Growing Together Day 2016

This year our focus for Growing Together Day is celebrating our 10 years by appreciating and recognising the wider community organisations that support our school. GTD is something special and unique to our school so make sure you take the time to prepare and enjoy this day with your class. Specialist teachers will attend timetabled classes and work with class teacher and students. Please take lots of photos as these will be great for the Year Book! Here are some suggestions to help guide your day.

Before the day...

- Hand in parent nomination slips
- Meet with your buddy class. Assign buddies for each child plan your activities
- Complete Growing Together Day posters
- Communicate to parents that if they are staying for the shared lunch they must collect students from their classroom and eat in the oval
- Happy Walk - students wear a wig or funny hat on the day and their house shirt

On the day...

8.40 – 9.40: Classroom time (community focus)

1. Fitness/energiser
2. Community circle or spider web pg 342 (I’m thankful for, I love that our school..., my favourite thing at Comet Bay is...)
3. Discuss and brainstorm appreciations for your specific community organisation
4. Complete the appreciation card for your selected community organisation (draw pictures, small group written appreciations, staple work to inside of card). Be creative, let’s make this look amazing!
5. Write appreciations to family/friends/other members of our school community

9.40-10.40: Class Tribes activity

1. Class jigsaw piece (growing together/celebrating 10 years theme)
2. Use the structure of a Tribes Learning Experience (objectives, strategy, reflection, appreciations) to complete one of the following: building a Time machine pg 219, paper toss pg 381, alligator attack pg 382, people machine pg 219, tower building pg 356)
3. Decorate your class table for the Happy Walk continuing with the ‘Growing Together’ theme (hand prints decorated by all students, appreciations, pelicans, etc. Please make it as wind proof as possible and have it ready to go by recess and waiting in wet areas for the Year 6’s to place on the oval.

RECESS
11.00-12.00: Buddy time

- Appreciating Others pg 213
- Fuzzyland pg 252
- Kitchen Kaper pg 270
- Look at me! Pg 273
- Newspaper scavenger Hunt pg 287
- Slip Game pg 334

12.10-12.45: Whole school assembly

- GTD awards presented to parents
- Winners of poster competition recognised
- Sharing of some appreciation cards to community organisations
- Whole school singing of ‘Happy’ (clip up on the projector)
- Parents and students clearly informed about how and when students move to the oval for lunch.

LUNCH

- Students must be collected from their classrooms by their parent and all those participating in the shared lunch eat on the oval. Each class has extra time for lunch in class and students purchasing a sausage sizzle will be sent out in waves (P&C to supervise?).
- After lunch children return to class

1.40-2.50: Happy Walk

- Promptly move down to the oval directly after lunch. Make your way to your table, there will be a signal to begin the Happy Walk. Have fun!

Thank you for helping us run this day, your support and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

Sarah, Mel and the Growing Together Day Committee