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Student of the week



Breezing through the term

Student of the Week

Lower Division

Week 2 – Hayden R – great work sounding out words

Week 3 – Ethan B – showing initiative and 'being there' for others in the classroom

Upper Division

Week 2 – Eli B – staying focused in class and working productively in Maths.

Week 3 – Rain T – working independently and being playful.

Home Reading

125 nights – Zarah H, Rain T, Matthew R, Sarah N

150 nights – Halle B

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

26 Aug Bookweek Celebrations - kids only dressed as their favourite book character plus activities

9 Sept School photos



Cold Weather

I hope that you have been able to avoid most of the recent cold snap. Can I please encourage all students to make sure that they bring a jumper to school and wear it. I realise that running around at break times can increase the kids resistance to the cold, but it will eventually catch up with them and we'd be neglectful if we didn't encourage the kids to put jumpers on. I should also advise you that we don't have a huge supply or range of sizes of spares, and given the focus on hygiene I'd avoid loaning jumpers out regularly. Oh - could you also just double check that the jumpers are labelled with your child's name?

Contacting the School

Thanks so much for all of your support in adopting the processes of late drop offs or early pickups. We are still following advice around non essential adults on site, however if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or progress, please feel free to call the school to make an appointment to speak to a teacher - in cases such as this I'd also be happy to make arrangements to speak face to face if desired. The main message here is to call ahead and book a time to chat with the teacher - this means that teachers aren't rushed to get to playground duty or back on class and can give you their full attention.

NAPLAN

You may have already heard that 2020 NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 were cancelled due to Covid-19. The NSW Dept of Education have prepared a Check-in Assessment to replace NAPLAN for 2020 in order to continue to track tech progress in Literacy and Numeracy of students in years 3 & 5. The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Unlike the NAPLAN where parents receive a details report, the Check-in is designed to supplement classroom teachers assessments. The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 and 5 students from 21 September to 23 October 2020. Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. If your child needs earbuds provided by the school, please contact the office.

Student Wellbeing

As mentioned previously I was going to try to pass on any resources that I found that may assist parents in supporting their kids at home. This week I have found a few good resources that you may wish to follow up.

1. A growth mindset/positive affirmation video from the Big Life Journal. Growth mindset Pep Talk – Google 2020 Pep talk by children (Big Life Journal) #2020 Peptalk
2. Sleep tips for kids from Parenting Ideas
Google Parenting Ideas – Sleep tips for kids
3. A guide for parents to create a mindful home for your family today!
<https://info.smilingmind.com.au/parentsguide>

There will be a skoolbag post with the live links to these resources.

Thoughts and Prayers

You may already be aware that one of our school family and Community Connections members, Robert Pengilly is ill and has had to go to Sydney for treatment. On Tuesday the 28th of July he went to playgroup like the normal, boisterous little fellow that we know and love but by Tuesday night he seemed off, was lethargic and complaining of being tired. On Wednesday he slept for most of the day and by Thursday morning Bec and Andy knew there was something more to this than a common childhood illness. Bec took him into Forbes Hospital and by 4pm that afternoon he was being airlifted to Sydney after receiving platelets that were only accessible from Orange. He's currently receiving all the treatment that he needs in Westmead Children's Hospital Sydney, but it's a long road ahead. Our school sends its best wishes to Robert's family during this time and offer any support necessary. If you have any well wishes for Robert and his family, feel free to send them to the school and we will forward them on.

K-2 News

We have been diving into the world of informative texts in the k-2 classroom. We have been having class discussions about what the difference is between fiction and non-fiction texts. Last week we started breaking down the structure of a procedure and the importance of explicit direction. We hosted our own little experiment and made ourselves some yummy fairy bread. But before the k-2 students could indulge in the delicious treat they were asked to give me directions on how to make the fairy bread. It turned messy and I think it is safe to say the students are beginning to understand the importance of thorough instructions, especially after I used my finger as a knife and lost most of the sprinkles on the floor. It was then my turn to give the instructions and we were all rewarded with some morning tea. Miss Hanns



Big Class News

We have been very busy in all areas since starting back at school for the term. We have just about polished off a new marimba song and have started looking at famous artists and artworks through the ages. Informative texts are the focus for Term 3 and already we have delved in - looking at the various structural features. The students were also asked to choose a specific literacy goal to focus on. Each chose a specific area in which they felt they could improve. Although varied, they included goals relating to spelling, punctuation, word choice and so on. Please ensure diaries are brought in every day, even if home reading did not get completed the night before. I prefer to check and sign student's diaries every morning.



Caine's Arcade

This Term, we are refocusing on Captain Disposition and his 7 dispositions of learning. The children are very familiar with these, and we regularly discuss and investigate how we should use them and also look at how others use them successfully. Last week in assembly groups, we looked at the inspiring story of Caine and his Arcade. Caine's adventure is truly heartwarming and a great example of dispositional learning. The children were keen to share their thoughts about Caine and used the app Flipgrid to share these ideas (you can check out some of their ideas on FB). Next week the real excitement starts, the students are going to design and build their own arcade games - just like Caine. We have already sent a call out via Skoolbag for any cardboard boxes you may no longer have use for. Any donations would be much appreciated. Mrs Faulkner

School Leaders' Report

WOW! This week has been hectic! On Thursday we did cooking with the wonderful Mrs Horan. We made cheesy-mite pretzels. We got to eat them at lunch. They were great! In the big class we have been doing informative writing. Mrs Faulkner was great helping us with it. In the little class they have been doing art. First they read the great paper bear, then they made paper planes. Thanks to Harriet Herbert for telling me what the little class have been doing. In the big class we have been learning the song Kalendara on the marimbas. This week has been great and we are looking forward to next week. By Halle Brown

Community Notices

Bedgerabong Community Trust

September meeting of the Bedgerabong Community Trust will be held on Monday 7th September at 8pm at the school. Please have submissions in by this date and time.

Church Services

Catholic Services – 13th Sept Sister Liz, 11th Oct father Simon. Sun 9.30am



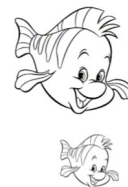
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FREAKY FACTS

Elephants are the only animal that can't jump.

A rhinoceros' horn is made of hair.

Nearly three percent of the ice in Antarctic glaciers is penguin urine.



Giggle Spot

Q: What do elves learn in school? A: The elf-abet!

If you think of a better fish pun. Let minnow.

Q: What goes up and down but does not move? A: Stairs



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" -Dr. Seuss



Happy Birthday to these recent and up coming party goers.

10 Jul

Rian T

23 Jul

Eden S

31 Jul

Bridie H

31 Jul

Maisie B

6 Aug

Hunter M

12 Aug

Xavier M

27 Aug

Fletcher G

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MAKE THEIR DAY

When you go the extra mile for customers, coworkers, friends or family members by offering a little extra help when it's not expected, you'll Make Their Day.

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2020 school term dates

Term 1 29-1-20 - 9-4-20

Term 2 27-4-20 - 3-7-20

Term 3 20-7-20 - 25-9-20

Term 4 12-10-20 - 16-12-20

Mr Faulkner

10 Aug 2020