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Term 2 Week 10 – 2nd July, 2018

Dear Parents,

Reports

Wow did that first six months of school fly! By now you would have all received your child's Semester 1 report. I was honoured to read each and every report and to hear of the amazing progress and achievements of our students. Each student has their goals set for Semester 2 and they still have plenty of work to do in the pursuit of working towards being the best person they can be, like us all.

Remember teachers HAVE to give a grade for academic performance but also know that our students are so much more than a grade. We will continue to work closely with our students, teachers and families to ensure we acknowledge and help grow the whole child to ensure each child can flourish.

If you are unable to attend parent and teacher interviews tomorrow night you are always welcome to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Facebook

Our official school Facebook page has now been running for two weeks and has so far had enormous support and positive feedback.

If you have not liked and followed the page I strongly encourage you to take a look. Our Facebook page is designed to improve communication between the school and our families as well as being a way to promote and celebrate the wonderful teaching and learning that happens at our school every day.

On Tuesday, 3rd July (Parent/Teacher Interviews), we will have a number of staff to support you to access Facebook, See Saw and the Skool Bag App. If you just ask your child's teacher or pop into the office we will be able to help. Also during your meeting make sure you sign a 'Permission to Publish' consent form to ensure we can put your child's photograph onto the Facebook page if you wish.

CALENDAR

WEEK 10

Tuesday 3rd July

·Parent Teacher Night 3.15pm – 6pm

·**NO Canteen**

Thursday 5th July

·Playgroup

·School Banking

Friday 6th July

·**LAST DAY of TERM**

·Yr 6 Fundraiser - Pyjama Party Day

·Yr 6 Fundraiser - Spider Day \$2

Term 3

WEEK 1

Monday 23rd July

·Staff Development Day

Tuesday 24th July

·Students Return

·**NO Canteen**

Thursday 26th July

·Playgroup

·School Banking



New School Times Starting Term 3

As of day 1, Term 3 our school day times have changed slightly to ensure we are adhering to our Industrial Relations obligations. Our new school times will be:

9.00am-11.00am	Class Learning Time
11.00am-11.10am	Eating Time
11.10am-11.50am	Lunchtime Play
11.50am-1.30pm	Class Learning Time
1.30pm-1.55pm	Recess
1.55pm-3.00pm	Class learning Time

The morning assembly time will look a little different as well. Monday mornings will continue to be a whole school assembly under the COLA (where we assemble now). Tuesday to Friday- there will be no morning assembly and students will meet in an area to be advised. We aim to cut down on the time taken away from the teaching and learning.

There will also continue to be a focus on students arriving on time to school. This is a lifelong skill and we thank you for your support with this.

Helping Hand

Are you or somebody you know doing it a little tough at the moment trying to make ends meet?

The Grange Public School Community prides itself on being a family who are here to look after each other.

Our school is trialling a partnership with a local agency to help support our families in accessing fresh food and groceries when in crisis.

If you or somebody you know requires a food hamper to 'tide them over' please contact Mrs Blackmore. This will be kept completely confidential and judgement free.



New P&C Office Bearers for 2018

Congratulations to the new P & C Committee.

Please welcome:

President - Liz Oddy

Vice Presidents - Lauren Thorson & Amneh Khaled

Secretary - Donna Wyatt

Treasurer - Elizabeth Sayers

Remember our P&C are here to be the voice of the entire school community. If you want your voice to be heard and you'd like to be part of something fantastic all are welcome and encouraged to attend any P&C meeting.

There will be an extraordinary meeting held this Friday 6th July at 10am in the school hall. All are welcome and the agenda for the meeting can be found on the P&C Facebook page or in the school office.

Principal's Awards

Kaman Kishore
Quinn Thorson
Rachel Thorson
Zunaira Rahman
Logan Richards
Ava Murphy
Tanwir Khan
Willow Ingrey
Mason Wyatt

Grange Achievement Award

Arnav Hebbaar

P&C Award

Holly Wyatt

Bronze Ribbon

Levi Geering
Angelica Batti

Silver Ribbon

Jordan Batterson

Gold Ribbon

Ishmat Zahan





A very heartfelt thank you from the entire school community to the outgoing P & C office bearers for all of their hard work and dedication to the students of The Grange Public School.

Community News



Thank you to everyone that had time to pop in for a quick cuppa and a chat Thursday morning, I look forward to seeing more people next week straight after the assembly bell in the hall. I am currently working on the great ideas raised and really enjoyed meeting you all. Remember I am available via email any time on rachel.otoole2@det.nsw.edu.au. If you cannot make it to a Thursday chat and you have any questions you need answered you can always email me and I will get back to you.

