



St. Nicholas Newsletter



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Upcoming events



November

Sun 15th

Proclamação da República Holiday

Fri 20th

Dia da Consciência Negra Holiday

Fri 27th

Casual Clothes Day

Sat 28th

International Day

TRIPS

Year 9 Life Skills trip to Parati

Year 8 trip to Memorial do Imigrante

Year 2 trip to Memorial do Imigrante

Year 7 trip to Serra da Cantareira

ASSEMBLIES

Infants

Wed 18th – Kindergarten Z

Wed 25th – Kindergarten Y

Juniors

Thu 19th – Year 5X

International Day 2009



Argentina • Brazil • China • England
France • India • Israel • Italy
Japan • Lebanon • Mexico • Portugal
South Africa • South Korea • Taiwan
United States • Uruguay • Venezuela

Coming up!

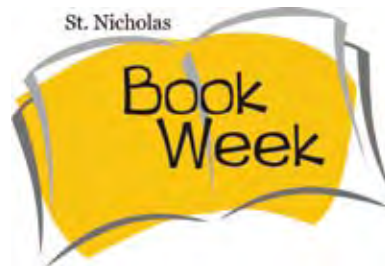
Saturday 28th November



HOUSE SWIMMING GALA 09

Coming up!

Saturday 5th December



Junior Book Week

Catarina Y6X



From the 3rd to the 6th of November, St. Nicholas celebrated Book Week. We had many entertaining activities such as a pyjama day for a bedtime story, a House Quiz and a break time rotation for Book Week activities. We also had the pleasure of a visit by Sell Books and by two authors, David Thorpe and Katy Moran who came all the way from the U.K to St. Nicholas School. The Student Council also sold many second-hand books for mums and students. The Year 6s and many other Junior classes had the opportunity to read to the little ones in the Infant School.

An entertaining week, good books and very creative costumes on Friday: these all made our week super cool!!

Senior: Visiting Authors

Mr. Haygarth

Two authors from the United Kingdom spent a week working with Senior School students during their English lessons. Katy Moran (writer of the novels 'Bloodline and "Bloodline Rising") and David Thorpe (journalist and writer of the novel "Hybrids") led writing workshops which focused on how to describe characters, how to plan and organise stories and how to write articles. These informative, enjoyable workshops provided students with new techniques and different perspectives for improving their writing skills. The two authors also participated in an assembly when they spoke about their own novels and the experience of being an author, before responding to some intelligent questions from students. Hopefully their advice will motivate and inspire our students to develop an interest in writing beyond what happens in the classroom.

Year 2 Book Sale



The Year 2Y class took on a special project for Book Week. Thanks to the donations made by parents, they created a used book sale. They raised over \$716,00 which will be donated to a charity of their choice. This was a wonderful learning experience for the children where they gained many real-life skills. They were involved in promoting the event and using their knowledge of persuasive language. They sorted books by fiction and non-fiction as well as by language. They also had to make judgment on cost. During the sale, they worked in groups and delegated different tasks that needed to be done. After the sale, they worked with the money earned in their Maths lessons. They had to sort, count and record the amount earned. Well done to the Year 2Y children.

Visitor: David Thorpe

Gabriel de Almeida Y6X

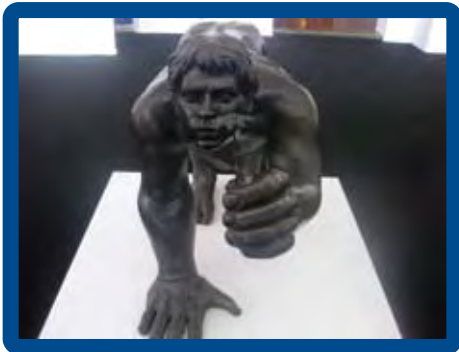


During Book Week a famous author called David Thorpe visited our school. David came to school to talk about his books and to teach us how to write a good story. David also came to talk to Year 6X about their unit Our Sustainable World. One of the reasons David is famous is that he won a fiction book contest, the HarperCollins/ Saga Magazine contest, and the Lewisham School Book Award. The title of his successful book is Hybrids.

