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Pilliga Public School Newsletter

The little school that's BIG on learning

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Term 3 Coming To a Close

The end of term 3 is fast approaching. It has been another busy one with the 6 Ways and major excursion being the feature elements of the term. As we enter the last 2 weeks, classes 3-6 will be putting together a project on Italy, which will utilise their Information Reporting skills they have been working at this term. It will also be the display item for the CWA Country of Study (Italy), which will conclude with a presentation in Term 4 at the CWA hall.

Sydney Excursion

What a fantastic (and tiring) excursion we had last week in Sydney! It was a jam packed itinerary with plenty of opportunities to exercise the leg muscles. We saw and did an amazing amount of things during the excursion and here are a list of things we experienced: We saw the Harbour Bridge, the Opera House, Luna Park, giraffes, seals, elephants, komodo dragons, sharks, dugongs, a tall and slightly scary looking clown, strange people, happy people, singing people, painting people and elephantman people.... We ate spaghetti, fruit salad, cereal, toast, sandwiches, ham and cheese croissants, hamburgers, ice creams, bacon and eggs rolls, lollies, pancakes and then more pancakes, Chinese food from China Town and food from the Darling Harbour food court.

We walked, we bounced, we went up plenty of stairs and down plenty of stairs, we walked, we played video games, learnt to surf, watched a 4D movie, saw the whole (or hole as Jordan M thought we were trying to see) of Sydney from up high. We took ferries, we rode on trains and buses, up and down escalators and elevators, we walked and we walked and we walked some more... We slept.

Overall, it was a great time and a wonderful bunch of students to take away. Did I mention it was tiring? Touch Football Gala Day

This Thursday, 10th September; Samual, Ashton, Kira, Jordan, Caleb, Lill and Lu will be heading to Narrabri to participate in the Touch Football Gala Day. Pilliga is joining with Gwabegar to enter a mixed Junior and Senior team. Students will be travelling with Gwabegar and are asked to be at the school by 7:30am to be picked up by the Gwabegar bus.

Aboriginal Dance Workshop

On August, 27th, we participated in the Aboriginal Dance Workshop at Coonamble Public School. It was an entertaining day which had various school in the Western Plans area participate in choreographed dance lessons that combined contemporary movements with some earthy elements to create an Aboriginal style dance that was performed at the end of the day. The finished product was impressive and showed what could be achieved in a short period of time with the right instructions. Well done, to all Pilliga Public students that attended the day.

Regional Athletics

A huge Congratulations to Lillianne for making it to the Regional Athletics Carnival for shot put which was held in Tamworth on Friday 28th August. Making it to this level is an achievement in itself but going away and competing was a significant milestone for Lill having made it last year but was not comfortable in going away to compete. It demonstrates her personal growth and increase in confidence which is invaluable and should be celebrated.



Term 4 will start on Tuesday, 6th October.

G'day from Playgroup!

The weather has been so lovely and warm the last few days we decided to have playgroup this week entirely outside!

Playing outside gives children the chance to explore their environment and have adventures. They can test their physical limits, express themselves and build their self - esteem.

Playing outside also means we can make more mess-and more mess often means more fun!





When your child is outside, they may have more space and freedom for big movements, like running, jumping, kicking and throwing which is good for their health and physical development.

Did you know that spending time outdoors may also lower your child's chances of being short-sighted? And sun safe play can be good to help boost vitamin D levels.







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