I have successfully been granted a generous grant from West Tigers and can now proudly announce we will definitely be having our breakfast club. Over the next coming days we will be purchasing a brand new fridge, freezer, toasters tables reusable cups, bowls plates etc to get The Grange very own breakfast club underway. I am seeking volunteers that would be able to come to school early one morning and assist with breakfast club. Please see me or shoot me an email, or leave your name at the office.

Congratulations to the new P&C committee I look forward to working with you closely to strengthen community engagement for not only our kids but the wider community.

Rachel O'Toole (Community Liaison Officer)



Students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the entire day on the last day of school (Friday 6th July).

For safety reasons please ensure children wear closed shoes, not slippers or Ugg boots.

This is a reward day to celebrate the fantastic behaviour of students. If your child is or has been on an Orange Level this term they are still encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school. These students will not be watching a movie however and will have the opportunity to work hard on some fun social skill activities with Mrs Whittles.

Home Reading

Whilst reading many of the students' reports I noticed how many students were not participating in home reading. I cannot stress strongly enough just how important home reading is in helping students to achieve in all areas of their learning. We often tell students "We learn to read at school, but we practice reading at home". All teachers ensure the books students are given for home reading are at a non-challenging level so that students can practice with ease the skills they have recently been taught. With older students, home reading becomes vital in helping with vocabulary, language structures and comprehension strategies. Home reading is not designed to be hard work for parents but an opportunity to support your child in a highly impactful way. I encourage all families to support their children through participating in the Home Reading Program. I have included a graphic which highlights the impact home reading can have on a child.