IB Visual Arts at the 40th Chapel Art Show

Year 11 and 12 IB Visual Arts students together with Ms. Barker made a special visit to the 40th Chapel Art Show on the 20th October to view the work of renowned Brazilian artists such as Regina Silveira, Ivald Granato, Antonio Peticov, Wesley Duke Lee, Victor Brecheret, Élon Brasil, Gustavo Rosa, Tomie Ohtake, Volpi and many others.

This year, Florian Raiss was the honoured guest, with his expressive and symbolic sculptures and prints. Florian uses subtle lines resembling the human figure to communicate and express feelings and emotions.



Among the high points of the showing is a large, contemporary human sculpture with strong influence of Greek-Roman figure measuring almost 2 metres long called "Quadrúpede", surrounded by no less than 30 smaller, yet identical sculptures with individual features, also done by Raiss.

Students were able to carry out activities during the visit, observe the work of the artists and write a series of critiques, backed up by impressive photographs taken at the time.

This was a great experience for the IB Visual Arts students who were able to observe how to mount an exhibition and prepare themselves for their own exhibitions in March 2010.



2º Torneio Interfamiliar de Português

Sábado, 7 de novembro, foi um dia especial no calendário da St. Nicholas. Num ambiente descontraído, realizou-se o 2º TIPO. Quatorze famílias de nossa comunidade deram um verdadeiro show de talento e espírito esportivo, provando que vestem a camisa da escola. Os vencedores foram : a família Costa , em 1º lugar e as famílias Cruz Ferreira e Machado empatadas em 2º lugar, que levaram os prêmios do evento para casa merecidamente.

Na escola todos os participantes deixaram um troféu especial, que jamais será esquecido: o da certeza de que podemos contar com pais e alunos que se dedicam e se preocupam com o que acontece na escola. Parabéns a todos!

Nossos sinceros agradecimentos ao Depto. de Marketing, ICT, Sodexo e PTA.

New books and DVDs in the library!

The library has received donations this month! There are books about India and many other titles!

You can see an updated list of new titles from the library regularly! Just open the "intranet" page, click on "library", top left, on "Aquisições do mês" or "New in library".

Language Corner Dedé Toffoli

What do we call the people from the following places? Write your answers (E.g.: Brazil - Brazilian) and hand this slip to Mrs. Toffoli (ESL). You may win an R.O.A.!!!

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| Afghanistan - _____ | Malta - _____ |
| Cameroon - _____ | Monaco - _____ |
| Congo - _____ | Holland - _____ |
| Cyprus - _____ | Poland - _____ |
| Greece - _____ | Switzerland - _____ |
| Finland - _____ | Wales - _____ |
| Israel - _____ | Thailand - _____ |
| Ivory Coast - _____ | United Arab Emirates - _____ |
| Madagascar - _____ | France - _____ |

Name: _____ Year: _____

Last issue's winners:
Gabriella and Carolina (Y 4X), Catarina and Sarah (Y 6X) and Daniella (Y 7)



A Message from Mrs. Toffoli

An incredible amount of people have shown interest in the answers for our last issue's Language Corner, and have kindly asked me to publish them. So here they go:

Soco Inglês: Brass knuckles, knuckles, Knux, etc.

Molho Inglês: Worcestershire sauce

Bolo Inglês: Fruit cake (Pound cake acceptable)

Chave Inglesa: Wrench or adjustable spanner

Esporte Bretão: Football

Sports

Mr Moss

St Nicholas 0 x 3 Graded

There were many positives for the JV Boys, not least the gaining of experience for the younger members of the squad and the sublime performance of Bruno Maragonni. The second game against Graded saw both teams field stronger sides and at times this produced amongst the battling, some fine football. Had St Nicholas got an "off side call" and scored with a couple of easy chances the score line would have done justice to a much improved St Nicholas performance. In the end it was Graded who came off winners once again, but both teams made this such a thoroughly entertaining game, oozing with enterprise, commitment and enthusiasm.



