Athletics Carnival Success

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the District Cross Country Competition on Friday 10th August 2012 following their success at the Bathurst Small Schools carnival. This is a fantastic result.

- William – 100m
- Lachlan – 100m
- Maddison – 100m
- Isabel – 100m
- Samuel – 800m
- Darren – Shot Put
- Damian – 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, High Jump
- Madeline – 100m, 200m, Long Jump
- Ella – Long Jump and Discus

Meadow Flat Public School won the aggregate trophy which takes into consideration the overall success of the students when compare to school enrolment numbers.

A special congratulation goes to Damian who won the Senior Boys’ trophy for his successful competition results with the track and field events.

Our mixed aged P5 relay has automatically qualified to compete at the Regional Carnival in Dubbo on 31st August 2012.

Transit of Venus

Following in the footstep of Captain James Cook the students went exploring the cloudy skies above Meadow Flat to view the Transit of Venus. The students used a variety of technologies to support their discoveries. The day commenced with a direct link with the NASA Space Centre in Houston where the students participated in a video conference to learn about the solar system and the work of NASA. Throughout the day students stopped to take advantage at every opportunity with a break in the clouds to view the changes in the position of Venus as it moved across the face of the sun. The students were joined with parents that dropped in to take advantage of the school’s solar telescope and solar eclipse glasses.

Thank you to our parents who coordinated the special canteen day Angela Masters and Sharon McManus. Thank you to Matt McGerty who assisted with the telescopes and to the Barrett and Olsen families for the loan of their telescopes.

The students have written about their experiences over the page.

Bathurst Show Success

Congratulations to the following students for gaining recognition for their excellent artworks at the recent Bathurst Show.

- Bryce – Grand Champion Snr Primary
- First Place to Nicholas W
- Second Place to Benjamin and Darren
- Third Place to Adrienne and Maddison
- Highly Commended – Maddison, Harry, Will, Molly, Kye, Nicholas W
- Stewards Choice to Peter W
**Staffing**

For the next three weeks we wish Mrs Harvey a safe and most enjoyable holiday in Fiji. She will be replaced by Mrs Nagy for this period.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Downs-Tuck who has completed her five week period of teaching. We wish her well for her remaining 18 months of her pre-service studies.

**Stage 2 Excursion**

This Thursday and Friday I will be heading off to Sydney with our Year 3 and 4 students to explore some exciting places of educational significance to support the students’ learning in the HSIE unit on the *Early Colonisation of Australia*. Mrs Murphy will be looking after the students while I am away.

**Half Yearly Reports**

The teachers are currently working towards having the half year reports completed. They will be sent home in the first week of next term.

**Book Week Celebration**

On Thursday 2nd August 2012 (week 3, term 3) the students will be having a special Book Week celebration by dressing up as a book character. The students need to be able to stand with the book that their character is from. More details to follow.

**P and C News**

On the 16th July 2012 the P and C will be catering for a staff function at the school. This will see visiting teachers, principals and guest speakers attend. We need people to assist with catering on the day. If you are able to assist could you please complete the attached form and send it back to school.

**Dates for Students**

**Term 2 2012 – June**
- Thursday 14th and Friday 15th – Stage 2 Sydney excursion
- Friday 29th – Last Day of Term 2

**Term 3 2012 – July**
- Tuesday 17th – Students Return for term
- Wednesday 25th – Opportunity Class placement test

**August**
- Wednesday 1st – District Athletics High Jump
- Thursday 2nd – Book Parade
- Monday 6th – P and C Meeting
- Friday 10th – District athletics
- Friday 17th – District athletics (backup date)
- Wednesday 22nd – iExplore/iLearn (Year 6)
- Friday 31st – District Athletics, Dubbo

**September**
- Monday 3rd – P and C Meeting
- Friday 21st – Mini-feast and talent quest
- Friday 21st – Last Day of term

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**P and C Catering**

I am able to assist in the following way:

My name: ______________________

____ Cakes/slice ______ Salad

____ Quiche ______ Lasagna

____ Donation of a dessert

Other: ______________________________

Phone Number: ___________________
Transit of Venus

Today we learnt about the Transit of Venus. It was so much fun. Mr Wood asked some people to bring in telescopes if possible. We got special solar glasses to use. We were very lucky to see it as it will happen next in 105 years. We even got to have a video conference with NASA. We all thought that the sun would not show itself. – Orlagh Year 3.

