What a great school.

I entered the school grounds early on Monday to be greeted by a very friendly Mary who, with a lot of pride, gave me the tour of the school. I was impressed by the fantastic grounds including the modern play equipment, the excellent computer facilities and the general state of the yard. Mandy, Lou and Lyall arrived and quickly came across to chat and welcome me aboard. As the students arrived they too came over to say hello and talk about their school. I was able to meet some parents after school which was also good. I’m now in the remembering names phase – it shouldn’t take too long. A very warm welcome, thank you.

Wharminda looks like a wonderful place to learn. This term includes many opportunities for our students to access rich learning. Personally I am looking forward to connecting with the other small schools for events such as Ungarra’s numeracy week (1/9), the Tabloid sports day (23/9) and the Extreme sports seminar at Pt Neill (16/9). Students I spoke to on Monday said that they were excited about the swimming camp on the 18th and 19th of September in Port Lincoln. Planning is underway for this at the moment. Please confirm by filling out and returning the attached sheet concerning camp and parental involvement. Let us know so that we can confirm our bookings etc.

Also a reminder of the working bee on Tuesday 9/9. A list of jobs is published in this newsletter. All seem reasonably achievable.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lou and Staff for their great work during the time between Principals. A well oiled machine has been in operation.

Regards
Craig
Mrs Mac’s Class have been reading interesting facts about China. We are learning to read for information and to note take. At the moment we are all reading about Pandas and have lots of post it notes with interesting facts and vocabulary. We are all going to write a brief report on Pandas as a practice before we choose our own China topic. In art we decorated a giant panda and also painted a panda each for a mural.

In mathematics we are focusing on time and in particular reading schedules and timetables. We are continuing our timetable practice each Thursday and we are making great progress at learning our tables and the division facts.

During Mrs Ottens time with us she prepared some stimulating lessons on the Olympics and in science/technology we designed some great innovative inventions.

We are looking forward to setting up a Chinese Restaurant towards the end of term. Adam wants us to make vegetable dumplings because we only got to have one each when we went out to eat at China Town.

In the Upper Primary Class the Olympic Challenge is on! We have three countries represented in our class - Irlspankca, (Sid & Scott) Nefript, (Abby & Jackson) and Aicagoan, (Leah & Alice) (The combination of three countries).

The countries will be competing over the next two weeks doing things like designing flags, national anthems, logos and much more, all for points. We may continue for the majority of the term with smaller activities and this will hopefully be finalised with a ‘Mini Olympics’ day for the community. On that day you will get to see the flags, hear the National Anthems, walk in the Opening Ceremony and compete in many fun events. Stay tuned!
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