7th February, 2014

PLANET RHYTHM: INTERACTIVE DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Dear Parents,

In Term 1, Glen Waverley Primary School students will have the opportunity to experience an educational and fun interactive drumming workshop by one of Australia’s most successful and talented drumming companies, called ‘Planet Rhythm.’ The performance by John Rattley imparts African rhythm and culture in an entertaining and educational way.

The show is highly interactive, and the students will be amazed at the magnificent collection of majestic world drums and percussion instruments sourced from the four corners of the globe. Taken on an evolutionary journey, the children will gain an insight into how rhythm and instruments originated. They will also begin to understand and appreciate the significance drumming has had on many cultures throughout the ages. The workshop will foster a ‘Have A Go’ attitude, create an exciting and fun filled big atmosphere, bolster self-esteem and confidence. In a vibrant and welcoming setting, the students will be invited to ‘take the stage’ and will become the Stars of the Show in a hands-on and culturally rich performance. Every student will play a drum, learning a rhythm from Africa – transforming our students into a percussion ensemble. Students are introduced to an array of traditional African instruments of all shapes and sounds, including the djembe drum, kpanlogo drum, box drum, bells and shakers as well as several instruments from other countries.

The students will also learn a traditional African song to accompany the drumming rhythm, and experience African dancing. Traditional songs are performed and the purpose and context of the pieces are discussed. Modern issues affecting children and families in developing African countries are discussed in a positive way through music, by performers who speak from direct experience. This is a beautiful way for students to understand their counterparts on the other side of the world. An understanding of village life and culture is gained by the students from folk tales and stories.

DATE:       Monday, 31st March and Tuesday, 1st April
Time:      See Specialist Newsletter for Timetable
COST:       $4.50

Please return the permission slip below, together with payment, by 21st February, 2014.

Kind Regards
Carla Bures
Music/EAL Teacher

GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
PLANET RHYTHM INTERACTIVE DRUMMING

I give permission for my child __________________________ in Grade _____ to participate in the Interactive Drumming Show on Monday, 31st March or Tuesday, 1st April, 2014 at a cost of $4.50.

Signed __________________________________________(Parent/ Guardian)