STUDENTS AS LEARNER AND PERSON!

What an amazing 2 weeks.

What a busy and productive 2 weeks - With lots of learning in literacy and numeracy across K-6. Additionally our students have been involved in a number of events including leadership days, debating workshops, Create East auditions, Harmony Day, visits to the Easter show and the Cross Country Carnival.

It is with much thought and consideration that these opportunities are provided for students and events organised. When we are planning we always consider the need to educate each and every student and nurture them as ‘learner and person’.

Being the last newsletter before the term break, I’d like to wish you all a safe Autumn break!

LIBRARY BOOKS

We have many library books that need covering before they make their way to the library shelves. We will be covering on Friday mornings in the staffroom. If you can’t make that and are happy to take some home to cover flick me an email georgia.constanti@det.nsw.edu.au

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Please note that term 2 begins on Wednesday 1st May for students.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Stage 1 learn how gelato is made.

DATES

5/4 - Book Covering Morning
9/4 - P&C Meeting 7:30pm
11/4 - Mufti Day Gold Coin Donation
12/4 - 5/6H Cupcake Stall
12/4 - Anzac Day Whole School Assembly led by 5/6H @ 9:30am
12/4 - Last Day Term 1
1/5 - Students return for Term 2
1/2P @ 9:30am
10/5 - Book Covering Morning
14/16/5 - 2013 NAPLAN
17/5 - Book Covering Morning
17/5 - Regional Cross Country
24/5 - Whole school assembly led by 1/2G @ 9:30am

NICO VISION 2012+

literate, creative, culturally aware and socially conscious young adults and ready global citizens
As many of you may be aware our student population has grown and we have tipped 160 for a second year in a row. This means we are in the process of reclassification to a P4 school.

This is an exciting time for Nicho as a BIG small school. It means that we keep 7 classes and are also allocated a second teaching Assistant Principal.

DEC Staffing has only this week notified me that we are able to go to Merit Selection for this and I am in the process of convening a panel.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Felicity Coonan from Animal Logic, Tosca Looby and Phil Shearer for sharing their expertise in film making.

Thank you also to all our in class parent helpers as well as all the parents who helped out during the Cross Country, Harmony Day and on excursion.

Thank you also to Nunik Alexander and Robin Braithwaite for supporting 5/6H in making new House Banners.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

To receive the school newsletter and other updates via email go to http://www.nicholson-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news-notes and register.

P&C NEWS

We have one more meeting before Term 1 ends and that's on Tuesday April 9 starting at 7:30. All welcome!

Nicole Sorby

MUSIC NEWS

Training and Concert Band – Tutorials on this Wednesday lunchtime, Week 10
All band members divide up into their instrument groups – Flute, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion – to have a fortnightly small group tutorial at lunchtime. Training Band kids go to their tutorials in the first half of lunch, Concert Band kids go in the second half.

Brass with Freddie Hill in Lucy Norrish’s room
Percussion with Ian Watson in Suzanne Payne’s demountable
Woodwinds with Jeremy Tatar in the Library
Flutes with Lauren Bortolazzo in Bec Kelly’s room.

State Music Camps – Applications now open!
Junior Music Camp for Years 5-8 – Sat 15 July-Thurs 18 July
Applications are now open for the Junior State Music Camp run by the Education Department’s Arts Unit. Students from Government schools all over NSW come together for a one-week intensive camp where they work with wonderful tutors in a variety of ensembles. The State Music Camps have been running for over 60 years, providing extra tuition, rehearsal and performance opportunities for our public school kids.

The Camp takes place at the Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops. Applications are to be lodged online and close on Wednesday 1 May. As a guide, third grade AMEB or equivalent is the standard required for the camp.

Follow the link below to apply online: https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-camps/music-camp-student-applications. Enquiries can also be made directly to the Arts Unit on 8512 1188 or via email scott.ryan15@det.nsw.edu.au

For those of you with older musicians, the Senior State Music Camp for Years 8-12 runs from 22-27 June. The application process is the same.

Sydney Region Band – Years 5-8
Applications for the Sydney Region Band close on Tuesday 30 April. Auditions are held on 8&9 May. For more information, please contact Kathryn Reynolds.

Sydney Region Orchestra – Years 5-8
Watch this newsletter for more information on yet another excellent performance group for our senior musicians. The Orchestra rehearses at Summer Hill Public School. Entry is by online application and audition. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Kathryn Reynolds
On Monday 25th March our Nicholson Street Public School Year 6 students went to the Entertainment Center in Darling Harbour for Young Leaders Day.

We left school at 8am and caught the ferry across to Darling Harbour. Once there we walked to the Entertainment Center. We met with 6000 other students and listened to a number of inspiring speakers who spoke about how to inspire, motivate and influence others in a positive way and the benefits of being able to do this well.

At times the event felt like a rock concert and all students were able to take lots out of the day.

Here is what students’ from Year 6 thought about the day.

I thought it was interesting but it was really fun as well. I loved hitting the inflatable balls! It was like a rock concert. – Gil

It was the best day. We laughed and played and thought. – Jack

The Young Leaders Day was an amazing experience for me. I enjoyed all the speakers. – Nemo

It was great and inspiring. - Alaura

A few weeks ago many of our brave students from Nicho auditioned for a workshop called ‘Create East’. Going for an audition requires confidence and skills. Well done to all the students who tried out. Next week from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th April 8 students from Nicho will attend daily workshops where they will collaborate together to put on a show on the final night. Congratulations and good luck to the following students: Perri (Film) Annabelle, Ruby Belfanti, Emily and Grace Gilhawley (Choir), Stella (Art) Veronica and Jack (band). We look forward to your report after the experience!

