Family Day at Pre-School

Last Friday, the Alma Rd Pre-School had a very special Family Day. Mums and dads, grandmothers and grandfathers, uncles and aunties as well as other special friends had an opportunity to participate in a number of special activities across the Centre. Dancing, singing, story reading and craft activities were a highlight of this special event. Everyone enjoyed spending time together at the Pre-School. We are looking forward to more of these special days with loved ones.

Marina Gnatyshina
Director of Pre School
The official Shavout celebrations started with the yearly visit of Brandy the cow. Children in the kindergartens learnt where milk comes from and made cream and butter. Erez Feinberg from the JNF explained to the kindergarten students how we use wheat to make flour and bread. The students made Pita and used the butter that they have made with brandy. Some rooms were building Har Sinai from sand, blocks and other materials. All rooms experienced various cooking for Shavout.

The Year 1’s who are the leaders of Shavout went for a visit to Gary Smorgon House to sing some Shavout songs. The residents were very excited to meet the children and some even joined in the songs. The Year 1’s participated in a PACE program together with their parents to learn all about the Shavout traditions and Symbols. Families worked together in making the Ten commandments shrinkies, dancing, singing and decorating the Southwick hall with flowers. Each family contributed to a dairy style buffet dinner which was enjoyed by all.

On Friday 25 May the Kindergarten children were treated to a play put on by their own teachers and assistants. The play talked about different mountains in Israel that wanted the Torah to be given on them and why God choose Har Sinai.

Once the mountain was chosen we all we awaited the big event that took place at 11:30 exactly. There was thunder, there was lightning and Moshe went up the mountain. When Moshe was ready to come down and in much anticipation from the crowd (children and parents) Moshe brought with him The Ten Commandments. The scenery, sound and visual effects put together by Rabbi Gersh and David Opat will not be easily forgotten.

During the day children were treated to cheese cake and ice-cream which are just a few of the traditional foods for Shavout.

Ravit Epstein
The first official EISM interschool match was played at RMC on Wednesday where our senior boys basketballers took on the heavyweights in basketball Knox. Unfortunately the fairytale start was not to be however our boys put on a great show. With the team comprising students from Years 10 -12, KDS challenged the Knox team for 3 quarters only to be over run in the last 7 minutes. We look forward to many more games in our new Centre and many more victories.

Drew Solewicz

On Monday 21 May and again yesterday, the JNF Educational Director visited Magid Campus with Efrat Moses and various leaders of the Netzer youth group. They ran activities for the Year 7 and 8 students focussing on the festival of Shavuot and the 7 special species that grow in the land of Israel. The students also learned Israeli dances, played some fun games and made their own pitot. It was a fun way to learn about Israel and the upcoming festival that will be celebrated this weekend. The students join me in thanking, Erez, Efrat and the madrichim for having spent valuable time with us.

The J.S teachers of Years 3- 6 ran their own activities in class this week such as baking cheese-cake, writing their own 10 Commitments and a number of other educational initiatives connected to the festival of Shavuot.

Geoff Garber.

Year 4 students were very excited when Yirmi Mitchell showed them how to make cheesecake. In preparation for Shavuot (which is a holiday that encourages the eating of dairy products) the Year 4's made their own cheesecakes from start to finish. A big thank you to Yirmi, Grace, Pninit, Vered, Michal and Steph for helping us!

Feygi Zylberman and Lesley Wesseik

David Vs Goliath

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Last Sunday, The King David School together with the four other Jewish schools, held its third biennial “Jewish Schools Careers Expo”. The event was held at Monash University Caulfield Campus, for all the VCE students at these schools.

Over 80 speakers from a variety of professions spoke about their day-to-day working life, and the students were able to choose their sessions based on jobs they felt they may be interested in pursuing in the future.

This year, for the first time, The King David School was represented by past students namely, Josh Teichman (Management Consultant at PWC), Josh Centner (Business Analyst at AIA Australia), Ilana Madgar (Lawyer at ASIC), Nick Grinberg (Co-founder of Google Maps Gurus) and Melissa Popper (Assistant Brand Manager at Cadbury).

The hard work and effort that the Careers Advisors from the 5 schools put into the planning and execution of this event was well worth it and made even more so by the many positive comments given by our students.

Kathy Popper

As part of the Marvellous Melbourne experience, Year 3 students had an incredible experience while being on a tour of the MCG recently.

