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Term 3, Week 4

Boredom - a bad thing?

Some time ago, I read an article by an American writer, Wendell Jamieson. It was a humorous and informative take on answering those really challenging questions that children often ask, such as that of the title of the article, “Why Can’t I Cook My Sister?” (Luckily, I’ve never been asked that one!)

What struck a chord with me was the writer’s opening paragraphs where he reflected on his own childhood, and how he came to ask his father tricky, “out there” questions while they were on long drives in the car:

“”I remember the white-hot highway, the blast of humid air through the open windows….We didn’t have much to do back there—this was before iPods or portable DVD players, and the whipping wind violently fanned the pages of any book we tried to open—so we just sautéed in silent misery….. I must have been five. With nothing else to do, I began to daydream…...Why was the road so incredibly noisy? Where was the sound coming from? How can the wind make noise? It’s just air, invisible air, moving fast, right? And the air wasn’t even moving—the car was. I leaned forward and shouted to my father. “Daddy, why is the highway so loud?”

“With nothing else to do, I began to daydream”.

Our children live in such a busy, noisy, jam packed world these days, that “nothing else to do” is increasingly rare. Boredom is something to be avoided at all costs! Our children’s lives are filled with school, homework, sport training, music lessons, swimming lessons, tutoring, dance classes, computer games, tv, Playstations, iPods, text messaging, emailing and so on. All of these things can and do bring skills, enjoyment and activity that can be of benefit to children.

But I believe there is also a very important place for times of no organised activity, entertainment or technology, when children are challenged to occupy their thoughts from within; to devise their own activities; to daydream. “Nothing else to do” prompts children to imagine, create, reflect and, yes, ponder and question.

That whingey, whiny voice that we as parents dread—“Mum, I’m bored” - is perhaps not such a bad thing. In fact, maybe one of the best things we can do is allow our children time and opportunity to be “bored”, so that the space previously occupied by noise, hustle and bustle becomes a haven for imagination, reflection, daydreaming, creativity and deep thinking. (You might want to have Jamieson’s book on standby, as it has lots of expert answers for the questions you may get. There is even an explanation as to why you may not cook your sister!).

Value of the Week

Next week’s value is Fairness, with emphasis on displaying good sportsmanship at all times.

This would have to be one of the areas in which many of our students consistently fall down. They place too much emphasis on winning, or being right, and not enough on being a good sport. Arguing decisions, wanting to be the best or to win, not accepting the ref’s call, bagging others, are problems commonly experienced during games.

We know that the role models children see in professional sport often provide examples of poor behaviour. Parents and coaches, too, can encourage a “win at all costs” attitude from the side-lines.

As a school community, we all need to be consistently reinforcing the value of fairness, and of good sportsmanship. Many problems with peer relationships have their roots in competitiveness and needing to assert superiority. Helping our children to be team players, who do their best but who are not obsessed with beating others, will make them better friends to others, better team players, and better liked. Being the best at sport is no substitute for being a good sport.

Dates to Remember 2011

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On August 2nd, the Senior Band played, Senior Girls and Senior Boys danced and the Senior Choir sang at Hurstville, Westfield to help celebrate Education Week. Our school was well supported by an audience of friends and family members, who were able to witness the talent of our students as explained by Mrs Hewson, who was the compere of the day.
Girls' Dance
Boys' Dance
Year 5 CSIRO Gold Reflections

What we learned...
- Gold is so dense that it sinks to the bottom of the water and sand.
- We would be worth around 1.4 million dollars if we were worth our weight in gold!
- Under fluorescent lights some types of rocks glow different colours.
- How to actually pan for gold.
- Whether it was worth mining in particular areas.
- We learned how to use a microscope.
- We learned about different rocks and crystals.

The best experiences
- Were when we were panning for gold.
- Using something new.
- Doing challenging and fun experiments.
- Looking at the different rocks under the light to see them glow.
- Smashing a coin with a hammer.
- Working out our own value if we were worth our weight in gold.

The things we would change
- I would change the metal guessing activity.
- I would change things so we could have had more time to pan for gold.
- I would have allowed more time on each experiment.
- I would like to have panned for real gold instead of ‘fool’s’ gold.
- I would have liked more time with the CSIRO activities.
Year 6 MOGO Reflections

What we learned ...

