Semester One Happenings;

We had a terrific start to the new school year with the introduction of the ‘Play Is The Way’ (PITW) Program. Annabel and I have been teaching the students the PITW concepts of “Treat others as you would like them to treat you”, “Be brave – participate to progress”, “Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with”, “Have reasons for the things you say and do” and “It takes great strength to be sensible”. Over the weeks of Term One & Two we have seen the students grow in their enthusiasm, participation and depth of thought processes as we looked at the concepts. The interaction of the games sessions has also brought about personal growth in those areas as well as working together as a team to accomplish the given game task and challenge. The Senior Students have reached the conclusion that to achieve the goal they have needed to support and encourage the younger ones. This has been a process which seemed to be quite challenging at the start of the year but is now very rewarding to observe.

One of my responsibilities is the Friday “House Keeping Jobs” in regard to our Animal Welfare & Management. This time has also been used to develop/enhance student leadership. The way it works was to have one Senior & one Junior student learn the jobs of cleaning the chook nests & house, managing the worm farms food intake & soil condition and cleaning the rabbit hutch. After a couple of weeks the student would then teach their student peers the tasks involved for that job of the animals care & management.

I am looking forward to seeing further growth & development for each of the students in Semester Two as we all embrace the programs & tasks involved in our learning whether it is directly from our curriculum or just learning about how life can works for us. Regards, Coral.