ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Our Active After School Sports (AASC) program commences next week, Tuesday 26th February and Thursday 28th February, 2013. The AASC program is an Australian Government initiative that provides primary school children with free sport and other structured physical activity programs after school.

The program aims to engage children in sport and other physical activities, and through a positive fun experience, develop a love of sport that motivates them to perhaps join a local sporting club.

During Term 1 the children will be involved in a Circus Skills program that will be run by trained coaches, Bo Gardner and Taylor Riley. Robyn Hattam has also been employed to assist the trainers and to prepare afternoon tea for the children. I (Christine) or Mrs Norris, although not directly involved with the running of the program, will be on site at all times. The Circus Skills program will run until the end of term from 3.30pm until 4.30pm so please collect your child from school at this time. As mentioned, the program and the children’s afternoon tea is completely FREE. Next term the children will be involved in either one or two different activities. We will try to provide as many different experiences as possible throughout the year. Please fill out the attached permission notes.

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

Our students participated in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Wednesday and by all accounts had a very enjoyable day. Kiara Harris was very successful and will be competing in the Zone Swimming Carnival to be held in Tamworth next week, Wednesday, 27 February, 2013. Kev coddington also had a very successful day coming first in his freestyle event. A big congratulations to Courtney Hattam who entered every race. Great participation, Courtney! Our younger children enjoyed the novelty events immensely.
Stage 2—Kiara, Courtney, Zak and Brock.

You may remember from our last newsletter that Stage 2 students had just started reading, ‘The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me’ by Roald Dahl. In the first chapter we were introduced to ‘The Grubber’ which is what a sweet/confectionery shop was called in England many years ago. We have had quite a lot of fun with ‘sweets’ this week. Each stage 2 student had to create and prepare their own unique and deliciously tasty sweet which was ‘taste-tested’ by all students and staff from the school. Please enjoy reading and even making the following original recipes from Kiara, Zak and Courtney.

**Marsh Mellow Surprise**  
*by Kiara Harris*

**Ingredients:** 100 and 1000’s sprinkles, light whipped cream, Arnott’s Royals milk chocolate biscuits.  
**Other:** chopping board  
**Method:**
1. Place your Royals on the chopping board.  
2. Gently peel the chocolate off the top.  
3. Carefully squirt whipped cream on your Royals and cover with sprinkles.  
4. Place your Royals in the fridge to allow them to set.  
5. Take them out of the fridge, share amongst your friends and enjoy!

**Fry Lemo Surprise**  
*by Zak Fry*

**Ingredients:** choc lamington fingers, mixed fruit, jam, whipped cream, hot water.  
**Other:** a big bowl, spatula, big spoon, plastic spoons and plates, gladwrap.  
**Method:**
1. Open lamington fingers and break in half. Place in large bowl.  
2. Carefully add hot water to jam and pour into bowl.  
3. Dribble about one third of cream mix over lamingtons.  
4. Pour another third of the cream all over the top and spread out evenly.  
5. Cover with gladwrap and refrigerate over night.  
6. Try to resist eating this beautiful sweet until the next day!

**Crazy Cones**  
*by Courtney Hattam*

**Ingredients:** grapes, aeroplane original jelly, Nestle Top ‘n’ Fill Caramel, ice cream cones, chocolate topping, Scallywag biscuits, Milo.  
**Other:** 4 teaspoons, rolling pin, plastic bags.  
**Method:**
1. Make jelly as per instructions on the label.  
2. Set and cut into small pieces.  
3. Crush Scallywag biscuits with rolling pin.  
4. Gently stand up ice-cream cones.  
5. In the cone, place 1 teaspoon of crushed biscuits, 1 teaspoon of caramel, grapes and chocolate topping.  
6. Sprinkle Milo on top.  
7. Enjoy the delicious taste of Crazy Cones!
Well, Term 1 2013- hard to believe it’s the beginning of a new year already and we are now up to Week 4. Life is always very busy for us at school.

This term Stages 2 & 3 have commenced a unit in Science & Technology called, ‘Stuck on You’. No, we’re not gluing ourselves to things, but investigating magnets and magnetism. So far we have had great fun discovering what is attracted to a magnet, identifying different sorts of magnets and where the poles of different magnets are.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have commenced a unit called, ‘What’s for Lunch?’ and have discussed why we and other animals need food and what we eat. We have discussed that food is needed to grow, give us energy, keep us well and therefore happy. Ms Constable read ‘Pigs and honey’ with the children after a discussion about the foods we like and dislike, and the foods that people from other cultures like to eat.

We’re all enjoying our science unit very much and are working very hard.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING GROUP

This year a professional learning group with principals from Curlewis Public, Gunnedah Public and GS Kidd has been formed, lead by Professional Learning Officer, Kerrie Betts. Our first meeting was held yesterday afternoon after school and it was decided that we would specifically focus on Assessment for Learning which includes setting learning goals for students and the formation of success criteria.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

In this newsletter I have also included an updated ‘What’s Happening’ from last week and will continue to do so if changes need to be made.

Kind regards, Christine.