Principal’s message

Dear parents, students and staff,
Welcome back to school! Speaking with students earlier in the week I was given lots of tips of what to see and eat based on their travels in the holidays. Leonardo recommends visiting the sea and eating sausage when in Palermo, which he prefers to Roma, Elliot swears by staying in a fancy Hotel, visiting Dreamworks Animation and eating cheesecake while in Melbourne and Isabel recommended catching the film Malificent. There were quite a few parents who were looking forward to the new term starting. This week’s highlight was with a performance on a grand scale. We were fortunate to experience a 65 piece orchestra and choir recital from touring students from Cashmere College, Christchurch. They entertained us with a broad range of music and inspired us to start dreaming about our own Fort Street Band!!

There are so many exciting things planned for this term and we hope you will be a big part of it too. To find out please go to our school website www.fortstreet-p.school and download the Term 3 school overview. It’s the whole term, so keep the copy handy and also look out for your child’s class overview. This will be sent home within the first two weeks of the term.

I am pleased to announce, Mr Adam Shaw will be joining the Fort Street community as our French teacher, beginning this Tuesday for students Year 1 to 6. Mr Shaw has planned a quality continuum of learning aimed at high student engagement. Previous invoice arrangements will apply.

Warm regards,

Michele

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News
Australian Museum excursion
by 2H

On Thursday, 1K and 2H went on the bus to the oldest museum in Australia, the Australian Museum. We discovered interesting things around the museum and we learned exciting things about Aboriginal culture.
- Kiara, Abigail, Henderson, Mike

We touched the dinosaur eggs which felt very bumpy. We got to see colourful birds and insects. Everyone saw sparkling gold and birthstones like amethysts and sapphires. Some of the minerals were spiky like echidnas.
- Urvee, Zenon, Salinger, Timothy

We had a fantastic time learning about Aboriginal culture and history with Derek. Our favourite thing was the noisy didgeridoo. The cave painting was awesome and we all loved getting our faces and arms painted. The hunting weapons were fabulous. We played with hunting boomerangs and spears.
- Zali, Gabriel, Jake, Immanuel, Leonardo

We sat down and ate our lunches at Hyde Park. Before we finished, we saw an ibis that was wondering around. The ibis was creeping up to us to get our food so we chased it away.
- Sienna, Luke, Yoahn, Jarrod

Writing from 1K will be featured in next week’s newsletter.

Assembly performances

Each class will be performing at Friday morning assemblies this term. 2H kicks off the action next week with a fun song and dance. We would love to see plenty of parents there. Assemblies go from 9 to 9:30 am.
Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Worming around
by Mr Beinsson
It was with great excitement that Fort Street students visited the Environment Centre opposite our school to look at a worm farm and how it works. (Some classes have to wait until next week.) We learned about the ways worms help soil and plants. We got to hold worms. They were cold, slippery and tickled our hand when they wiggled.

We’ll have a recount of today’s orchestra performance by the students of Cashmere High School in next week’s newsletter.
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