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Principal's News

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Education Week 2020

'Learning together' is the theme of Education Week. This week we are celebrating how we have worked together across many years to give our students/children the best opportunities.

Over the past year, the need to 'learn together' remotely has seen the local school become the epicentre of recovery and resilience from the impact of bushfires, floods and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we cannot hold our usual open classrooms and special assembly. We will still present our special Education Week Certificates to students from each class that demonstrate our FISH values of being Fair, Inclusive Safe and Honest. These presentations will be recorded and posted up for all to see. Classes will also be preparing a short tour of their classroom and uploading it to their Blog.

Kinder 2021

If you have or know of any prospective kinders for next year that have not enrolled, please contact our school office so they can be given our school information and we can start our planning for next year. We currently cannot hold our normal Kinder Orientation Program and will let all 2021 kinder parents know how we will be addressing orientation as soon as we can.

As you would be aware, the Department of Education revised their enrolment policies last year, redefining the zoning areas for public schools. If you are in a school's drawing zone, your rights to enrolling in your local school have not changed. If you are unsure which school you are zoned in, please refer to the Department's School Finder at the below address. If you have any queries in relation to the area you are zoned in or enrolment, please contact our school office.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

Attendance

Being at school is so important for children's academic and social development. Regular attendance enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour.

If students miss out on the basic skills in the early years of school, they may experience learning problems in later years. If a student arrives 10 minutes late each day, they are effectively missing 15 minutes by the time they get to class and even more by the time they catch up with what everyone else is doing. That's easily over 1 hour a week, close to 3 days per term and more than 2 weeks in a year.

National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD collection assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools

- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

If you would like to know more about the NCCD, please visit the link below.

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/for-parents-guardians-and-carers>

Emergency Drill Practice

Today we held an emergency drill which we are routinely required to do to ensure students and staff know what to do in case of emergencies. Our practice went very well and the students are to be praised for the speed they moved to the evacuation area and for calmly waiting to be told what to do.

Matthew Rose
Principal

Weekly Class Awards

FISH: Fair Inclusive Safe Honest

	Class Awards				Term 3 Week 2
6D	Stella Andrews	Edie Fletcher	Logan Cross	Macy Griffiths	
5/6E	Lily Compton	Annika Thorne	Lacey Beale	Charley Taylor	
5M	Harriet Lassau	Demi Sullivan	Seeahla Kingston	Austin Enright	
4/5H	Jonny Andrews	Zoe Brown	Jade Berry	Ahlei Liebke	
4W	Connor Newell	Jasper Hopkins	Jade Turner	Taite Buckley	
4M	Claye Gill	Phoebe McGuinness	Zaia Ingram	Jacob Borg	
3B	Charlie Jackson	Ella Douros	Louis Reichinger	Hugo Muir	
2/3C	Blake Nye	Flynn Hough	Jasmyn Cooper	Sophie Blake	
2F	Charlee Lynch	Hayden Parker	Lachie Hanns		
1/2E	Esme Conolan	Piper Ladmore	Lulu		
1L	Kaitlyn Hart	Isla Haultain	Ellie Cook		
1D	Hugo	Cameron Jenner	Abigail Piper		
KW	Kaylee	Brock Mo'ungaloa			
KD	Ashlee Beby	Mason Keir	Hudson Whittingham	Byron Mason	

Bronze Awards



Silver Award



Stage 2 Talking Homework

From the beginning of this term years 3-4 started an Australian children's novel "Brindabella." The novel is very sensory in its descriptions and over the last couple of weeks we have been producing sensory poems relating to a number of different topics. This Thursday, we plan to venture out into the forested area adjacent to the school for crunch and sip and immerse ourselves in the different sensations of the environment.

This crosses over nicely with our HSIE "Blue Marble" unit which focuses on sustainability, life cycles and ecosystems where we have recently learned about producers, consumers and decomposers. The forested area should provide a rich smorgasbord of sensory material to draw connections and promote further discussions.

All of our poems will be complemented with a related charcoal sketch with a view to have all work displayed and published online towards the end of term 3.

Choose between....

7 line sensory poem with similes

3 stanza rhyming poem with definite rhyme sequence

What kinds of things might we see, hear, smell, touch and possibly taste in the forest?

Are these things always obvious at first?

Think about the large "Macro" and small "micro" possibilities for your poem

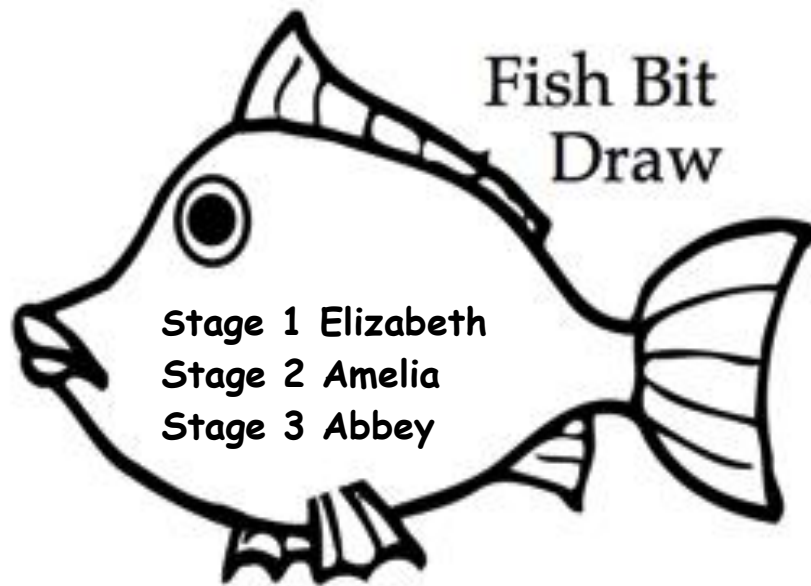
Think about similes that describe large and small.



Students are welcome to bring along a picnic rug to sit on during crunch and sip and while composing poems in the forest. If raining or overly windy, this outdoor learning will be postponed until next Thursday

Principal's Stickers

Jhett Campbell, Lulu,
Trent Willis, Eve Campbell,
Bonita Lloyd Jones,
Reef Marshall, Allirah Payne,
Angel Ziegler, Bella Cowling,
Piper Blacka, Jasper Jackson,
Jesse Bruhl



P&C News

P&C Zoom Meeting - Thursday 6th August at 7pm

The P&C are inviting anyone from the school community to participate in the next meeting. Due to the COVID-19 circumstances, we will be holding the catch up via a zoom meeting.

If you are able to participate please RSVP to courtneyfink1982@gmail.com by Wednesday so as a zoom invite can be emailed to you.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has not reopened. Orders can continue to be dropped in at the Front Office.

Thank you

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