- How to pan for gold, make damper and how blacksmiths did their job.
- All the different jobs of all the tools.
- What schools were like in those days!
- How to play the “whirligig”.
- How to do new bush dances.
- How to mine!
- How woodturners do their job.
- We learned how they had to build their homes.
- How to stay up all night!

The Life on the Goldfields experience

- Was really fun and interesting!
- It was great learning how tough life on the goldfields really was.
- The bingo, classroom and bushdances were all interesting.
- Was amazing, interesting, wonderful and fun!
- Showed how hard money was to get!
- Taught that maple syrup and honey go well with damper!

The things that were most enjoyable!

- The gold panning and getting REAL gold!
- The bushdance!
- Going to Mogo Zoo and seeing endangered animals.
- Watching the white lions being fed.
- When Jack almost got the cane.
- The Trivia and lollies and food!
- Watching the blacksmith.
- Being with friends.
- Staying up late in the bunkhouse!
- Bed!
Because a large number of students will be participating in the District Athletics Field Events on Tuesday 16 August, the ICAS Maths Test scheduled for that day has been brought forward to the morning of Monday 15 August.

**UPDATED CPPS 2011 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS**

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Please Note: Students underlined and in bold will be representing our school at the District Carnival.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Last Sunday, one of our Scripture teachers, Miss Faye Loudon, was honoured at an Education Week Service at Blakehurst Baptist Church. Miss Loudon has provided 25 years of service to the students of Connells Point, Blakehurst and Hurstville South Public Schools. Such commitment and dedication to our students rightly deserves recognition.

On behalf of all the students and families who have benefited from Miss Loudon’s work in schools, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation and congratulate her on her voluntary work in our community.
During Term 3, Stage 2 will be studying the HSIE unit ‘People and their Beliefs’. This unit provides opportunities for students to explore major religions and belief codes. The unit focuses on how these religions and belief codes influence individuals and groups. It explains how shared customs, practices, symbols, languages and traditions in communities contribute to Australian and community identities and describes different viewpoints, ways of living, languages and belief systems in a variety of communities.

To consolidate the unit, Stage 2 will be attending an excursion to the Nan Tien Buddhist temple in Berekely, (a suburb of Wollongong), in week 3, Term 4. The purpose of this excursion is for the students to gain an appreciation of one of the many religious and cultural belief systems observed in Australia. The day will consist of taking part in two specific cultural activities, Tai Chi and Calligraphy, and enjoying a vegetarian lunch.

Students will travel to and from the temple by bus, the cost of this excursion will be approximately $28.00. This one off fee will include transportation to and from the venue, two activities and lunch. A permission note will be sent home in week 8 of this term.

Because of the cost of this excursion, advance notice is being given to allow families to budget for the cost.

Stage 2 Teachers.

Principal’s Awards have been received by:
• James D
• Leah R
• Alexia B

Congratulations to these students for consistently displaying our Values in Action.

Connells Point Public School will be holding the finals of its annual Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday 23 August, 2011 in the hall.

All stages will be competing during the day at the following times:
• Stage 3 (Y5-6) .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 9.45am
• Stage 2 (Y3-4) .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 12 noon
• Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (K-Y2) .. .. 2.10pm

The winner from each stage will continue on to the District Public Speaking Competition.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend. A gold coin donation would be gladly appreciated. This will go towards the adjudicator’s fee.

We hope to see as many people as possible to form our audience.
BOOK FAIR

Thanks to the generosity of our students’ parents, relatives and carers, the 2011 Book Fair was a wonderful success. More than 300 books have been added to the library shelves and all students will benefit greatly from the new resources. As soon as the books are accessioned and covered, they will be given to each donor as first borrower.

Many thanks to all those who donated books and a special thank you to all the ladies who volunteered to collect money and record individual student names and classes for the book plaques.

Mark McKirdy
Teacher/ Librarian

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Thank you very much for the huge response we have had to collecting dockets from Woolworths and Coles.

Please continue collecting and drop your dockets in the boxes provided in the Office.

FOOTBALLS

Students are not to bring footballs (league, union, AFL etc) to school. They lead to games of tackle, or the kicking of the ball over fences or onto roofs. Even touch football results in tempers being lost and clothing grabbed and torn. We have a “hands off” policy for students which means they keep their hands and feet to themselves, and must not grab, pull, push, kick etc other children. This applies to games as well as general behaviour.

