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Ralph Pirozzo – Professional Development Day

Ralph Pirozzo is the founder and managing director of Promoting Learning International. Mr Pirozzo has worked for 15 years to develop a planning matrix that incorporates current educational theories and research into learning and thinking. A former secondary school science teacher in Canada and Australia, Mr Pirozzo has published over 60 articles in local and international journals on issues such as improving thinking and cooperative learning. He is the founder/president of Peninsula Enrichment Program Inc. and has received multiple honours and awards for his work as an educator, including an Excellence Award from the Australian College of Education in 2001.

All teaching staff from our ALPSS network attended a professional development day last Saturday in Tumut presented by Mr Pirozzo. The training was titled *'providing your students with the most engaging and challenging thinking classroom, by planning units of work based on the matrix'*.

This training follows our school plan strategy to improve student learning outcomes as a network and we have adopted this method of programming to assist our students.



Diary Dates

Week 6 – Beginning Monday 29 February	
Tuesday	Tennis
Wednesday	ALPSS Network Meeting – R Levey
Week 7 – Beginning Monday 7 March	
Monday	NRL Workshop – 2pm Note Change of date
Tuesday	Tennis
Week 8 – Beginning Monday 14 March Mrs Levey on leave all week	
Tuesday	Tennis
Week 9 – Beginning Monday 21 March	
Monday	Life Education Van to Visit
Tuesday	Tennis
Friday	Good Friday – Easter Break
Week 10 – Beginning Monday 28 March	
Monday	Easter Monday
Tuesday	Students return to school
Week 11 – Beginning Monday 4 April	
Friday	Last Day for Term 1

FRIDAY FUN LUNCH TIMES

The Student Council has introduced “Fun Friday Lunch Times” to allow students to bring along a toy for lunch time play.

This is not compulsory and if you don't have the toy to bring on the day students will share the toys brought.

Friday 26 Feb	Animal Toy
Friday 4 March	Remote Control Car
Friday 11 March	Painting
Friday 18 March	Playdough
Friday 1 April	Dolls
Friday 8 April	Match Box Toy Day

EASTER HAT PARADE

This year the Student Council has decided to arrange an Easter Hat Parade for the students and community to enjoy. They are asking for a ‘gold coin donation’ which will raise money for the Children's Hospital.

This will be held on Thursday 24 March and students will parade to the supermarket to ‘show off’ their hats. Parents are invited to attend and certificates will be handed to students.

STATE LIBRARY VISIT 'TREASURES TO THE BUSH'

Our primary students travelled to Franklin Public School this week for a workshop visit from the State Library. This workshop addresses outcomes from the NSW Syllabus for the Australian curriculum – History. Our students were engaged in interactive learning activities and able to 'get up close' to original artefacts and manuscripts. They also heard the fascinating stories behind these iconic items. A highlight of the collection of items on tour is an Indigenous wordlist from the area. In addition, items our students were able to see included personal belongings of Captain James Cook and convict Mary Reibey. A late 1800's artwork created by Aboriginal man Tommy McRae, is also included.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and getting dressed up to enjoy 'role plays'. They also have to be commended on their wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

We would like to thank the State Library for bringing this workshop all this way for our students to experience.



Infants - Growing and Change

As part of the unit 'growing and change', the infants have made these 'cute critters'. They look forward to watching them 'grow and change' over the coming weeks.



Primary – Lifecycles

Our primary students have been reporting on life cycles and Ryan has drawn a detailed lifecycle of the kangaroo and Alyssa has shown the lifecycle of the tiger. Well done Ryan and Alyssa!