They enjoyed pretending to be footy stars, singing their team’s song in the changing rooms, having a massage, being ‘interviewed’ on TV and viewing the MCG from the top of the grandstand and then sitting on the bench ‘waiting’ for their turn to be called for a game. This first section of the tour was highlighted with everyone touching ‘the beloved turf’!

After lunch, everyone explored the Sports Museum before having great fun in the interactive sporting activities section. Game-On.

Anita and Adam
(unofficially known as B1 and B2!)
Recently two Year 11 students, Genevieve and Deborah, attended the regional finals of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority Plain English Speaking Competition. The competition is held annually and features some of the best student speakers in Victorian schools. The King David School representatives attended Kilbreda College where each presented a 5 to 6 minute prepared speech as well as a 2 to 3 minute impromptu speech. Six students from other schools also gave presentations on the day. Genevieve spoke about the importance of language and meaning in our increasingly ‘online’ society, while Deborah presented on the apparent decline in community sympathy and humane behaviour. Both King David speakers were impressive and represented the School with maturity and a high standard of excellence.

Ben Williamson

Year 1 students at The King David School have been learning about the festival of Shavuot. As part of the Jewish studies program, the students visited Gary Smorgon House during the week to sing songs and share a presentation with the residents. The students have taken a particular focus this year on performing mitzvot and are continuing the tradition of visiting the elderly, particularly on Jewish chagim. Below are some King David students together with the residents of Gary Smorgon House.

Rani Olstein
Caring students

Jewish Care was the charity of choice for funds raised by Year 5 students last week. The team selected a Bake Sale as their activity which included popcorn, meringues, strawberries and cream, Mars bar slice and lemon cake. The centre piece was an amazing creation by Lara Valansi’s mum. Beautifully decorated with the School’s colours and crest, the cake expressed the sentiments of Tzedakah and was also delicious. Lara served generous portions at $2.50 each and the cake disappeared within minutes. Other team members included Maddie, Zoe, Ella, Olivia and Freya. The event was well organised and as an added bonus there was musical accompaniment courtesy of Olivia.

Well done everyone.

Linda Winter
Librarian

On Wednesday this week, students from Years 4 and 5 ventured out to the Mia Mia Gallery to get some hands on experience with Aboriginal culture. Along with getting to throw boomerangs and learning about tracking animals in the bush, students also had a chance to listen to our guides Colin and Brent play the Didgeridoo. Students were particularly excited to learn about the various edible grasses that the Australian bush has to offer.

The consensus was that it was a wonderful experience.

Feygi, Dominic, Lori and Phil

Home of the Wurundjeri people
There’s been a flood of enthusiasm in the air with Year 9 students as they have explored, discovered and spoken about poetry in English this term. Discussions of metaphorical language, repetition techniques, line structure and content analysis have been common in the English classroom, alongside students exploring their own interpretations of famous poems.

Fierce debates over poetic intentions alongside our own observations have made for some excellent learning time. Students are beginning to develop key skills in complex poetic analysis focusing on the language and structure of poetry and how poetry can be interpreted and read. The following are examples of beautiful poetry written by some students as they explored the art form in all of its beauty.

**It is not winter**

The sky is a blue
you could not paint.
And though it is not winter,
The bushes are dowsed with the appearance of snowflakes.
The clouds, like a chorus of ballerinas,
dance to the corner of the unpaintable sky.

It is not winter,
but everyone wears hats & coats.
A blue blanket hugs the ballerinas
and sprinkles gum drops onto the ever so damp ground.
Leaves emerge like flowers in bloom from the floor,
soaring.

It is not winter,
Because unusually placed palm trees orbit the grounds.
Sun lurks sheepishly behind tall buildings,
like an insecure school girl,
waiting for the right moment
to do something.

It is not winter,
though it all seems to be.

*By Sara Reed 9MN*

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**The light**

At the end of the tunnel.
How long can it be?
The final steps
The beginning
Of the end…
CRASH!
Gone everything,
Life ends the way it begins.

*By Jennifer Eisfelder*
The new Jewish Religious Action and Advocacy Centre (JRAAC) was launched by Union for Progressive Judaism (UPJ) President David Robinson at The King David School on Monday night. The JRAAC will make policy statements for Progressive Judaism on issues such as global warming, asylum seekers and poverty. Lisa Gelbart, a former KDS student, and Maddie Dowey have been appointed as research and policy directors.

