night. All our students were well behaved as they waited for two hours for our time on stage. They walked on stage with smiles from ear to ear and played beautifully. A huge ‘Thank you’ to Mr. Spillane, from Kentucky Public School, for including us and his excellent organisation.

Well done to our students at Mingoola PS who worked hard while we were away and we had a lovely surprise of Fortune Cookies when we returned, it was very thoughtful.

Mingoola PS Kinder orientation is nearly halfway through its sessions and will continue on even weeks for the rest of the term on a Thursday.

It is with a sad heart that Mingoola PS says good bye to Miss Brown this Friday, we wish her well in her career and her new adventures. Miss Brown has been with our school since the start of 2015 and she has worked closely with each of our students. Thank you Miss Brown, you will be missed.

Thank you
Mrs. Jackie Todd
Principal (Rt)

Attachments

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Gonski funding for schools
Weekend Cartoon Workshops

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Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.