The term is flying past and we have lots of exciting things happening in the remaining weeks of term. Next week Laguna K-2 students coming over for a Science show that is put on free of charge by Newcastle University. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing science experiments and seeing our friends from Laguna again. Friday sees us heading off to Shortland for a day excursion to the wetlands where we will be investigating the waterways and surrounding environments of the wetlands centre.

After school sport is going well and all the kids enjoyed playing the various activities. Unfortunately due to other commitments that I have as part of the Cessnock Community of Great Public School (CCGPS) our students won’t be able to attend the after school sporting activities at Laguna. We will recommence the activities with Laguna students again in week 9.

The arborist came in last week to assess the trees in the playground and we are now awaiting the report to come back that will provide us with more information.

We celebrated Trudy’s (our lovely office manager) birthday on Wednesday of this week and all enjoyed the chocolate cake.

Have a great week - Michelle Murphie

### What’s happening?

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### Office news

Yesterday our wonderful General Assistant Wayne Blake had his head shaved to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation in conjunction with Shave for a Cure. Wayne has raised almost $1000 in his crusade and donations are still being accepted. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please see Trudy.

CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.
Our excursion to Millfield

We learnt lots about what should and shouldn’t go into a compost bin.

We had fun eating our lunch and playing in their playground.

Opportunities for and emphasis on environmental programs

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Our mungbean lunch

Gardening with Father Graham

Annalisa & Phoenix had fun trying to wet people – especially the teacher!
**Chaplain’s Chatter**

**MAINTENANCE**

The garden on Wednesday provided the opportunity for us to look at maintenance. How do we maintain the garden to make it work properly? We looked at the radish seeds we planted last week. They are coming on a treat. We watered the whole garden and put some water in the mulch bin - so the maintenance had begun. The grass and other stuff was very dry so we had the opportunity to get the mulch moving along and to activate the bacteria, another type of important growth. I remember that one day my father-in-law saw my veggie garden and said, “It’s good to see that you’ve put all the rubbish on the garden.” He was referring to the mulch. However I thought, “Rubbish. What do you mean, ‘rubbish’?” So on Wednesday we learnt that even “rubbish” can make our garden grow. We then did another piece of maintenance and emptied out the ‘first flush’ system on one of the water tanks. Thus we ensured that the roof put only clean water into the tank.

However the really important maintenance was yet to come. When we had finished our afternoon recess and had sung ‘Happy Birthday’ to Mrs Ryan, enjoying the wonderful chocolate birthday cake, we went inside and looked at those things that we need to do in order to care for our own maintenance of our bodies and minds. The discussion went on because everyone wanted to look at the happy things in our lives; so much so, that by the time we looked at the not-so-happy things we were able to find all the ways in which we could deal with those not-so-happy times. What an afternoon, because after the assembly the parents spent some time hearing about the ‘Kids Matter’ program. Mrs Murphie provided some cake and great tea and coffee and there were loads of questions and answers.

So remember ‘Kids Matter’ because ‘Kids Matter’.

Graham

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**Happy Birthday Trudy**

[Image of children with a cake]