It rained on Friday, the original date set to make a difference to our environment, so the students at Arncliffe West Infants School participated in Clean Up Your School Day on Monday 4/03/2013.

The first Sunday of March is always ‘Clean Up Australia Day’, so we thought we would help in our own way.

Together, we took some time after recess to clean up our school. Year 2 cleaned up around the car park, Year 1 cleaned up the oval and Kindergarten picked up rubbish from under the COLA - what a fantastic job they did!! We as teachers are so proud to see our students picking up rubbish and taking care of their surroundings.

As a community, we need to be aware of how we dispose of our rubbish and the need to continuously maintain our environment. We thank all the students of Arncliffe West and look forward to always keeping our school looking as beautiful as it is now.

March Dates...

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We love using iPads at school!!!!!
KM tried out a new handwriting app on Friday. They wore their headsets that the P&C so generously donated!

1L, during an Investigative Learning session on Living Things, used iPads to take photos in our outdoor environment. All the following photos have been taken by 1L students:

Donations for the Easter Raffle...

Please bring in donations of chocolate eggs and baskets for our Easter Raffle
Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS)...

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, all the children in the Jellybeans group, the Rainbows group and KM, have the opportunity to have a vision screening assessment, free of charge, by the NSW Ministry of Health.

The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative offered to all 4 and 5 year old children.

Value of the Week @ AWIS...
At AWIS, as part of our Social Groups each Monday afternoon, one of our 7 values (which is featured on our giant pencils), will be taught in small, mixed K-2 groups.

**Week 5’s Value:** *I am sensible*. Congratulations to **Abbas K 1L, Soukayna H 1L and Elaria 2T**, who were seen to be sensible at all times.

**Week 6’s Value:** *I am friendly*. Congratulations to **Moussa A KM, Navya Jain 1L and Nadine G 2T**, who have displayed friendliness throughout the week.

Students in each group, who have displayed the value taught, are given an award at the end of the lesson. Overall, 3 students will be awarded a special ‘Value of the Week’ award at assembly. These awards count toward a Book Award.

Birthdays—February & March

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WEEKS 5 & 6 – TERM 1
Jellybeans

Antony S making creative pictures in the craft area
Charlie M practicing his counting
Aziza S making yummy cakes in the sandpit
Anastasia G remembering the preschool rules
Mariam E enthusiastic dancing
Barkley B sharing his 'Gangnam' style dancing
Husayn R good listening at Preschool
Aimen T playing with her friends in the sandpit

Rainbows

Kadeeja K always being very helpful and cooperative
Sakina H great dancing and singing
Abdul E very creative with his art and craft work
Ali S making a great house with Lego
Myriam C always packing up after playing with equipment and craft activities
Farrah E being kind to her friends at Preschool
Maya L writing her name at Preschool
Ethan O showing his mum his craftwork at Preschool

K Mauve

Hassan H trying his best during singing with all the hand actions
Mohammed E displaying good behaviour during class time
Rihanna H working well in class
Aadi P great work with recognising his numbers
Zeinab E excellent work in number
Ali Sr great reading skills during reading groups
Ali E always doing the right thing in and out of the classroom
Sarah D enthusiasm in class
Book Award: Sarah Z

1 Lemon (Lemon)

Jasmine A fabulous reading work
Soukayna H always listening attentively and being ready to learn
Hussain T always working hard in class
Azoz A excellent writing
Emerald B putting great care into her homework
Molly M excellent spelling results
Radwan pleasing work when hearing and writing sounds
Fatima C excellent number work
Book Award: Azoz A x 2

2 Teal

David V creative investigative work
Fatima E bookwork and effort in handwriting
Zaynab H excellent presentation of our assembly
Ahmad E wonderful leadership qualities
Mahmoud J being a wonderful Year 2 leader
Hussein E excellent presentation of the Year 2 assembly
Ali D working hard on handwriting and bookwork
Nadine G creative building of an environment

Arabic

Hashimiyyah A KM tracing her name in Arabic
Ali Sr KM recognising two colours in Arabic
Michael E 1L starting to sound out simple Arabic words
Nour M 2T writing a few sentences in Arabic
Zaynab M KM learning a few colours in Arabic
Hussein A KM learning a few colours in Arabic
Navya J 1L learning a simple sentence in Arabic
Mahmoud J 2T writing a few simple sentences in Arabic