**World Wide Fund for Nature Visits Year 5 & 6 Students**

We have had some pretty windy weather this week but do you know where the windiest, driest, quietest, coldest and most remote place is on the surface of the Earth? If you guessed Antarctica then you are right.

This week the students in Years 5 and 6 had a special visit from Professor Michael Harte and Sarah Monahas from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Professor Michael has been to Antarctica on numerous occasions and he taught us a lot of interesting things.

He taught us about the wildlife, history and the changes taking place in this great icy desert. We learned that inland Antarctica is made up of huge snowy mountains while most of the wildlife is found on the coast, closer to food sources. You can also go on tours to Antarctica from South America, Tasmania and New Zealand.

It was fantastic experience! Year 5 & 6 would like to say an enormous thankyou to Sarah & Michael for giving up their time to help us to learn more about this fascinating place. Professor Michael gave his talk free of charge so we decided that we would all give a gold coin donation to WWF in return.

*Written by Megan and Serafina 6H.*

**Budding Film-makers’ Work on Display**

"We would like to thank our mums and dads, our fans and all of the members of the Academy who voted for us."

That is how the speech from Wade, Martin, Caitlyn, Piper, Serafina, Daniel and Jake will sound when they grow up and become Academy Award winning filmmakers. Until then, we will just have to enjoy the great work they’ve done on the ‘Our School Show Off’ video. It has been entered in a competition between NSW Public Schools. It was filmed and edited using iPads and it shows just some of the things that make Banksmeadow Public School such a great school. You can see the video in the news section on our website, just click on the ‘Welcome to Banksmeadow link.’
Kindergarten Enrolments 2013
We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2013. Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office. We would like all forms returned by Thursday 28 June.

Guitar News
Our guitar group will perform next Wednesday during our assembly. The assembly will begin at midday. New students are always welcome to join the group. There is a beginner and an experienced guitar group. The teachers come to the school each Thursday during lunch. Please contact Mrs Bragg if your child is interested in joining the group.

Dance News
Our Junior dance students received a note this week about their rehearsal day. Please return the permission note and publicity form to the school office by next week. All girls in the group will need to purchase a hair net for the performance.

Sickness at school
Children should not be sent to school when they are unwell. The flu and cold season is well and truly here and this is the time when young children can easily spread sicknesses to other students and staff as they work and play together. If your child has cold or flu symptoms, please keep them at home until they are feeling better. When your child returns to school from any illness, a note should be sent to the class teacher with an explanation for the absence. A friendly reminder that your child should also be wearing a school jumper on cold days and should also have an umbrella or raincoat in their bag if it is likely to be a wet day. This is particularly helpful for the children who have to walk up and down from Activoosh.

Walking Volunteers
We are looking for some volunteers that would be interested in delivering school information flyers to homes in the local school area. If you like walking and are interested, please collect the flyers from the school office.

ACTIVOOSH JULY VACATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE - Holiday Care is available from Monday 2nd July to Friday 13th July. Please enrol prior by Monday 25th June to avoid disappointment.

PSW - Primary School Wear
As of 1/7/2012 Primary School Wear at Kingsford will be changing their trading hours to Weds - Fri 9am - 5 pm and Saturday 9am - 1 pm. Normal opening hours will resume on 21/9/2012.

Principals Message
In recent weeks I have been thanking the people and businesses in our local community that have supported the school in a variety of ways. We have just received news that Sydney Ports is donating $2,000 towards our playground upgrade and it is likely that the money will be spent on seating for the new garden area. We greatly appreciate this support, however it has been remiss of me not to thank the many parents who work tirelessly for the school. Our P&C is very active and organises different events and activities to raise money for the school. Some of these events and activities require a lot of organisation behind the scenes which means people’s time and effort. All money raised goes to assisting students in the school whether that be equipment or resources to use in the classroom, improvements to the playground or support of specialist programs. Many parents help in other ways throughout the school. We greatly appreciate the parents who offer their time to support the school and it’s students.

Some parents have asked if we will be offering the Interrelate Program this year. I have made a booking for the evening of Monday 29 October. There will be two sessions; one for Years 3 and 4 and one for Years 5 and 6. More information will be made available closer to the date.

Cathy Lucantonio