Bianca Carson - Performing Arts Coordinator
EASTER SHOW VISIT

On Tuesday 26th March, students from Stage 1 got up bright and early to catch the bus to Olympic Park. We were going to the Easter Show!

We started in the Poultry Pavilion, looking at chicks and watching some eggs hatch. We watched a chook washing demonstration and saw geese, ducks, roosters and hens that had won prizes. Next stop was the sheep shearing. The presenters had all previously won national or international shearing competitions, so they knew what they were doing. This was an amazing opportunity and many students had a turn at shearing a sheep. We got to pat a sheep and feel freshly shorn wool. We saw the old technology used, as well as the new.

After a quick lunch we headed to the Food Farm. After reading ‘The Little Red Hen’ earlier this term, students were delighted to have a turn at milling wheat using a hand mill, mixing it into a dough, then rolling the dough to form a pastry. This was great fun!

From here we went to the Milking Barn. We made some butter using a churn and lots of manual labour (everyone shook it rigorously). The highlight of the Milking Barn was milking the cows, and everyone was lucky enough to have a turn.

Last stop was the Animal Nursery. There were over a hundred baby animals inside, and we walked among them, patted them and fed them. Chooks and ducks waddled around happily with goats and lambs, and even a big baby cow! We saw a huge variety of ducks, chickens and geese. There were also sleeping piglets and some adult animals.

Nicho students displayed an attitude and behaviour that made Mrs Garven and Mrs Payne proud to say who we were and where we were from. Our sincere thanks go to the parents who were able to volunteer their time to help us out. Thanks for a great day, Nicho!

Ms Garven
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 27th March we held our annual Nicholson Street Public School cross country. It was a very warm day, but all students competed vigorously on the day and tried their very best at all times. It was great to see the K-2 students taking part in the event once again. They were treated like superstars whenever they would run along the top part of the track and all students were cheering wildly for their house all day.

I would like to say a big thank you to all teachers who helped out on the day. I would also like to thank the parents who stepped forward to help with the running of the day.

The certificates for the cross country will be handed out before the end of this term. The first four place getters in each event will represent the school at the district cross country event early in term 2.

Rob Haigh – PDHPE Co-coordinator
On the 21 March 2013 was Harmony Day. The theme was One Australia Many Stories. A Nicho we travelled to different countries.

Our first stop was Vietnam we made and painted paper lanterns.

Then we went to Ms Kelly’s room and did traditional dot painting on Boomerangs that was really fun.

After that we stopped at Japan and made blossom trees and learnt Japanese numbers. That was really awesome!

Next we went to Thailand with Ms Carson and Jirraporn. We learnt about temples and made clay temples.

Then we went to Finland with Ms Payne and Jalmina’s mum with a powerpoint.

Then we went to Wales with Mr Haigh and Roy Waterson with his life.

Finally we went to the world game with Ms Miller and learnt about soccer and played it. It was fun.

Over all it was a great day!!

Nimeesha Bates & Tom Gudgin
DECORATIONS COMPETITION

The Nicho Flicko Fest needs some fantastic water themed decorations for our big night. We would love some large* and colourful; fish, boats, coral, seagulls etc. Show us your wonderful creativity and imagination.

*Parents please note that for maximum impact, artworks will need to be done on poster cardboard (available at newsagents) and be bigger than 20cm.

Competition details:
Each week students will be given prizes for the most creative and imaginative decorations AND the class that contributes the most decorations will ALL get a special prize. This competition will be run by the Nicho Year 6 Leadership Team.
SOCCER CLASSES AT NICHOLSON ST. PUBLIC
(All classes are held on the school grounds)

NEXT GENERATION SPORTS
Established in 2001
Ph: 0411 775 945
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About NGS Soccer

WHY SIGN UP AT SCHOOL?
Join in the fun of Soccer with your friends from school. Children develop their footwork and fitness. Be involved in individual and team activities. Classes are a mixture of coaching and game time. Programs run all year round

For beginners to advanced primary school players SIGN UP NOW.

IMPORTANT POINTS
- These classes are held on the school grounds
- Suitable for all boys and girls in primary school
- Staff will come to classes regardless of weather
- New programs each term at school

ENROLMENT FORM for SOCCER (Term 2, 2013)

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ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS

I consent to my child attending the SOCCER PROGRAM at NICHOLSON ST. PUBLIC and authorise staff from Next Generation Sports to supervise these activities. If medical treatment is required and contact cannot be made with parent/guardian, I authorise the coach in charge to seek the necessary medical treatment. Next Generation Sports will not be held responsible for any accidents. I accept responsibility for the payment of this account.

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EXPIRY DATE: __/__/____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

I acknowledge my child is automatically enrolled unless notified by phone

Classes missed due to sickness or injury will be credited for next term. No Refunds.
TENNIS AUSTRALIA HOT SHOTS TENNIS AT NICHOLSON STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEXT GENERATION SPORTS
Established in 2001
ABN: 80 111 922 279

PHONE: Neil Armstrong 0404 845 925
EMAIL: leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com

DATE: Monday April 29 - Monday June 24
MEETING POINT: School Tennis Court
TIME: 8.15am - 9.00am (45 minute classes now)
COST: $130 (8 tennis lessons)
(Pro-rata rates for late enrolments)
Cheques to NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

HOW TO ENROL:
Email: jdg_79@hotmail.com
Post: PO Box Q1792
Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230

* FORMS CAN ALSO BE LEFT AT SCHOOL OFFICE WITH PAYMENT*

Special Offer!
Buy a junior tennis racquet add $10
Buy pack of soft tennis balls add $10.
Products are modified for children

HOT SHOTS TENNIS
MLC Tennis Hot Shots is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

IMPORTANT POINTS
- Suitable for all boys and girls Kindy - Yr 6
- New programs each term at school
- Children are required to have a tennis racquet
- Coaches turn up in all weather conditions

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