There was no shortage of princesses at school last Friday as we prepared to celebrate the work of Variety the Children's Charity. When the Bash came to town and spent a few hours with the community it created great excitement and a wonderful community atmosphere. Under the organisation of P&C members, families and people from the community provided a meal that the drivers said was "the best feed yet!". This event has given me the opportunity to discuss with students the work of Variety and the vital nature of its work to many families. Congratulations, everybody involved!

Please be sure to return your appointment times for the three-way interviews which will focus on the Semester 1 Progress Report. Over Weeks 9 and 10 we will do our best to accommodate every requirement because these conversations are important.

To ensure students benefit from the latest in research and practice teachers are offered professional development that supports their teaching environment. We are fortunate in the Hunter area to enjoy strong collegial connections with other schools and to be able to access a greater range of professional development events. Absences from school because of this are unfortunate but a necessary part of providing you with the best teachers we can be.

Regina
K/1 Corner

Student learning centres in the classroom allow students to work individually, in small groups or one-on-one with the teacher and promote independence and responsibility. The new set-up of the K-1 classroom will facilitate this kind of learning over the next few weeks. Our K-1 students have been working hard in their groups during literacy sessions this week with a focus on letter formation and using sight words. We have also readministered the South Australian Spelling test as a whole school in preparation for reports. In Maths we have been looking at using our mathematical skills in a team environment which builds essential collaborative skills among our students.

Years 2–6

As we are heading into the time of reports and interviews it’s satisfying to see the evidence of committed learning from the majority of students (some even look forward to Maths lessons!). If you’re hearing very little at home but seeing lots of gestures it will only be our students practising their Makaton key-word signing. Moving on from our Japanese experience, we are now trying to master the Australian Signed Language concepts, and our small groups in the Languages and Cultures lessons are very quiet! We will be exploring how the community of deaf people contribute to our society and how we, as citizens, can accommodate their disability.

Friday Cake Raffle...
50 cents a ticket to support Student Representative Council.

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Canteen!!
Please have orders and payment at School by Tuesday each week.

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Super Hero for a day!
Dean, Heath, Nathan, Tyson and Elijah wore their super hero outfits to celebrate with the drivers from the Variety Bash. Nothing bad was going to happen on that day!
HEAD LICE IN THE PLAYGROUND...
There have been some extreme cases of head lice detected in our school and we provide this information in the hope that your vigilance will eradicate this nuisance condition. Consistent scratching by children whose heads are infested impedes their concentration and makes their scalps sore.

FACT. Head lice are common year round and right round the world. They are not dangerous, do not carry diseases and are not a sign of poor hygiene. In fact, head lice don’t much care whether the hair is clean or dirty.

FACT. Head lice cannot fly or jump but they do crawl at exceptional speeds. The lifespan of an individual louse is just thirty five days. However, within this time the louse can reproduce and create a large family of lice that continue the head lice life cycle.

FACT. Head lice can only survive on human blood, the lice feed from the scalp 3 to 4 times a day. The lice bite into the scalp and extract the blood directly from the bite. The bite is what can cause irritation to the infested person but not everyone will have “the itch” as irritation levels differ between individuals.

FACT. It’s not just fancy marketing when it is recommended to repeat the treatment process. As combing requires time and the nits are very small it is very possible some may be missed during the initial treatment. These nits will hatch in 7-10 days and be vulnerable to a treatment – stopping the life cycle.

FACT. Re-infestation can occur in the case that the initial treatment has not removed or eradicated all the head lice eggs (nits) or a new infestation of head lice has been picked up from another host. Be vigilant and check for head lice regularly as early detection makes light work of any treatment and reduces the chance of multiple cases in the school yard.

Hat drama...
We are required to teach all aspects of Creative and Performing Arts—Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Drama. In our School, these lessons are whole-school sessions. Students were introduced to “hat drama”, where a collection of hats are used as stimulation for expression. The given line “...but I haven’t had my dinner yet!” took on a sinister tone when Jayda put on the witch hat. Drama is on Friday afternoons and we wouldn’t mind an audience at all...

In the next few weeks we will be polishing off our repertoire for the upcoming Singleton Festival of the Arts, where our school will be performing under its own banner. It’s a night for celebrating talent and participation and is a great showcase for families and friends.
Facts about the Dairy Industry

The dairy food group is one of the five food groups that are important for good health.

Sponsored by the Gee Partnership. Local family proudly producing quality milk.

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715 ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH CHECK

Allied Health Services has a message to be shared with our Aboriginal community:

Go to your local doctor and have your 715 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health check done to keep your entire mob healthy and safe.

The 715 health check is a good way to pick up any risk of chronic disease and is for anyone aged 0-100yrs. If you would like any more information on what or where you can have your 715 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health check please contact;

Jennifer- Indigenous Health Project Officer on 0419 713 539

FREE OFFICE SOFTWARE

Students are now able to download Microsoft Office for free at home via their DEC portal.

This includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote. These programs can be very useful for school projects and homework.

To install, go to https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/ get your child to enter their username and password (the same as the one they use at school) to open their portal. Once in the portal, go to “learning” and click on Microsoft Office 365 to begin the download.

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