

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

I have mentioned before about how busy school life is for the children, but this is a direct result of continuing to look for ways to engage the children with their learning, both within the classroom and through those pursuits that happen via the co-curricular program. Significant calendar events are a great way of providing the children with an experience of wider cultures. Across the school we have been talking a great deal about the Chinese New Year, with Pre Prep making lanterns while Year 7 and 8 have learnt to use Chinese Calligraphy brushes to write the Red couplets '兔年大吉' tù nián dà jí which means good luck in the Year of the Rabbit.

Today, the Prep Department learnt more about Burns night in assembly, an event that celebrates the life of poet Robert Burns. As with the Chinese New Year, there was much to discuss from the wearing of kilts and the celebration of the haggis, to the address of the haggis and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Elsewhere the children have been voting for their favourite Royal Society book in the library, with the winning entry 'If the world were 100 people' by Jackie McCann, the School Council and eco-committee have been considering how they can make the school more sustainable and environmentally friendly, while Pre Prep have been bird watching this week ahead of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, which takes place nationally this weekend.

Year 4 have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming performances of Dragon Days which take place next week, while sports fixtures for hockey, netball, cross country and swimming have populated many afternoons.

Whether you are continuing to celebrate Chinese New Year, Burns night or simply having a quiet weekend at home, I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Cliff White

