From the Principal

Once again everyone at Wharminda Primary School has been on the go. The first week of the Walking the Ghan project have seen the kids walking, jumping and running to increase their pedometer counts. I have been shocked at the amount of steps the kids have taken compared to the staff! The staff enjoyed the Schools Hub day at Ungarra on Friday. It gave us a great opportunity to mix with other like-minded staff and gain a better understanding of curriculum frameworks and technology within our teaching and learning.

Shauna Paxton has been on practicum here at Wharminda and we have enjoyed her input and participation in the Junior Primary class. Shauna has worked with the SRC and myself to organise the Biggest Morning Tea Luncheon. We raised a good amount of money and all enjoyed the shared plates. It was great to see all the families come in for a great cause and also fantastic that a number of our Dads could take some time out of seeding to join in.

The Junior Primary students have been busy on their Nursery Rhyme topic. They had everyone captivated with their Egg Drops for Humpty Dumpty and their paper cows jumping over paper moons. Mrs Mac's demonstration lesson showed us the level and standard of work that the Junior Primary students are doing. The Upper Primary class have been working on their Space projects and are now full to the brim on facts about our universe. I'm looking forward to seeing their completed power point presentations soon.

Wharminda Primary has a focus on educating the whole child so they strengthen and develop not only their minds but also their bodies. Morning fitness and brain food has been working well in teaching the students about looking after their minds and their bodies and this gives me the opportunity to just remind people about the importance of sleep and how this affects our ability to concentrate and participate.

Look out for a number of projects and programs about to start at Wharminda and feel free to give me a call or pop in to see the great work happening here in our school.

Cheers,

Matthew McCurry
Principal's Awards

Leah Forrest - Good Work Award for Literacy.

Rebekah Rosenzweig - Good attitude and focus for fitness.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Luncheon and School Assembly

On the 22nd May 2007 Wharinda Primary School held its Biggest Morning Tea Luncheon. 42 family and friends enjoyed the whole school assembly which was run by the Junior Primary Class before the luncheon began. The Biggest Morning Tea is an annual event held to raise money for the Cancer Council. $190.00 was raised. Thankyou to every one for their donations and congratulations to Jackie Spronk for winning the Jelly Baby guessing competition.

Amy demonstrated the Lotus Flower at the assembly

Mrs Mac and her junior primary students gave us a demonstration lesson incorporating a Nursery Rhyme Theme

Upper Primary students talked about the desk tidies they constructed

Amy had everyone joining in with her Lotus Flower demonstration
Design and Technology Report
As a part of Upper Primary Design and Technology the children were required to design, make and appraise their own desk tidy. This activity involved looking at the available desk tidies that can be purchased and examples of desk tidies that could be made using recycled material. The children then came up with their own design which they attempted to make. The products were decorated and an appraisal was completed. Below is some examples of the work produced by the children.

My desk tidy is shaped like a house with a fancy mat underneath of it. The house is blue with pink spots and the roof opens and closes. I have used Velcro to stick the roof together so I can open and shut it easily. The base is pink with blue spots and the edge has been cut in a zigzag pattern. The desk tidy has shapes stuck to it. My pens and pencils are put inside the box.

Describe it:
My desk tidy is shaped like a flat with 4 stories. It has 3 boxes they are painted pink with purple spots and purple with pink spots. On the inside it has a piece of card board folded to make 3 draws. It has a meat tray which is painted purple with pink spots I decided to put it on the top so it can hold things that can’t fit in the boxes. and a milk carton which holds my scissors and ruler and is painted purple with pink strips.

How it will it make life easier:
I will find all my stationary a lot easy. I’ll have a lot more room to keep my pencils, textas, glue stick, scissors, etc, because in my pencil case there’s not enough room for my textas. It’s really colourful and I really like it because I made it.

Good points:
◆ Makes my desk neater and tidy.
◆ It is really bright and colourful.
◆ Makes the classroom bright and colourful.
◆ A lot more room and space.
◆ I can find my stationary a lot easier.
◆ I made it so I really like it.

Desk Tidies

Good points
☑ It is my favourite colours
☑ It fits on my desk
☑ It works as in it keeps my desk tidy

Bad points
☒ Its sides are caving in
☒ The paint is pealing
☒ The inside is messy
☒ Needs more colour
☒ The Velcro does not work

Improvements
* It could have stronger sides
* Could have painted it more colours
    * More prettier
* The Velcro doesn’t work
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Parenting Asthmatic Children

CHALLENGED BY YOUR CHILD’S ASTHMA?
The University of Queensland is conducting research into Parenting Asthmatic Children.

Parenting an asthmatic child presents many challenges (everything from providing medication and avoiding triggers to day-to-day parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make management of childhood asthma more difficult, with the results used in developing strategies to assist parents in managing their child’s asthma.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old asthmatic child, we would love to hear from you!
Sharing your experiences (confidentially) is valuable in helping to develop strategies to assist parents in the areas that are needed. Results of this study will also be available to participants.

To complete the survey and for more information, log on to: http://experiment.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaticchildren

Thank you for your time and participation.

Alina Morawska and Jenny Stelzer
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