First School Readiness Morning

We can’t wait for Kinder 2016!

Our School - Sharing Learning Caring
What is happening at our School?

It was great to see so many eager and enthusiastic students arrive for our School Readiness Program. The students had such a great time and we look forward to seeing them again tomorrow. Remember the School Readiness Program will run for 8 weeks (excluding the last Thursday of this term and the first Thursday of next term).

A special thank you to our Hanna Shield team. What a spectacular result.

Good luck to Caleb who will be participating in the North West Athletics Carnival on Friday.

Book Week Parade will be starting in at 11.30am in the library. Please bring family and friends to see this fun annual event. We will be having a picnic afterwards, followed by a brief assembly.

This week NAPLAN results went home. These tests show an achievement scale plotting your child’s results for each assessment area. This information also includes a national average marker and a description of the skills that were assessed. We are thrilled with the results and gains of the students who participated this year. The results demonstrate the hard work and dedication of teachers and students. NAPLAN is only one assessment in our whole school evaluation plan and we use this data to continually develop programs that engage and inspire learning.

If you would like to discuss your child’s results, please make an appointment with Mr Watson.

The ACOS Choir will be presenting next Wednesday night. Tickets are available from Readers Companion. Please purchase tickets ASAP.

We have a rehearsal next Wednesday at Lazenby Hall and have an opportunity to watch the matinee performance after our rehearsal.

The Junior students are welcome to attend if they are able to organise transport to and from the University.

Tomorrow, several of our students will be attending the Duval High School experience afternoon. They are being picked up by bus and taken to Duval to explore the High School. This is a great transition opportunity for our students. We look forward to hearing back from them. Thank you to Robyn Smith who is attending with our students.

This week is Mr Kennewell’s last week. We would like to acknowledge his contribution to the school. The students have learnt all about healthy eating, the water cycle and persuasive writing. We wish him all the best for the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Grandparents and Special Friends
Please come and celebrate

Book Week 2015
BOOKS light up our world

Book Week parade tomorrow. Come dressed up as your favourite book character.
11:00 – Early Recess
11:30 – Parade
12:00 – Shared Reading with parents and friends. Please ask your parents to bring in their favourite book to read and ‘share the light’.
Early lunch – Pack a picnic to share with your family.
2pm – Assembly
I AM JACK

The students in the senior classroom have been enjoying the novel ‘I am Jack’, by Susanna Gervay. I AM JACK covers the themes – bullying and its impact, family relationships, friendships, school life, power and powerlessness, change and transformation and duty of care from adults to children. This book links to our PD/H/PE syllabus and YCDI. The discussion and emotions that have been expressed during these sessions has been both insightful and rewarding.

In our last literacy session, we read the chapter where Jack is bullied by his peers. Students were asked to write a silent response to what they would do if they were Jack. Here are some examples of their responses:

I am Jack – Riley’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and run. Mr Angelo says “Jack!” I don’t listen and keep running. It feels like I run forever but finally I reach the check out and mum says, “What are you doing? Get back to school!” I grab her and feel like I hug her for what feels like a lifetime. The lava stops burping and my heart slows down and I feel safe now.
Mum said, “What happened?”
“George Hamel keeps calling me and I hate school! That’s why I fake sick all the time! I even thought that you didn’t care about me.”
“What? I’ll always care about you Jack!” said mum “Why wouldn’t I? Why do you think I work all the time? Just for you….OK Jack!”
I sniff, “Yes mum.”
I am Jack – Bethany’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and race out of the dressing rooms. I am trying hard not to cry as I finish changing, then I go and meet Mr Angelo.
“Jack, how much longer is everyone else going to take?” asks Mr Angelo. Most of the girls were waiting nearby.
“I don’t know?” I said. I don’t want to talk about them, but it has to happen sometime. I take a breath. “Mr Angelo” I say “I need to tell you something.” He looks at me and makes a go on gesture with his hands.
“It’s about George Hamel, he...he.... He calls me bum head and spat on me in the change room. I don’t know what to do and he is not the only one, there are others.”
Mr Angelo looks at me with a stern expression. Just then the other boys walked out of the change room.
“Don’t worry about it Jack,” said Mr Angelo softly then walked away.
Back at school Mr Angelo made everyone, including me sit at our desks. Then he looked at all of us, his eyes lingering on me.
“George, I would like to see you and your friends tomorrow lunch. Everyone pack up, school is over,” said Mr Angelo in his booming voice. I sighed with relief – tomorrow would be a goooood day.

I am Jack – Caleb’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and race out of the dressing room. I ran back into the library with my stuff. Mum was there.
I said, “Can you take me home please, please, please!!! It’s George Hamel.”
“Again?” says mum. “Yeah, you know the guy that bullies me and says, Bum head! bum head! bum head!” “Yes!” says mum as she drive me home. I open the door and run into my room. I say to myself ‘I am OK now, I am safe and no one can hurt me.’ Bang! The door opens....it was Mr Angelo. “Can we talk Jack?” he says.
“Yes,” I say relieved.

I am Jack – Tom’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and race out of the room. I run to KFC and buy a bucket of fried chicken wings and I start shoving them in my mouth. Then I go for a big walk. Then I realised I would be on detention by Mr Angelo. I rushed home and had a nap. When I woke up, school was over and mum was home. It was almost night time, how could I have slept this long? Maybe I was tired from my big walk.

