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PREP OPEN DAYS
We will be hosting a Prep Open Morning on November 14, from 9.00 am – 11.00 am. Please let any parents of Prep children know as it is critical that we get their enrolments in as early as possible, so that staffing can be arranged. We are thrilled to have 26 prep students now.

The confidence of these young children is just amazing! Equally as exciting is their ability to inquire, to question and to propose solutions!! Only yesterday I enjoyed being a part of their hands-on learning around money!! I had some very eager young children make me an appointment in their Beauty Salon, provide me with artificial nails, and charge me less than Mrs Neil!! The reason for the reduced price wasn’t because I am the Principal BUT because I only had 4 nails put on, which was less than Mrs Neil!! They even made me the money to pay for the service!! Last week they estimated how tall I was, and were correct to within 20 centimetres! These little people will be flying through their primary years! This is exactly what Prep is meant to be about – learning through doing and reflecting on the “why” and “how”, within a fun and exciting environment!

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SELF (Social and emotional learning framework)
Miss Heiniger and I will be presenting our SELF at a gathering in Brisbane on Friday. A number of aspects of this framework formed a key part of our winning Showcase submission. Schools in the district have been visiting and taking on board some of our components.

Considerable thought will go into future planning, as the work of such a small organizing group of parents, Miss Cowell (staff co-ordinator), and other staff, can’t be sustained. Future festivals will be in doubt if assistance with the hundreds of jobs for organizing such an event is not improved.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Ruth Miller

Thank you to our supporters!!
Your attendance, support and donations towards our Festival was appreciated. We are currently determining the financial success and will report this in next week’s newsletter.

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P & NEWS: Linda Routledge

Thanks to everyone who supported our Fairly Funky Fun Festival. It was a great success. Money raised will be in next weeks Rush, after all bills, dockets, etc, have been finalised.

A huge thank you to the very small band of volunteers who made the whole thing happen. These events take a lot of work for several months before they happen – so thanks (you know who you are).

Raffle Winners Fairly Funky Fun Festival 2008

Generator
Underwater World Pass
& Fuel Card
$50 Meal Voucher
$50 Gift Voucher
$100 Service Voucher
Underwater World Pass
Rice Cooker
$50 Service Voucher
4gb Memory Stick
$35 Travel Voucher
$30 Meal Voucher
$25 Voucher
$25 Voucher
$20 Voucher
Ceiling Fan
$35 Travel Voucher
Aussie World Pass
$50 Fuel Card
Crockery
$25 Voucher
Australia Zoo Pass
Stubbie Cooler
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Conference also had many new experiences for these four budding environmentalists, including a wonderful gala dinner evening off a great day of other schools performances; learning about what schools from all around the world are doing to keep our planet healthy and liveable for years to come.

Here’s what each of the students had to say:

Ashley Bartlett-Kennedy: I thought that the conference was the best thing I’ve been to, I have learnt a lot from kids teaching kids. Through this I learnt about issues surrounding the wetlands, mangroves and the reefs, I also learnt that if one thing is missing out of our ecosystem, the rest is sure to fail that’s why we have to protect it. I enjoyed myself heaps.

Amanda Daly: I thought that the conference was a great experience in every way, getting to know what other schools are doing to help keep our world healthy and sustainable. Getting to see other students doing presentations just like us made our team feel like were really doing our part to stop our decline in sustainability, I enjoyed many different things including the aquarium welcoming dinner, the workshop performances by kids, the gala dinner capping everything off. The conference was a learning experience beyond what we can learn from kids teaching kids.

Students have a choice of five different essay questions, ranging from sport to evolution. The cash prizes on offer are £100 to £500 (approximately $AUD250 to $AUD1250).

For more information and conditions of entry, visit www.rcssint.org/essay

Entries close March 2009.

Year 4, 5, 6 Camp

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International essay competition

Students aged eight to 18 are invited to put their writing skills to the challenge and enter the 125th annual Royal Commonwealth Society’s Essay Competition.

Every year, the competition inspires thousands of young writers from all over the world — the last competition attracted more than 6700 entries from 1300 schools across the Commonwealth.

Cash prizes are awarded to each age class as well as special prizes for entrants with a disability.

There are four age bands:

Class A - 16-18 years
Class B - 14-15 years
Class C - 12-13 years
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