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NEWSLETTER

Education For Country Kids

A Long Way From Afghanistan To Welton



Last Friday we were very fortunate to be visited by Mr Rohullah Hassain. Rohullah is a refugee from Afghanistan and he came along to speak to our students about his experiences including what led him to flee his homeland, the journey to Australia and his life as an immigrant. Our students were very touched by his story and it has helped them gain a greater insight into world affairs, refugees and life in other countries.



Thailand Ties

Rohullah's visit followed on from our talk by Ms Faye Donaldson, who came to school late last term to talk about what it is like to live and teach in Thailand. Faye was very generous and brought along many photos, keepsakes and even had some fun colouring sheets for our students. A huge thank you to both Faye Donaldson and Rohullah Hassain for giving up their precious time and coming along to speak to our students about their experiences.

School Council News

At last night's School Council meeting, Council discussed the new Child Safety Standards, which all schools must be working towards complying with by August 1st 2016. Many of Welton's existing procedures and policies comply with the standards set out by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and the Victorian Government. Staff are currently researching and creating new documents and updating others to ensure that we are compliant. Please find attached to this newsletter the Child Safety Code of Conduct for Welton PS and Strategies to Embed a Culture of Child Safety at Welton PS. If you have any questions please contact Lisa at the school or search www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafes

Parent Opinion Survey

These surveys have now been distributed to all families. The surveys are designed to evaluate how our parents feel our school is tracking across the many facets of education and school life. Could I ask that all families please complete and return the surveys by Friday July 22nd as they need to be posted to Melbourne. Results from these surveys are collated and used by the school to inform our planning and by regional staff to form a picture of how each school is performing.

Full Of Hope

Next Tuesday we are heading to Mt Hope. This trip will provide our students with first hand experience at viewing rock formations and learning about the Earth's surface. This term in Science students are studying geology. In Humanities the Year One/Two students are learning about pioneering days whilst the older students are looking at early explorers. We will be leaving at recess and HOPE to be back mid afternoon, we also HOPE the weather is kind to us. Parents will be notified if we cancel this trip due to inclement weather. A green permission slip for this excursion is attached to this week's newsletter, please sign and return by Friday.



Sports

On Friday August 5th Welton will be joining staff and students from the other three Murray Plains Cluster Schools to participate in an athletics coaching day. This day will be held at the Gunbower Recreation Reserve and coaches from Little Athletics Victoria will be in attendance. Students are asked to wear warm sports uniform and bring along their own drinks, snacks and lunch for the day. Mrs Flight and Ms Duffy will transport the students. An orange permission slip is attached to this week's newsletter; please sign and return. A reminder that our annual Murray Plains Athletics Carnival is to be held at the Cohuna No. 2 oval on Friday August 26.



Breaking The Fast

Our school breakfast program is up and running. Most students are opting for a hot milo when they arrive. Cereal and fruit is also available. On Friday we serve cereal, toast and baked beans – this is proving to be the most popular day to ‘fill up’.

School Photos

Wednesday August 3 is the date. We are still awaiting the order envelopes and will forward them to families as soon as we have them.

School Garden

We trust that you are enjoying the veggies that were sent home last week. We have some more ready for harvest very soon. We will also be preparing for our Spring crop and hopefully using the produce for some classroom cooking.

Yes, You Can!

Students need to collect and bring to school clean tin cans. We will be using them in the coming weeks for Outdoor Education.

Reflections On Rohullah

Afghanistan by Matilda

Today Rohullah came to the school and he was telling us about Afghanistan. He told us there is a war and that other people are killing Afghanistan people. I would not want to live there.

Afghanistan by Oskar

Today Rohullah Hassain came to our school. He is from Afghanistan and he is what is called an asylum seeker. It means that you come from a dangerous place to a safe place. He travelled from Afghanistan to Pakistan, then onto Thailand and Malaysia. He then travelled to Australia on a little boat with eighty-five people on board. On the boat, he couldn't shower so he had to bathe in the ocean. When Rohullah went for a swim a shark was behind him. He couldn't see the shark from the water, but it was swimming around him.

Rohullah Hassain by Lucas

Today Rohulla Hassain came to our school and told us about his life. I felt sorry for him because people killed some of his family. He and other people came to Australia from Afghanistan by boat.



Robullah Hassain by Zac

Today Rohullah came and told us about how it feels to come to Australia. The most interesting thing he told us was when he said that people just get shot for looking different. Our mud brick shed was similar to where he was living in Afghanistan. When he was coming to Australia he said he wanted to have a shower, so he jumped into the Indian Ocean. The captain starting yelling “Shark!” Then Rohullah quickly jumped back into the boat.

Visit by Lucy

Today Rohullah came to our school. He told us about Afghanistan. He told us how mean it is there. He came to live here because some of his family got killed and it is very dangerous in his country.

Robullah Hassain by Jayden

Rohullah Hassain came to our school. I felt sad for him. I didn’t know that in Afghanistan that you could be shot whenever they wanted to. He came to Australia in a little boat; it took a long time for him to get here.

Robullah Hassain by Brodey

Rohullah Hassain said that the mud brick house at our school is the same as his home and when the Taliban shot at the walls, the walls would collapse. He also told us that if you were on a bus, the Taliban could stop the bus and just chose people who looked different and shoot them. He came to Australia by boat and he had to squat nearly the whole time because there was not enough room to stretch out. Rohullah lived in a country called Afghanistan and he did not know where he was going when he was on the boat.

My Thoughts by Daria

Today Rohullah came to talk about being a refugee. He came from Afghanistan on a small and leaky boat. He is an asylum seeker; an asylum seeker is when a person tries to escape their country because of war or they can’t live in their country because if they do their life is at risk. Rohullah told us about Dubai and how smugglers come to Afghanistan to poach their native falcon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Visit To Mt Hope.....	Tuesday 26 July
School Photographs.....	Wednesday 3 August
Athletics Coaching Day @ Gunbower.....	Friday 5 August
Murray Plains Cluster Athletics Sports.....	Friday 26 August

