

6th October 2023

The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

Students have been working feverishly on the 'meaty part' of their Units of Inquiry this week as we steamroll towards mid-term break. Field trips and guest speakers were also prominent this week as our teachers strive to provide meaningful, engaging learning experiences for their students

Time is flying past as we ramp-up our preparation for a number of key events over the next 2-3 weeks. Please see below for a re-cap of what's on the immediate horizon in the Primary School:

Celebration of Learning - Wednesday 18th October

Students will be exhibiting and articulating the knowledge and understanding they've gained from their first Unit of Inquiry for the year. Each class will be presenting a different approach to sharing their work, highlighting the path and depth of inquiry they've accomplished over the 6 week unit. Family and friends are very welcome to attend the presentations as well. Please see the schedule on page 6 of this newsletter.

International Day – Friday 20th October

We look forward to celebrating the cultural diversity of our school community at International Day. Arguably the most popular event on our school calendar, it's always a fun and colourful day with students, teachers and parents showcasing their heritage in a proud (and sometimes loud) way. The international cuisine on offer is also a highlight.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Monday 30th October

A friendly reminder that you can reserve a specific meeting time at Parent/Teacher conferences on October 30 if you haven't already done so. Please use the link below to type your child's first name in the schedule:

[Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up](#)

Halloween - Tuesday 31st October

It's a regular day of school but we encourage students (and teachers!) to come to school dressed in a scary, wacky or just plain weird Halloween costume. It's not mandatory of course, but it's always a heap of fun and a great way to build 'spirit' throughout the school.

Please take a moment to view the PYP Class Blogs at the top of this page. It's a great way to keep up-to-date with what's happening in our classrooms each week.

All the best for the weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary

Around campus this week



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Reader's Theatre

It's difficult to imagine a more inspirational setting for our PYP 8 students to write poetry than the spectacular beachfront at Bathsheba. The foreshore also provided a wonderful backdrop for a 'Reader's Theatre' session for Ms. Allie's students on Thursday morning. A memorable learning experience in one of nature's magical classrooms.



Celebration of Learning

An opportunity for parents, family & friends to visit our classrooms to see the skills, knowledge and understanding students have attained through their latest Unit of Inquiry

Wednesday 18th October



Time	Classes presenting	
1.00 - 1.30pm	PYP 1	PYP 2
1.30 - 2.00pm	PYP 3	PYP 6
2.00 - 2.30pm	PYP 4	PYP 5
2.30 - 3.00pm	PYP 7	PYP 8

On the road with PYP 3

Ms. Peggy's PYP 3 team enjoyed a big week of experiential learning this week. They traveled to Marizayra Sanctuary in Harrismith on Wednesday and to the Went farm in Christ Church on Thursday. They were making some excellent connections to their Unit of Inquiry on 'Animals' and seized the opportunity to see an eclectic collection of animals first hand. They got up close and touchy-feely with snakes, lizards, tortoises, horses, macaws, rabbits and galahs to name a few.



Environmental Print

Our youngest inquirers, Ms. Carla's PYP 1 students, explored the school campus on Wednesday morning searching for examples of 'environmental print'. They looked for signs, labels & logos with different letters, colours, numbers & shapes. They used iPads to photograph the print as they roamed the campus. 'Reading' environmental print is an important step in early literacy and a pre-cursor to alphabet & letter recognition. Wednesday's activity enabled students to find & record examples of the functional text they see in everyday life.



International Day



October 20

Slippery Critter

After a third and unsuccessful modification of their mongoose trap, Ms. Peggy's PYP 3 class are conceding defeat. The trap became more of an Uber Eats service for the slippery critter, as the raw egg and pieces of chicken disappeared without a trace on Wednesday. It has however, been a valuable learning experience for the PYP 3 students. The collaboration, the design process, the problem-solving, the trial & error, the setbacks, etc. are all aspects of this challenge that can be drawn upon in future activities.

Don't worry, the PYP 3s are a hardy bunch of inquirers. They'll bounce back!!!



PYP Assembly

In our PYP assembly this afternoon, Ms. Allie's PYP 8 students shared the Haiku poems they wrote on yesterday's field trip to Bathsheba. They also gave a wonderful recital of their Reader's Theatre story called 'Monkey Lives'! Ms. Peggy's PYP 3 students took to the stage to share all the animal knowledge they had gained from their two field trips this week. We also had a special rap performance from Team Rap (Noah, Mason W, Mason G., and Jamie) on Mental Math called 'Fast Facts'. It was a very entertaining assembly and a great way to wrap-up the week.



The Paz Award

Congratulations to Ms. Rebecca for being awarded the Paz the Pelican trophy this week. She won the award for all the effort, support and positivity she has brought to the Primary School since her arrival in September. She has been a wonderful role model for her PYP 7 students and has made a positive contribution to our school in a short time. Well done, Ms. Becky!



Halloween

Dress up Day



Tuesday 31st October

Team Points Awarded

PYP House Team Competition

Progressive Scores for Term 1



PYP students Teagan (Gooding Emtage), Jack (Anstey) and Emily (Elliot-Sealy) display the progressive House Team scores at the end of Week 5.

Important Dates

October 18:	Celebration of Learning: 1.00-3.00pm
October 19:	PTA Pizza Day
October 20:	International Day; Final day of school before mid-term
October 21-30:	Mid-term break
October 30:	Parent/Teacher Conferences 7.30am-4.00pm
October 31:	Classes resume; Halloween dress-up day