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Term 3 Week 2 – 30th July, 2018

Communication

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be an incredibly busy but exciting term. Amongst other events this term our students and community will have opportunities to participate in Book Week, Book Week Parade, Education Week, community forum dinners, Swim Scheme, school photos, community morning teas and a number of excursions amongst many, many others. As a parent it can be challenging to keep up with the vast amounts of information coming home from schools, let alone making sure permission notes are completed and sent back to school! I encourage all parents to keep an eye on the newsletter, school website or our school Facebook page to make sure you do not miss any upcoming events or cut off dates.

Due to the challenges in organising many of these events which often require minimum numbers and significant financial deposits, the school will be strictly enforcing cut off dates for permission notes and money. Please be proactive in checking all communication from the school, including searching your child's bag for notes! Spare notes are always available from the school office.

Morning Routine

You may have noticed a slight change in the morning routine. Starting this term there will only be a whole school morning assembly on a Monday morning. Every other day students will be escorted to the classroom by their teacher as soon as the bell goes. We estimate this will save approximately 80 minutes of learning time per week which I think you will agree is significant.

Teacher Development

On Monday teachers took part in some very exciting professional learning as part of our staff development day. Teachers began a new cycle of action research in a format called Learning Sprints. Teams analyse student data, including observations and actively search latest academic research and expertise of colleagues which relates to a very specific area of learning. In teams teachers devise a series of explicit, short and extremely focused interventions. Teachers conduct a pre and

CALENDAR

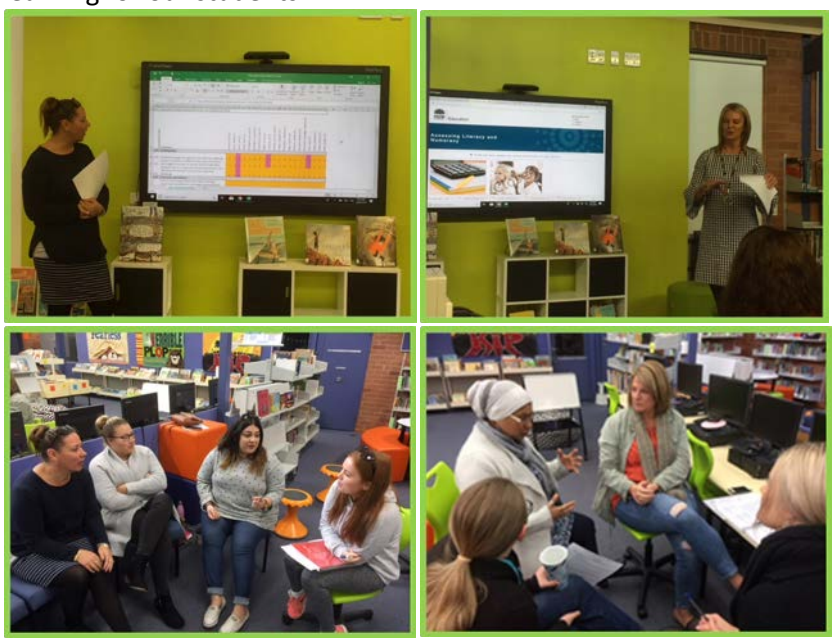
WEEK 2

Monday 30th July
·Author Visit
Tuesday 31st July
·ICAS - English
·**NO Canteen**
Wednesday 1st August
·OC Test – Macquarie Fields HS
Thursday 2nd August
·Playgroup
·School Banking
Friday 3rd August
·Assembly
·P & C Meeting 10am

WEEK 3

Monday 6th August
·Education Week
Tuesday 7th August
·Education Week
·School Photos
·**NO Canteen**
Wednesday 8th August
·Education Week
Thursday 9th August
·Education Week
·Stage 2 Botany Bay Excursion
·Playgroup
·School Banking

post-test to analyse the impact of the interventions and at the end of that cycle begin another one using this baseline data.
This style of professional learning really is widely acknowledged as best practise and we are very fortunate to have such enthusiastic teaching practitioners taking up the challenge on top of an already busy workload, all in the pursuit of delivering excellence in teaching and learning for our students.



All of the staff are looking forward to working with our students and their families to have another highly successful school term.