St Nicholas vs. Play Pen



St Nicholas 10 x 2 Escola Cidade Jardins Play Pen (Girls)

St Nicholas 14 x 1 Escola Cidade Jardins Play Pen (Boys)

Sometimes in sport the performance is more important and far outweighs the result. This was more than the case in these two games like two excellent team performances.

St Nicholas 4 x 1 Graded



It was time to correct the faults from the last game, so St Nicholas JV Girls upped the finishing, passing and enterprise as a team and were excellent in every position. Luiza Maragoni, back to her goal scoring best with four goals, underlined some marvellous individual performances, notable debuts and

a fine result considering it was the girls' second ever 11-a-side football fixture.

Judo

We would like to congratulate all St. Nicholas pupils who participated in the Judo Championship which took place at the Academia ONO. Well done!



IB Andes: a great experience

This is just to tell you that the expedition finished successfully and all students are either at home or on their way home. This has been a great experience for all involved and we are proud to have had such wonderful young people with us for the week. Schools will receive more information when "the dust has settled".

The picture at the right shows all 37 students plus guides on the summit they selected for the expedition.





Consider Reusable Products

Recycling seems fine but what about reusing products?

Any products are designed to be used more than once. Reusable products and containers often result in less waste. This helps reduce the cost of managing solid waste and often conserves materials and resources. (Remember, reusable containers for food must be carefully cleaned to ensure proper hygiene.)

A sturdy mug or cup can be washed and used time and again. Many people bring their own mugs to work, meetings, and conferences. Sturdy and washable utensils and tableware can be used at home and for picnics, outdoor parties, and potlucks.

At work, see if "recharged" cartridges for laser printers, copiers, and fax machines are available. They not only reduce waste, but also typically save money.

Cloth napkins, sponges, or dishcloths can be used around the house. These can be washed over and over again.

Look for items that are available in refillable containers. For example, some bottles and jugs for beverages and detergents are made to be refilled and reused, either by the consumer or the manufacturer.

When possible, use rechargeable batteries to help reduce garbage and keep toxic metals found in some batteries out of the waste stream. Another alternative is to look for batteries with reduced toxic metals.

When using single-use items, remember to take only what is needed. For example, take only one napkin or ketchup packet if more are not needed.

Remember, if your goal is to reduce solid waste, think about reusables !



Some of our Israeli students - Liam Gakman, Ofir Gueva and Ariel Forner - have joined their talents and written the poem above. In this poem, through metaphors, rhymes and even biblical allusions, they conveyed their love for their homeland, its landscapes, culture, people and, of course, the Hebrew language.

Errata

We would like to apologise for some mistakes in the previous newsletter issue.

- The title in the first page entry should be "LAHC Leadership Student Conference - Team Koala"

Commemorations, celebrations and fun events around the world

Action Committee / International Committee



NOVEMBER

16th – 20th November – **International Education Week (IEW)** is recognized as an occasion to promote internationalism in educational institutions. Events for the week include liaising with schools abroad, raising students' awareness of foreign arts, languages, cuisine, food, etc. in all areas of the curriculum.

14th November – **Children's Day** in India is commemorated on India's first prime minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday. Prime Minister Nehru was known to like children and was known to them as Chacha Nehru or Uncle Nehru.

15th November – **Proclamação da República Brasileira** or Republic Proclamation Day is a national holiday in Brazil when the country first proclaimed its being a republic in Rio de Janeiro back in 1889.

16th November – **International Day for Tolerance** was first observed in 1996 following the United Nations Year for Tolerance in 1995. The day is observed to promote tolerance and the practice of tolerance through education.

20th November – **Dia da Consciência Negra** (Afro-Brazilian's Conscience Day) is a new Brazilian national holiday when freedom fighter, Zumbi, is honoured as the hero of the twentieth-century Afro-Brazilian political movement.

26th November – **Thanksgiving Day** is a traditional North American holiday to give thanks for the end of the harvest season. In the United States, where it is most popular, it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, and is observed as a four-day weekend. Thanksgiving dinners are traditional family events where turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, yams and pumpkin pie are served.