I am Jack – Eliza’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grabbed my stuff and raced out of the dressing rooms to Anna’s parents Super Delicioo Fruitologist Shop and knocked on the door. I waited for a while and finally someone opened the door. It was Anna.
She said, “Oh Jack! What’s wrong?”
“I had to run all the way here from the swimming pool.” I said. I went into Anna’s house and sat on the sofa while Anna got us some drinks. It was orange juice, my favourite. My head stopped throbbing. I slouched down in the sofa and eventually I fell asleep.
“Jack, Jack!” Anna woke me up. As usual my eyes slowly opened and my head was still thumping.

I am Jack – Nicholas’ Silent Response
I race out of the dressing rooms and go and tell on George Hamel. Mr Angelo said to go and say ‘stop being mean’. I run away to mum’s work. I said, “Mr Angelo let us go home early’. When I got home I asked Samantha if she could help me. She said yes, but after she had finished brushing her hair. I went into my room and build a castle in the corner and fell asleep.

I am Jack – Alyssa’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grabbed my stuff and raced to the 24 hour 7 days a week Supermarket and told mum. “I don’t want to go back to school because I had the WORST day ever! George Hamel and his mates were spitting at me! I got spat at more so I ran away from school and came straight here to tell you.” Mum took me home and went to pick up Samantha, so she did not have to catch the bus home. When they got back, Samantha was crying and mum was crying so badly. She did not want to send us back. But she did......
I am Jack – Ryan’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and race out of the dressing rooms. I run all the way home and wait for mum to get back home. The lava in my stomach is bubbly and spitting. I feel really anxious. Why? I sit on the lounge and wait until mum gets home, watching Prank Patrol. When Mum gets home I will ask her to help me with George Hamel and his gang.

I am Jack – Millie’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and race out of the dressing rooms, past Mr Angelo and run to mums work. Mum says, “What’s wrong?” I spoke, “George Hamel is not making me feel very well!” Mum said, “I will drive you back to school and I will talk to Mr Angelo.”

The next day at school I got out of the car and ran to the library. When the bell rang I ran to class and sat at my table. Mr Angelo said, “Get out your maths books, turn to page 33. I put my hand up. Mr Angelo says, “What do you need help with Jack?” “This part here.” I say. George Hamel says “That’s easy!” I walk out of the room and into the bathroom.

I am Jack – Cody’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and race out of the dressing room and out of the swimming centre gates. I look back and see Mr Angelo and the whole class are chasing me, it seems like all the way to my house. I race inside and lock the door. But then I hear a ‘hello’ come from behind me. It’s mum. She appears to be having a bad day as well, so mum said I could go and watch that television. So I go and lay down on the couch. Suddenly I hear ‘cling’ I look up to see mum open the door and go outside to talk to Mr Angelo. I need to tell them that I am being bullied by George Hamel and that it needs to stop.

I am Jack – Cooper’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and race out of the dressing rooms and run out the school gate. I run as far as I can until I can’t run any further. I knock on a door, a person opens the door. The man says, “Son?” My heart stops throbbing. I reply, “Dad?” It was my Dad. I started crying and said, “Dad, is it really you?” “Yes, aren’t you supposed to be at school?” Dad replied.

“Dad, I need your help, there’s this really mean bully at school.”

“Why didn’t your mum help you?”

“He never lets me talk to her.”

Dad sighs, “I’ll talk to her, where do you live now?”

“In some units, I’ll direct you in the car,” I said.

Dad drives to the unit. Mum has a shocked face. “We need to talk!” Dad says.

They were talking for a while. Mum comes in to my room and asks, “Is this true Jack?” I nod. “I’m so sorry Jack I will fix it.” A smile starts to form on my face.

The next day, mum talks to the principal. He yells “George Hamel!” He runs into the Principal’s office. “Do not bully Jack. Now say sorry.” George says sorry and they become friends.

Now George Hamel and Jack are friends. Rob moved away so mum and dad were wife and husband again and they lived happily ever after.

I am Jack – Joel’s Silent Response
Suddenly I grab my stuff and raced out of the dressing rooms, I keep running, past Mr Angelo dodging the crowd. “Bum Head, Bum Head.” At the sound of that I start running as fast as I could past the pool’s exit. I used by emergency phone money to take the bus to mum’s work. I was too tired to walk. When I got there I found out that mum wasn’t there. I found this very peculiar because she never leaves work early otherwise she could not pay rent. I decided to play basketball for a while. I waited for about an hour and decided to walk to the Super Delicioso Fruitiologist Market to see Mr and Mrs Napoli. But strange as it was the shop was empty. I decided to visit Nan.

I am Jack – Lily’s Silent Response
Suddenly I race out of the dressing rooms…. I run home, slam the door and run past Samantha’s room and into my room and hid under my blankets and start to cry. I start feeling sick and then mum yells “dinnnnnnnnnners readyyyyyyyy!!!” It was so loud the whole apartment would have heard.

The next day Jack felt worse. He felt like a volcano was about to erupt. He was so mad that he let George Hamel (that rhymes with camel) push him around so much, it was like he didn’t even exist. It was like he didn’t belong on Earth. What am I going to do about it? Should I call the police?
### School Lunch Roster
**Term 3 2015**

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The names in bold lettering are group organisers. Please contact the organiser for further information and to discuss menus. If you are unable to help the week you name is listed, please let the group organiser know ASAP. Dads, Mums and other family members are welcome to help.

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**The Woolworth’s Earn & Learn program is back. If you would like to support the project, there is a collection box in the office. Any help is appreciated and you can get the whole family on board, aunties, uncles, grandparents and friends.**

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**Kelly’s Plains Public School**

**Student Absence Note**

My child ........................................ of class ........................ was absent from school on the following dates .......................................................... For the following reason .......................................................... Parent/Carer Signature: ........................................ Date: ..........................