



Week 6, Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Parent - Teacher Interviews

We have asked parents/carers who need an interpreter for these interviews to let us know this by Friday. We will organise these interviews first then send out information for all parents/carers to book a spot with their child's teacher in Week 9 (starting 22 March).

Assembly

We will have assemblies on 2 Fridays each term. Last week was the first assembly we have had in over a year due to Covid. As soon as we can have parents/carers back on site, we will let you know the days and times for these. Congratulations to Mr Eliaali and the student leaders for a well run and interesting assembly!

New Playground

The students and staff have been enjoying our new playground. Just a reminder to parents/carers that there is a small body of water which forms a wetlands area in the playground - if you are on site (talking children to preschool for example) you need to directly supervise children to make sure they do not go in to this area.

Assessment and Rating - Preschool

Our preschool will be undergoing the assessment and rating process which means all aspects of the preschool will be assessed against the 7 areas of the National Quality Standard. We know how great our preschool service is so we are sure the assessment process will go smoothly!

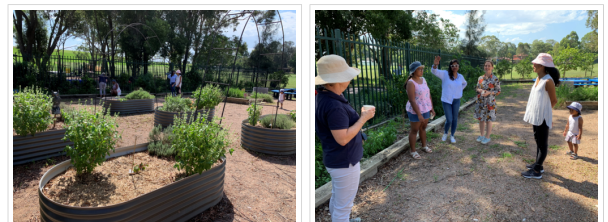
Get into our Garden!

On Monday 8th March we will have a working bee in our garden area. Our gardening group has a 'to do list' of things we need to tackle first.

Thanks to those parents who came along on Monday to our gardening session.

The working bee will start at 2.30pm Monday and continue after school. Afternoon tea will be provided. Your children should come down to the gardening area after school at 3pm and join in.

Our garden is a wonderful place to do some gardening and have a break from daily life. It is very peaceful and connecting with others is very good for you as well.



After School Groups

There seems to have been a bit of confusion about these - lists of students participating this term and posted up in the office. A message went out on the app letting parents/carers know if you had returned a note for your child, they had been placed automatically in the groups this term.

Unfortunately we have had quite a few students who have not attended for 2 sessions so far and they will be removed from the groups (a letter will be sent home)- there is a waiting list of students who wish to join.

Reminder for K/1K and 1/2N about Sydney Zoo Excursion

Please return the permission note and \$30 payment to the office by Wednesday 10th March (next week). Please call the office if you need to organise a payment plan. **All students must**

have returned a permission note and have paid to attend the excursion.

KC Excursion - Pete the Sheep

This excursion is planned for the start of Term 2 and a note went home last week about this exciting excursion. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned to the office by the end of this term.

PBL Focus

This week we are learning to use our 'fix it fingers' to help students solve problems effectively depending on the size of the problem. We want students to be good problem solvers but to also know when to seek help from a staff member if the problem is more serious. Please talk to your children about the PBL focus and ask your children about when they would use a strategy for a particular problem they may be involved in at school. These strategies include:

- Ignore
- Walk away
- Tell the person to stop
- Tell the person if they don't stop, you will get a teacher
- Get a teacher.

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Congratulations SRC 2021

We are excited to work without student leader and SRC groups this year to ensure a strong level of student voice across the school. Well done to Denny, Awad, Ali, Sohaib, Emaan, Caesar, Viet, Jerome, Navika, Abdul Wahab, Ruby, Kelson and Kevin.

Thank you!

Thanks to parents/carers for working with us with the Covid Guidelines. For now you are not allowed on the school site unless you are taking children to/from preschool or you have an appointment.

As always please do not hesitate to discuss any matters with me. My email address is anne.davis8@det.nsw.edu.au or you can call the office to make an appointment to see me.

Miss Davis

Principal

PRESCHOOL NEWS

In P1 blue we are exploring our world. In science we have been investigating magnetism, what things in our classroom are

magnetic and not... we even made some magnetic rainbows!!! We created a rainbow ice tower – sorting coloured items to add to each layer.

As we climb on the climbing equipment we get more confident and have been to the new school playground to climb and have morning tea.

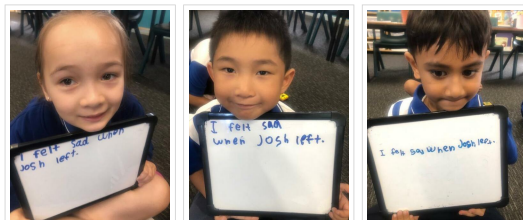
There has been lots of enthusiasm for singing and we are learning lots of songs and dances in music time. We have FUN FUN FUN everyday!



K/1K

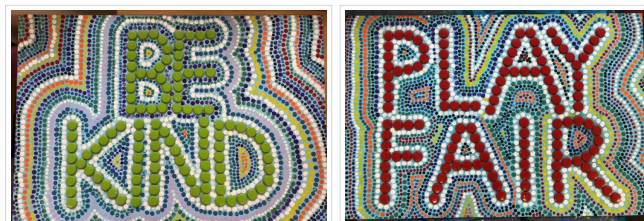
In K1K we have loved practising our balancing, forward rolls and tuck jumps during our Gymnastics lessons each week. Our Year 1's have been working very hard during InitialLit lessons. We can write 'Super Sentences', read and write lots of tricky words and use sound boxes to break up and record the phonemes (sounds) in words.

Our Kindy students have settled in very well and love participating in our daily Heggerty session where we break up syllables in words and listen for all the different sounds we can hear in words. During InitialLit lessons, our Kindy students have learnt the letter 'M' and can tell us many words that begin with the sound 'mmm'.



3R NEWS

Over the last couple of weeks, 3R created artwork that reflected our school values of Work Hard, Be Kind and Play Fair. We used bottle caps to create the words that have been stuck onto wooden boards. We included Aboriginal art techniques into the artwork to add different elements and to acknowledge the land on which we sit. Our school values of Work Hard, Be Kind and Play Fair, represent what we want to be and what we strive for every day.



4/5/6E NEWS

Students in 4.5.6E have had a very busy fortnight of learning and fun. We did some word work during Guided Reading that was based around our spelling focus of the week and learnt different strategies to add numbers together. Students had the opportunity to program Edison robots to sumo wrestle against each other in a confined space and used a sound sensor to clap control them. Caesar was awarded the Star Award after being nominated by his peers for working hard, playing fair and being kind. Congratulations to our school leaders for presenting their first assembly of the year.



OFFICE NEWS

PAYMENTS - We now accept card payments at the office.

You can also still pay with cash or via card on our website.