The launch was attended by David Southwick, MP, Steve Denenberg, Executive Director of the UPJ and Philip Bliss, PJV President and Vice Chair WUPJ and Chair of Advocacy and Interfaith Committee.

US Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, DC, and Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action and Advocacy Center (IRAC) in Jerusalem spoke to the gathering via an internet link.

Ellen Frajman - PJV

On 18 May, Marshall Voit and Stephanie Gratch, Jewish Life Fellows from the Centre for Living Judaism, arrived in Canberra to begin working with the ACT Jewish Community. Marshall and Stephanie led Progressive services on Friday night, using the opportunity to sing some new melodies and introduce the community to the CLJ and its goals. The service was a hit, with over 20 people in attendance filling the space with their singing. After services, the community’s pot luck dinner allowed the Fellows to meet the members of the community and personally invite them to the workshops scheduled for the following evening.

The workshops began before Havdalah with current and potential service leaders discussing the choreography and vocabulary of the Shabbat morning Torah service. As more people arrived, the Fellows led the community in a Havdalah service to transition from Shabbat into a time of real work!

After Havdalah, Marshall and Stephanie led the group (almost 30 people, at its peak) through a series of workshops, focusing on music for Kabbalat Shabbat and the Torah service, expanding choral repertoire and using technology in congregational programming. While the latter was great, the most amazing outcome was the way the community sang together. Members of the Progressive and Orthodox communities were united by a desire to learn and make music together. The result was inspiring, to say the least.

Looking ahead, the great success of this first visit will act as a springboard into future collaboration; the visit represents just the beginning of what will, hopefully, be a long and lasting relationship between the ACT Jewish Community and the Centre for Living Judaism.
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MATHS COMPETITION for 2012

Challenge number 13
Unusual Shopping:

Jane had an unusual experience while shopping. She found that every time she bought something, it took exactly 20% of the money she had in her purse. She bought three items in three different shops, and finished her shopping with $64 in her purse. How many dollars did she have at the beginning of her shopping?

Solution

64 is 80% of 80, 80 is 80% of 100 and 100 is 80% of 125 ($).

CONGRATULATIONS to

Adam Black, Michael Bromberg and Sasha Goldenberg for the right solution to Problem 13

Problem 14
Eating the Cake

The grandmother brought a cake to her three grandsons. The oldest brother can finish the cake in two days; the second brother can finish the cake in three days; the youngest brother can finish the cake in six days. In how many days can three brothers finish the cake if they eat it together?
Alice Pung will be speaking at our Women’s Breakfast. Alice is a writer, lawyer, and teacher. She has written two books, Her Father’s Daughter and Unpolished Gem and edited Growing Up Asian in Australia, an honest, moving, and often hilarious collection of stories about growing up Asian and Australian.

We are also excited that this year the breakfast will be at Leonda and there’ll be plenty of time to catch up with your friends. So come, Friday 1st June and tell your family and friends.
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5.30pm - Shavuot Mishpacha—Shavuot for the whole family, with crafts, stories and building Mt Sinai from ice-cream. Led by Tal Meretz the TBI youth advisor.

7.30pm to 8pm - Shavuot service—Havdalah followed by Shavuot service.

8pm to 8.15pm — Shavuot Kiddush & Cheesecake tasting.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
8.15pm to 8.45pm - 1st Text based session: Comparison of Lech Lecha and Ruth, journey as response to the sacred. Led by Rabbi Kim Ettlinger
8.45pm to 9.15pm - 2nd Text based session: From Yehudah Halevi to Naomi Shemer: singing the journey to Zion. Led by Rabbi Fred Morgan.

9.15pm to 9.30pm—Annual cheesecake competition, vote and results.

9.30pm to 10.15pm—1st panel: “Journeys through space”. Eva Marks & Peter Kolliner
10.15pm to 11pm—2nd panel: “Journeys of transformation”

11pm—Viewing of DVD: “Go back to where you came from” Six Australians retrace the journeys of refugees, a powerful documentary originally shown on T.V.

Sunday 27th May

10am—12pm - Shavuot morning service: featuring the Hallel psalms, the reading of the Ten Commandments from the Torah and the blessing of all babies born during the previous year, followed by cheesecake Kiddush.

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