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Indonesian Day

Students were active and enthusiastic participants, who engaged with the Indonesian culture, during our recent Indonesian Day. There were opportunities for all to enjoy and retell Indonesian folk tales, to learn about and get creative making masks, to play sport and outside games Indonesian style and to experiment with music playing the angklung. The highlight of the day was helping prepare and taste traditional food.

Some students also learnt a traditional dance at lunchtime with Bu Novi. The day culminated in an assembly where students shared what they had learnt, complete with a wonderful dance performance and an angklung rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. We would like to thank Bu Hurt for organising such a memorable day of learning and Bu Novi for her help. We would also like to thank the many parents and carers who joined us at assembly. Here are some responses from our students.

I learnt to be really creative.

How did snail beat Kancil is a traditional folk tale.

Because it's hot they wear sarongs.

I learnt not to grate your finger.

I learnt that saya tidak suka means I don't like.

Red and black masks are for baddies!

I've learnt that rice is an important food.

Angklungs are brown and make different noises.

I learnt that your tongue goes yellow when you eat the spice tumeric.

Respect is a key value not just at SLPS but in life!

"I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university."

— [Albert Einstein](#)

We have been discussing **respect** with all students and encouraging safe play. We ask all children to respect personal space, so that they don't have hands on, or make rough contact with others. We also ask that they speak kindly to each other, use greetings and please and thank you. I always explain respect as treating others the way you would like to be treated. We have asked students to show respect for others and for their environment as well as for themselves. I'm sure these are things that you encourage many times during the week at home as well. We appreciate your support in discussing and expecting respectful behavior at home as well as at school. Ask your kids "How do you show respect in the playground and in the classroom?"

Open morning next Tuesday to celebrate Education Week- Come and join us!

Next week is education week. It's a chance to celebrate and acknowledge the opportunities that we are able to provide and to showcase the work we are doing at our school. At SLPS we are celebrating by asking families to stay on after breakfast on Tuesday May 23rd and see how we start a typical day at our school. Parents are welcome to visit classrooms to watch and to join in. Please invite other family members or any prospective families.

Let's work together to improve our school grounds and buildings THANK YOU!

What a great turn up for our working bee! Thank you to Kate & Vicki, Rhenay & Rose, Sonja & Anthony, Susan, Lynne, Kate, Jaren, Ben, Joanne, Nicole, and Jen. Thanks to students Ethan, Zara, Levi, Zoe, Bella and Jess, who also got involved in shoveling and wheelbarrowing loam. We now have rejuvenated garden beds, clean drinking troughs and play surface, cobwebs removed and a major reorganisation underway in the shed. Thank you also to Nigel who had done some tasks beforehand and to Rogan and Charlie who did a major stick pick up. We appreciate the donation of glass by Wards at Drysdale to replace damaged window panes in the library

We still have some tasks to complete and there are always clean up jobs to do to keep our school grounds and gardens looking great. If you are able to volunteer an hour to help please see Jenny. It's amazing how much we can achieve if everybody helps and it means we are saving money and can use more funds on our kids.

Can you help?

Please return surveys to school as soon as possible. Your responses will help with our school self-evaluation for the coming review. We value your feedback! Spare surveys are available from the office.

Enrolments for 2018 – Do you have a child starting Prep next year, or know of friends or neighbours who do? Please let us know. We have an Open Day Tuesday 23rd May.

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have already paid fees. At this stage we only have payment from about a third of families and we do rely on this income to pay for your children's learning supplies. Overdue invoices have gone home. Please make payment promptly or if you need more time talk to Janette or Jenny at the office.

Jenny Cowburn

Principal

Student Banking

Student banking has changed back to Wednesday, please remember to put your yellow dollarmite bank book in the lunch order basket on Wednesdays.

Mini Lotto

\$2.00 entry, cross off 5 numbers, envelopes available from the office. Drawn at the Bowling Club each Friday at 7.30 pm. Jackpot is \$4831 last week's numbers were 14, 15, 17, 18 & 19.

The Veggie Box

Thankyou to all the families that have shown interest in The Veggie box, an order form is attached to today's newsletter to be returned along with payment by Friday 26th May, to the families that have already paid we have your order at the office.

Environmental Day

Bellarine Bayside Environmental Day is Thursday 1st June, students will need to wear suitable footwear and bring a snack/water for the morning and will be having lunch back at school.

Head Lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice reported, so we are asking parents to please be vigilant and check each child's hair regularly. Lice like all kinds of hair, clean or dirty, and spread and breed really quickly, so please treat your child's hair as soon as they appear.

Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- ☑ Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- ☑ If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- ☑ Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found here and can also be determined by your doctor.
- ☑ Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medication, such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen. (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).