The students have taken part in many academic programs this term. These include the Beast Quest Series in English, Places I wish to Travel To in Geography and Famous Musical Groups and Artists in Music. A number of fine pieces of work were produced by students especially Mariah Gobert who produced an excellent power point display on Hawaii.

A huge thank you to both NSW Cricket and the AFL for running a number of highly successful sporting workshops at the school this term. The students enjoyed the opportunity of learning new skills in both sports with Mariah Gobert, Ali Dagher and Jack Daw receiving a number of sporting awards. The school is fortunate to be associate with these two fantastic sporting groups and look forward to further workshops next term and in 2011.

The students have taken part in three curriculum excursions this term. These excursions are an opportunity for students to extend their learning outcomes beyond the classroom. Students enjoyed learning about the various plant species located at the gardens. The knowledge gained on the day was transferred to garden project currently taking place at the school.

In Week Six, students visited Liverpool Cinemas to watch Prince of Persia as part of the Beast Quest fantasy book series. The students who attended this excursion greatly enjoyed the movie.

In the final week of the term, students will visit the observatory to learn more about the Solar System and have an opportunity to look at a number of planets. This day should be a highly rewarding experience for the students.

Street Art Works and Mural Program

One of the main projects for term two was the painting of a large mural representing our school motto “Courage to Change”. All students took part in both the design and painting of the mural. The students greatly enjoyed this project and picked up a number of skills along the way. A number of the outstanding student artists included Louise Hubbard, Brendon Wooden, Ricky Barton and Stanley Tolu. The mural has received positive comments from all visitors to the school.
It takes time to look in the mirror” (M. Jones, 1992)

Once again term two at Verona School has been highly successful for all members of the school community. Both students and teachers have made the most of learning and social opportunities during the term.

While many of our children, spend countless hours in front of the mirror preparing their external shell. They spend limited time looking at their internal structures and the impact their behaviours have on themselves and others. Thus, we need to ask the question

DO WE NEED TO START TEACHING STUDENTS TO NOT ONLY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR BEHAVIOUR BUT REFLECT ON IT?

If the answer is YES! Then we need to put in place systems to both structure and support. As adults we need to monitor the various elements of society that can have an impact on a student’s learning and social outcomes. One element that can have a negative impact on student success is television. List below is a brief explanation why television needs to be closely monitored by both teachers and parents.

TELEVISION...... HOW DOES TVE AFFECT YOUR CHILD ???

Television and videos entertain us all, but for children they also provide a window to the world. That world influences their development as they take in messages about lifestyles and behaviour. Children need the opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of attitudes and behaviours and to experience the world outside of television. While children’s reactions differ your child’s age and stage of development will make a big difference:

Children from six to nine years still have some difficulty working out the difference between fantasy and reality, especially if it looks like real life. Boys tend to admire and want to be like the powerful male hero.

Older primary school age children are likely to be disturbed by material which is based on fact, as it could mean it could happen to them. They are curious about the teenage world, sex and fashion and can be misled by the way boy-girl relationships are shown in soaps. Want more information? Go to www.community.nsw.gov.au

MOBILE PHONE

Verona School recognises that the presence of mobile phones in schools should not automatically be of concern, as they may be used to enhance the security of student travelling to and from school. However the inappropriate use of mobile phones will result in consequences being given to the student.

Mobile phones are brought to, kept and used at school entirely at their owner’s risk. The School cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school’s front office should be used to contact the school to ensure your child is reached quickly, and assisted in the most appropriate way.

Students who display or use a mobile phone or other similar device in class will be asked once to turn the device off and put it away or the phone will be confiscated.

FINALLY a BIG THANK YOU

A thank you to Mr Ivandic for his fantastic effort during a very busy term two. He produced some outstanding history work with his class and has developed a strong link with the Verona school community. It is hoped that it will not be long before Mr Ivandic is back teaching at the school.

Robert Patruno,
Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student Leadership Program 2010

Verona Canteen.