Kindest regards,
Gillian Blackmore
(Relieving Principal)

Each newsletter there will be practical tips and advice of how we can be healthier from *Live Life Well @ School.*

Principal's Awards
Elizabeth Faragalla
Rayid Khan
Yuan Ocampo
Nistha Saxena

Grange Achievement Award
Arabella Moa-Singh
Kaitlyn Prim
Tyler Anderson

P&C Award
Julius Tasarte
Vince Thompson

Bronze Ribbon
Sophie Davis
Adiba Kadri

Silver Ribbon
Fatima Elmasri

Book Character Parade 2018

‘Find Your Treasure’

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It’s that time of the school year again. As a way to celebrate Book Week we will be holding a **'Book Character Parade'** during **Week 5 on Monday, 27th August at 9.15a.m.**, in the hall.

For your child/children to participate in this fun event we are asking them to think about their favourite book character and to then dress up as this character. Please discuss this with your child/children in order for them to come up with a suitable character. We do not expect you to spend a lot of money on a costume, instead try to use clothes and props that you may already have at home.

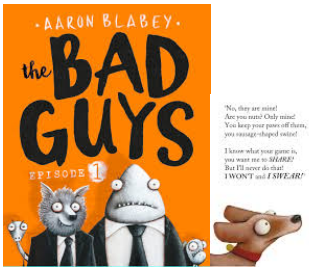
Also, please ensure that the character chosen is actually from a book and not just a television show, movie or superhero. We want to ensure that each child can participate and are assisting the children at school with regards to how they may dress as their character.

If you have any problems or concerns, please see your child’s teacher or the teacher librarian.

We are looking forward to a great parade to celebrate Book Week.

Deborah Plater

Gillian Blackmore



Teacher Librarian

Principal

Student Leadership Enrichment Program

Our student leaders have enthusiastically been developing their leadership capacity each week. We regularly reflect on and develop our leadership goals. We then bravely took up the challenge of creating a makerspace club from the ground up. While supported by Mrs Wright, the student leaders proactively and creatively planned, designed and made their makerspace through a lot of ongoing collaboration and reflection.

There was a lucky group of 20 students chosen for the makerspace club. Students experimented with airplane design and experimented with a self-sustained plant-growing system. It was a pleasure to see the leaders present as excellent mentors and role models for their peers during this time. The photos speak for themselves! The Grange is so proud of you!

Chess News

Chess Club will be returning on Thursday 16th August (Week 4) for students in Years 3 to 6. It will be held from 3.15 to 4 pm in the library. Notes will be sent out to students in Week 2.

Ms Musumeci

Chess Co-ordinator

Sacrament of Confirmation

Catholic students in the State Schools in Grade six or in High School who have already received their Sacrament of Holy Communion are due to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. An important meeting for the parents will be held on Monday 6th August at 7.30pm at the Holy Family Church, Oxford Rd, Ingleburn. Baptism certificates are required for the enrolment in the preparation program.

For inquiries, please contact Fr Peter 9605 2785

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Education Week Assembly and Open Classrooms

Please join us on **Friday, 10th August 2018 at 9.15** in the hall for our Education Week Assembly. We will also be showcasing student learning in the classroom. Afterwards you are welcome to stay for a sausage sizzle lunch with your child.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to

Jana Islam

Winner of the Year 3/4 Zone Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

CAMPBELLTOWN JUNIOR OZTAG
2018 SUMMER REGISTRATION
VICTORIA PARK, MINTO played **THURSDAYS**

Registration is being held:

Thursday 16th August 2018 4.30 – 7.00 at

Victoria Park, Minto

Comp kicks off Thursday 30th August 2018

Registration $70 per player For

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Expression of Interest for:

School Swimming & Water Safety Program

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In TERM 4 our school hopes to participate in the Sydney South-West Swimming Program. This program provides students with valuable opportunities to learn about water safety and correct stroke techniques. Details about the program are provided below:

WHERE: Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre (Bradbury)

WHEN: 5th of November to the 9th of November 2018

PRICE: $50 per child (includes transportation & lesson fees)

WHO: GRADES 2 – 4 ONLY

In order for our school to participate in this program, we will need 50 participants. If you would like your child to be a part of this valuable learning experience, please fill out the expression of interest slip below and return it to the school office ASAP.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Mia

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Expression of Interest for

School Swimming & Water Safety Program

I am in interested in my child _____

from class _____ participating in the South-West Swimming Program.

P & C NEWS

Next P & C meeting will be on Friday 3rd August, 10am after Assembly in the hall. Hope to see everyone there.

P & C Committee

Spider Day

Thank you to all the parents and students who donated ice-cream, soft drinks and cups for our spider day fundraiser. Due to the large amount of donated items, we will be holding a second small fundraiser to sell the remaining spiders.

On Tuesday 31st July (Term 3, Week 2) Stage 3 will be selling the remainder of our Spider Drinks. The cost will remain at $2. We will have a limited amount available to sell.

Thank you for your support