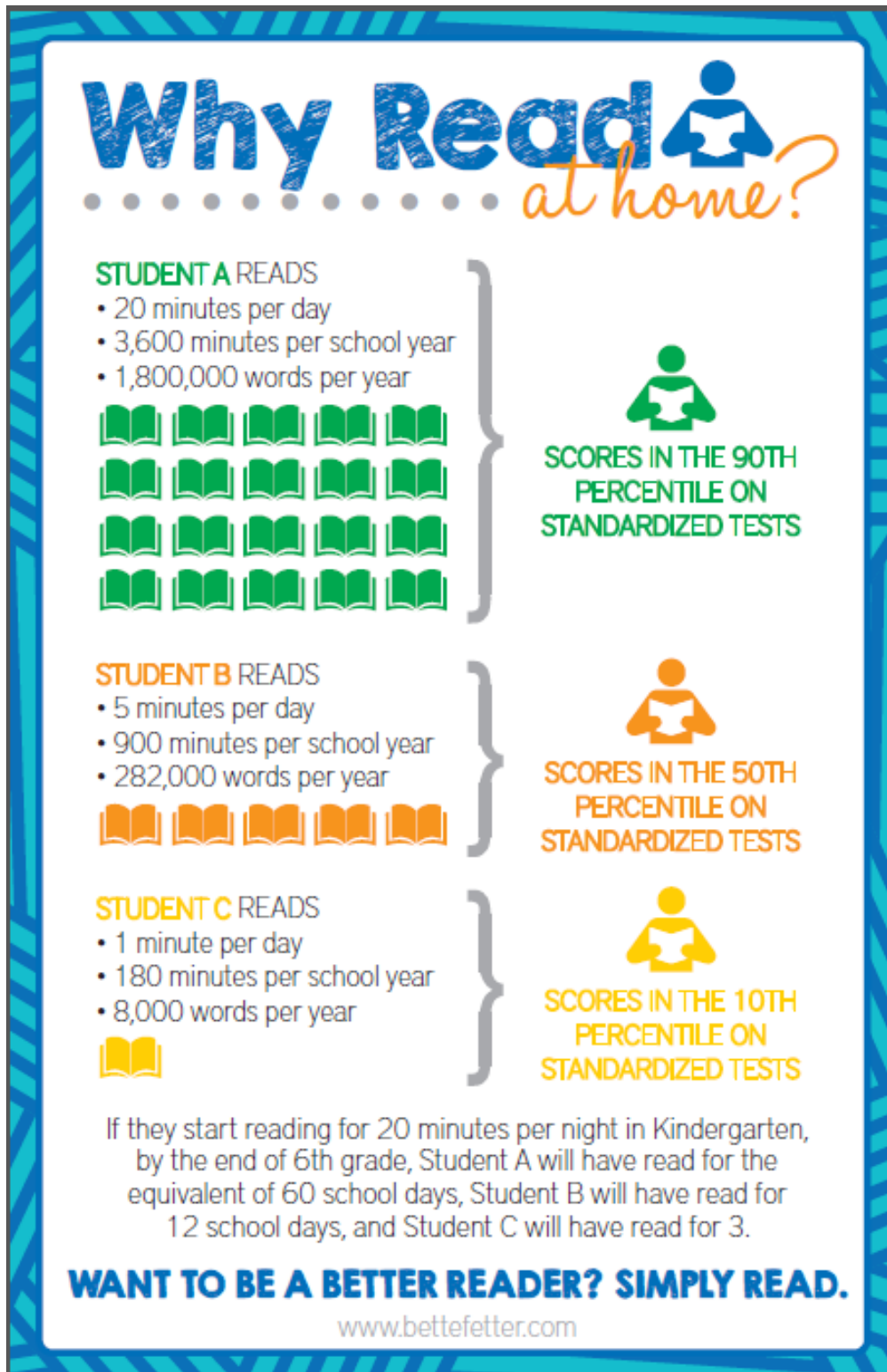


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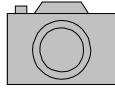


Photo Day will be in Term 3 on Tuesday 7th August. Envelopes for each child will be sent home the first day back next term Tuesday 24th July, 2018.

Please note the correct money is required if you are paying by cash.

The office is unable to provide change of any sort for this payment.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter.



OUR WEEKLY POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING FOCUS

We are Great on Respect

I am great on respect when I use the canteen correctly by:

- Waiting my turn in the right place
- Follow instructions from teachers and student monitors
- Being polite to Cheryl and other students

There will be a lot of activities for children and their families including storytime, craft and technology demonstrations...



Habits of the Mind

"Education is not learning of facts, but the training of minds to think."

-Albert Einstein

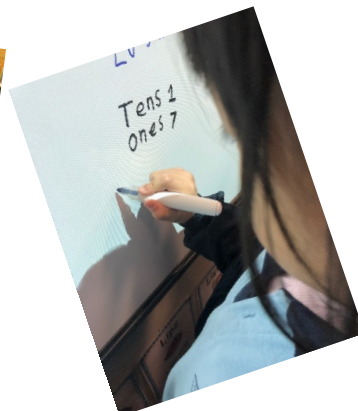
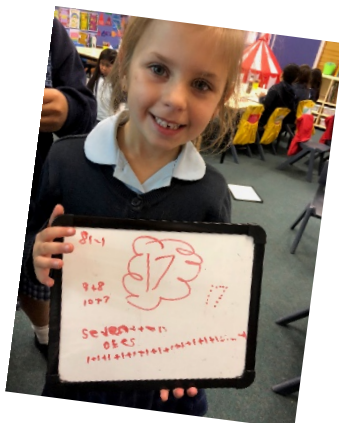
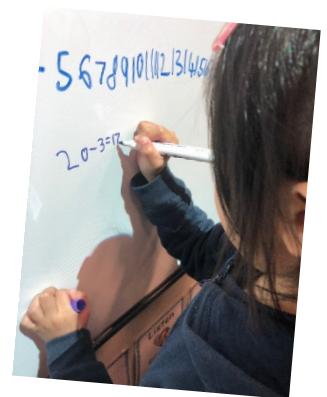
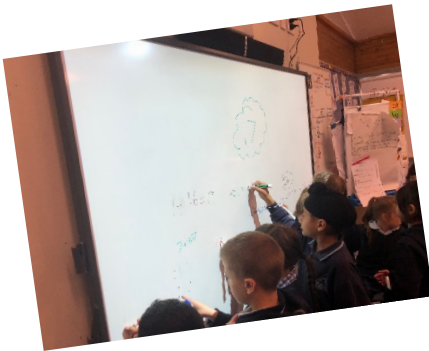
Congratulations to all of our habits of the mind award recipients.

Habits at home

How can you support your child at home?

Here are some tips and ideas to help children build a foundation for critical thinking:

- Provide opportunities for play
- Pause and wait
- Don't intervene immediately
- Ask open-ended questions
- Help children develop hypotheses
- Encourage critical thinking in new and different ways



1/2 Opal has been thinking critically and discovering new ways to make numbers. We look at ten frames, dot patterns and number combinations of numbers. For example 17 is made up of 1 ten and 10 ones or $18-1=17$.

Creating, Imagining and Innovating in 3/4 Jade

3/4 Jade are highly engaged in thinking critically and creatively about the stories and texts that we read. We pose an open question about an interesting idea or issue that we have read. We then have rich discussions on our opinions, sharing whether we agree or disagree, our evidence for our particular position, as well as listening actively to others and being able to restate their statement. Generating different ideas around an open question helps us to better think creatively, while forming reasoned opinions helps us to better think critically. Adeena and Ibrahim love having rich conversations!

