Today at School by Louie (11/11/15)

Today at school we have a family of Tawny Frog Mouths. There are two babies, a mum and a dad. They are just outside of our classroom. They are cute. They moved to look straight at us into the classroom. The baby one is snuggled right up to the mum. The dad is protecting the baby.

Mia- The Tawny Frogmouths from yesterday were gone and I think they went to another tree in the forest. Do you know that Tawny Frogmouths have yellow mouths? Do you know people think that Tawny Frogmouths are owls but they’re not and Tawny Frogmouths are cute -see at the bottom -don’t you think they’re cute?

Yes- they were very cute and very distracting, however, we did learn a lot about Tawny Frog Mouths from the family visit.

We are looking at two very different environments this Term. Our main study is on Antarctica. Students in Years 3 and 4 are also studying tropical rainforests because of the book they have been reading ‘The Great Kapok Tree.’ The story is set in the Amazon Rainforest. The whole class has looked at rainforests, where they are and other information relating to them. Many are in the process of designing a poster to present this information.

At this stage of the Term, Miss Jodie and I are organising reports. We have been talking to all students about their learning and what they need to improve on or the strategies that they need to consolidate. It is great to see students taking learning into their own hands and also recognising that persistence is important to make the hard learning easier over time.

Here’s an interesting quote.....

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year of school.

Alison Bath
What’s for Christmas?

What you buy for your family will have an impact 6 months down the track. Buying your children activity based presents will give them the motivation and means to get up, get active, or go outside.

Would your child like:

- New footy boots/ ballet /tap shoes
- A groovy running outfit
- A kite
- A body board
- A magnifying glass
- A hammer and saw
- A vegie patch to tend
- A new netball
- Water pistols
- New board shorts
- Something for the bike
- A skipping rope
- A bucket and spade

There are just over two weeks until we go on camp to Lamington National Park.

Accommodation: as we will be staying in The Grooms Cottage and Bunkhouse, the following is a list of items each student and adult attending will need to bring:

1. **Warm old clothing:** temperatures are generally 5 degrees cooler than Brisbane. Please bring at least one set of warm clothes for summer camps)
2. **2 Pairs of Shoes:** comfortable, sturdy, ankle supporting shoes (runners or hiking boots)
3. **1 Hat with a Brim:** we will take our school hats. Adults attending will need to bring their own.
4. **Waterproof Raincoat:** preferably the plastic kind.
5. **Toiletries and a Towel:** if swimming, please bring second towel.
6. **Sunscreen**
7. **Sleeping Bag:** (or sheets & blanket), bottom sheet and pillow.
8. **1L Drink Bottle:** used soft drink bottles are ideal and cheap and an excellent example of recycling
9. **Any Medications:** to be handed to the teacher where appropriate
10. **A School Bag:** sturdy day pack – for walks.

Optional items: insect repellent, board games for free time, binoculars, torch, camera, pocket money for souveniers.

**PAYMENT REQUIRED BY TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015**