

9th February 2012

Junior School *newsletter*

Year 2 Plant Sunflowers



Welcome to 2012.

The year has started with much enthusiasm from the staff and the students. From the outset the children were keen to embrace new learning and try new ideas. Towards the end of last year we received some Professional Development focusing on developing in the children a 'growth mindset'. This means that we are focusing on the children 'having a go' and being confident to attempt tasks with no fear of failure. It is through sharing and learning from mistakes that we grow our minds. It is important that we build their confidence as learners and focus on the process of achievement. In the Junior School Classrooms you will see posters promoting the 5P's for learning; persistence, polish, plan, pay attention and participate. If you can use encouraging language and support us in promoting the process, rather than focusing on the achievement, the students will continue to develop positive work attitudes.

Walk & Talk

Each week on a Tuesday during Fitness time the students run or walk laps of the oval. They compete as a class to see which class runs the most laps a week. Some Year 6 boys are involved in calculating this on a spreadsheet and producing a graph for the students to see. The winner class has Walt, a Trinity bear in their classroom for the week. This year we are also introducing Walt's sister who will go to the class which shows the most improvement on the previous week.

Walt is also travelling around Australia. Each week we total the distance the children travel then plot this on Walt's journey around Australia. He finished 2011 on Fraser island. 4P travelled the furthest this week and have Walt. 5D showed the most improvement and have the task of naming Walt's sister.



Walt visits a classroom

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday 21st February**
Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 22nd February**
Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday 29th February**
Twilight Picnic
- Friday 16th March**
Staff PD (School closed)
- Week 8 - 19th - 23rd March**
Junior School Swimming
- Sunday 1st April**
Trinity Open Day

Parent Information Night

Many parents took the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher on Tuesday night. This is an important date in the calendar that enables us to clearly define our expectations. It was good to see so many parents attend. In the session in the chapel Mr Greenwood talked to the parents about safety issues and the use of computers. He will from time to time keep updating you with more information. In the meantime the following websites were mentioned last night and would be a valuable resource for families.
<http://explore.live.com/windows-live-family-safety?os=other>
www.dbcde.gov.au

Learning Maths in Yr 3