The school provides numerous soccer balls, netballs, basketballs and tennis balls for students to use, as well as skipping ropes and other equipment. Children can bring their own tennis balls, soccer or basketballs if they wish, as long as they are used in accordance with school rules for games and do not cause arguments and disputes. Any balls brought to school should be clearly labelled with the student’s name. As with all equipment, toys or valuables brought to school, they are the responsibility of the child.

P & C NEWS

CUPCAKE STALL THANK YOU

Yesterday we held the Y 5/6 cupcake stall. Thank you to all the parents who brought in cakes to sell and also a big thank you to Helen, Linda, Helen, Liane and Faye for giving up their morning to come and sell the cupcakes. We made $237.00 which is a great effort.
THE FRIENDSHIP PATH

Want to cement your school friendships? Why not buy a paver in our ‘Friendship Path’? Below is a diagram of another playground upgrade being professionally constructed by our own Mr Frank. We are calling it “The Meeting Place”. It will be a nice area where our children can sit quietly with their friends or where teachers can take small groups to. In between the new area and the softfall playground we thought it would be a wonderful idea to create another pathway (similar to our 75th Anniversary Path) and allow our students to purchase pavers with their names printed on them. If you would like to purchase a paver, please fill out the form attached and return it and your money to the office.

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**OPTION 2**
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To order your paver please complete the order form on the reverse and return it to the school.
FOR PATHWAY PAVER
Please complete the details of the name or message you would like engraved in your paver/s in the template provided below.

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OPTION 2
Family double paver set
COST: $65

OPTION 3
Paver with hand drawn image
COST: N/A

To order pavers with hand drawn images.
Draw your image on the template provided or on white paper the same size as the template supplied and return your completed form and drawing to the school.

Simply complete your details in the template provided and return with your cash or cheque.

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Please ensure your child/ren have some money to spend at the Stall this year.  

Unfortunately, due to the large number of children turning up to the stall without any money and not paying for the items we allowed them to take home without paying, we will not be allowing IOU's this year.  

No money = no gift!  

Helpers needed.  

If any mums and/or dads are available to help on the day please let Poppy - 0439 459 707 know – all welcome!  

If you are able to help out, please meet at the school hall @ 9.30am to help the kids choose their lovely gifts for dad!!  

CPPS 5CENT CHALLENGE AS AT 1/7/2011
P & C NEWS CONTINUED

CANTEEN NEWS

Last week’s Open Day was a great success mainly due to the volunteers that so kindly gave their time. Our thanks to

- Heather
- Donna
- Carolyn
- Emma
- Sandy
- Angela

for helping on the day.

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CPPS FETE

10 September, 2011

5 Weeks to go

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

This week please bring in all your unwanted (but GOOD QUALITY)

KNICK KNACKS

These items can be brought to the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 9am – 10am and taken to the demountable classroom in the infants’ playground.

ONE PERSON’S JUNK IS SOMEONE ELSE’S TREASURE!

CAKE STALL

Kindy are manning the cake stall, however they will need lots and lots of cakes, biscuits, muffins to sell! So, we are asking ALL parents to please bring in their freshly baked goodies on the morning of the fete.

The more yummy cakes we have, the more money we make!

FETE STALLS

If anyone would like to rent a stall at our fete, please call Eli on 0415 673 297 or email eli@maybebabe.net.au for more details.
CARNIVAL RIDES

Rides, rides and more rides. We can now confirm that we have secured the following rides for the fete.

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+ one more to be confirmed

Do you want to be able to take your time browsing around the many different stalls at the fete without your child telling you to hurry up? Why not purchase a pre-paid unlimited rides ticket?

We are selling EARLY BIRD unlimited ride tickets for $20.00.

To secure your early bird ticket, please fill out the below form and return it, together with your money, to the office in an envelope clearly marked “Carnival Rides Ticket”.

Ride Terms and conditions: Please note that it is the policy of the rides company that:

1. One wristband per person.
2. Wristbands are NOT transferable.
3. Wristbands will be given out on the day of the fete from a booth situated near the rides.
4. Any wristband that has been tampered with will automatically become invalid.

HURRY ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW

CARNIVAL RIDES

Name:_________________________________________________________ Class:______________

Number of Tickets:___________ Amount Enclosed:____________________

PICK UP ZONE ROSTER

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