As part of the student leadership program, Verona will be running a school canteen in week 6 of term 3. A total of three students will be selected to work with Mr Walster to develop a menu, purchase the food items, determine prices, cook the food and then sell it on the day.

It is anticipated that those students selected will have clearly demonstrated ongoing potential for being Respectful, Responsible and safe learners.

If you are interested in being a part of the program, please register your interest with Mr Walster

SPORT

The NSW Blue’s hosted at 5 week Cricket program at Verona during term 2. Students were involved in all aspects of the game and a number of students demonstrated very good skills. Of particular mention were Jack Daw for his excellent bowling and Mariah Gobert for her promising batting and fielding skills.

Sports Person of the term

Competition for this highly contested prize is very close this term with any number of 3 or 4 students still in the running.

Jack Daw, Moriah Gobert, Ali Dagher and Scott Flecknoe–Baikie have all done very well in sport this term and should be congratulated on their efforts.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all students who have committed themselves to improving their attendance this term. Getting to school every day and on time is crucial to success not only at school but to working lives beyond school.

We would especially like to acknowledge the outstanding effort made by Ahmed Al Hassan, his family and his home school, Granville Boys’s High School in supporting Ahmed achieving 100% attendance this term. Ahmed will be receiving a 100% attendance award at our end of term presentation. A special mention also to Scott Flecknoe–Baikie and Ali Dagher for achieving an attendance rate of 90%.

Thank you

Jeff Walster, Assistant Principal
Class 1—Teacher: Craig Wheele

Class One: The Gladiators

The Gladiators have had a challenging term. We have had new students come in, old students return: teachers come in to assist us and a new timetable that focused on individual learning. We have started to develop a system which suits our class and the students are beginning to respond to this new format in a positive manner.

We have also welcomed Jayden back to our class. In the past weeks, he has produced some excellent pieces of work and demonstrated the type of behaviours we want to see from all of our class.

We have also been very lucky to have a teacher of Mrs Zelada's experience to come to Verona and assist our class. The students have really enjoyed some of her more practical lessons such as the making of the brain with play dough.

I am looking forward to Term 3 and hopefully seeing the students get more integration days. Have a great holiday

Mr Wheele and Mrs Robinson

Class 2

Wow! Term Two has been a busy time for the 'The Kelpies' inside and outside the classroom. The students have experienced and participated in two curriculum-based excursions. The first one was at the Royal Botanical Gardens where students learnt to appreciate the benefits of sustainable growth and gardening. The latter is at the Sydney Observatory where students will have the opportunity to look through a Telescope and watch a film in the 3D Theatre room 'On the awe and wonder of the Universe'. During the School Term the classroom discovered and learned about the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt and were involved in building a small model pyramid. This led students to appreciate the legacy of Ancient Egypt from its mummies, architecture, religion and

Class 3 Bennelong

I have really enjoyed my time with the students of Bennelong class. Since I arrived here, we have been working on a range of topics such as the Water Cycle, Globalisation, the Gardening Project, using Microsoft Power Point Presentations, the World Cup, on line Mathematics and a range of literacy tasks. It has been a challenging and rewarding place to work and I really appreciate the opportunity to work with the students. I would like to welcome back Stanley to our class, he has been missed by all of the school and especially the students of Bennelong class. As the students of Bennelong class are working towards further integration days they have shown that they can behave in manner that is respectful, responsible and safe. This means that a few of them will be going on our rewards excursion to AMF Bowling and Laser Zone. Congratulations go to Scott, Brendon and Stanley for earning this excursion and I hope to see the rest of the students from Bennelong class going to the rewards excursion next term!

Mr Ivandic, Ms Simpson and Ms Phillips.
A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The principal’s letter is attached explaining the Verona Program and the expectations from students, staff and parents/guardians. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9721 0488.

AUBURN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

An information brochure is attached giving you more details about what’s on.

If you are interested in joining in, please fill out the registration form and lodge it with the team at Auburn.

Have a great holiday

YOU ARE INVITED

To Join Us

30th June 2010
At 10am
For the
OFFICIAL OPENING
OF THE
BER PROJECTS

then at 11:30am
For The
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