I was thinking about the Transit of Venus the night before. I woke up on Wednesday morning and it was not sunny. I went to school and we had to see it on the internet. We had a video conference with NASA. We learnt about all of the planets. It was 11.30am when we finally got to see the sun and we could see Venus. I will remember this day until I die. – Damian, Year 6

Today was a very rare day because we got to see the Transit of Venus. People will have to wait 105 years to see it again. We will not see it again. – Bryce, Year 5

Today was a fun day because the whole school got to see the transit of Venus. – Nicholas, Year 4

On the 6th June 2012 Meadow Flat Public School got to experience the transit of Venus. This is a very rare day for science and for NASA. A lot of people didn’t get to see it because it was too cloudy. We first went to see a live NASA video conference to learn about the galaxy and the Transit of Venus. It was fun. I learnt that there are around 3000 satellites for communication. We used solar glasses to protect our eyes for when we looked at Venus passing the sun. It was amazing. Venus looked like a tiny dot passing past the sun. I am glad I got to experience the Transit of Venus. – Ella, Year 6

Today my class got to see the Transit of Venus. It was really interesting. Mr Wood got some solar glasses the week before it happened. We had a video conference interview with NASA. They told us how they send lots of satellites up into space to take photos of the different planets. We watched some live footage of the Transit of Venus on the internet. Today I learnt a lot and I hope that I won’t miss out on the next Transit of Venus. – Faith, Year 5.
Today was a special day because we saw Venus pass the sun. It only happens every 105 years. That will be my only chance to see Venus passing the sun. I talked to a man who knows a lot about space. He told us a lot about Venus. Abbey, Year 4

Today we went to see the Transit of Venus with our solar glasses and telescope. It was cool. We had a video conference with NASA. – Jay, Year 3

Today I watched a video conference with NASA. It was about the universe. It was fun. I watched Venus circle the sun. We watched it through a telescope. We learnt how it only happens every 105 years. Isac, Year 4

I have learnt that Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system. Mercury is the closest plant to the sun. We visited NASA in a video conference and met a guy called Steve. We learnt a lot about the solar system and that there are 3000 satellites in the sky. Benjamin, Year 4

Today I learnt a lot about Venus. We got to see the Transit of Venus as it moved across the sun. It was a little dot on the sun. The next time will be in 2117. We looked at the sun with solar glasses and got to use a telescope. Jenna, Year 3

Today the primary class and I got to have a video conference with Steve at NASA. He helped us understand about our solar system and all of the satellites countries have put up there. After the sky cleared up we got to use the solar glasses that our teacher Mr Wood had for us. We used a telescope that we bought as well. I feel very lucky to see this rare event because the next one won’t be until 2117. So I probably won’t be able to see it again which is a shame because it was very cool. - Samuel, Year 6

Today on 6th June 2012 our school investigated the Transit of Venus. We all use special solar eclipse glasses and saw the sun with a tiny, tiny little dot on it. It was such an amazing experience because it won’t happen for another 105 years. The Primary class had a video conference with NASA in America. It was a very good learning experience. The school supplied a telescope that we could look through and see a magnified image of the sun. Our class went on the internet and watched some things on the solar system. It was a bit cloudy in the morning but thank goodness the sky cleared later on. I had a great time today and learnt a lot. Maddy, Year 6

Today was the greatest day of my life. The whole of my class saw the Transit of Venus with our solar glasses and our solar telescope. We also had a video conference with the NASA Education Centre in America. The next Transit of Venus will be in 2117, but it will not be seen after that in Meadow Flat until 2255. When we looked through the solar telescope the sun was white because of the lens and Venus was black. The sun was yellow through the solar glasses because of the lens colour. Lachlan, Year 4.

Today is Wednesday and I have just learnt an amazing miracle about Venus. I have just learnt that next Transit of Venus will be in 105 years when Venus travels across the face of the sun. You know I will be dead then. We went on the internet and went to NASA and talked to Steve. He talked to us about Venus and played a game. We went outside and looked at Venus. We didn’t become blind because we had special solar glasses. Isabel, Year 3
Today our class got to see the Transit of Venus and I loved it. The Transit of Venus is when Venus goes past the sun. It will happen again in 105 years. Today was a cloudy day at Meadow Flat but the sun started to come out. We got to see Venus go past the sun through our solar glasses and solar telescope. At the end of the day we got to see it again and Venus was in a different position. Maya, Year 4

Today was a very special, rare and a once in a lifetime day. We used special solar glasses to look at the sun. We also got to go to a video conference with a real NASA scientist. It was lots of fun. It was a great experience. Peter, Year 3

Today we looked at the Transit of Venus. We had a video conference and looked through a telescope. We had solar glasses. Darren, Year 4

Today was really cool. We saw the Transit of Venus. The Transit of Venus is a very rare event because it happens every 100 or more years. Next time it happens it will be 2117. So you will probably see it once in your life. We got to watch Venus with solar glasses that would protect our eyes from the sun. We also saw it through a telescope with a special lens. Adrienne, Year 4.