

Our school rules

- *Be Safe*
- *Be Respectful*
- *Be an Active Learner*

A big congratulations to the community of Woolloomooloo for the fantastic turn out at the Block Party on Saturday the 3rd June. It was great that so many community services and residents worked together and supported the event. A special congratulations to the students who performed their dance on the day. I have had a lot of feedback from the community saying how wonderful the kids were. Opportunities like this are a great way to show case the amazing talents the kids at Plunkett St Public School have.

Our next community performance will be at the Woolloomooloo Community NAIDOC Event on Saturday 8th July. This is a wonderful time where the community of Woolloomooloo come together to celebrate Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements, recognising Indigenous Australians' contributions to our country. The 2017 National NAIDOC Theme is *Our Language Matters* – look out for the students of Plunkett St in their NAIDOC t-shirts.

Juliet Sonter

Dear students, staff and families of Plunkett Street Public Street

Today the students of Plunkett Street Public Street joined more than 300,000 students across Australia to take part in the inaugural Cathy Freeman Foundation **Stomp out the Gap**.

We believe that equality in education is the key to a more equal society and that is why we have dedicated the past 10 years to helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students realise their dreams through the power of education.

But in order to keep our vision alive of an Australia where Indigenous and non-Indigenous children have the same education standards and opportunities in life, we need support from people like you. That is why your participation in Stomp out the Gap is so important.

Every dollar that is raised today will go directly into delivering our life-changing education programs to some of Australia's largest Indigenous communities.

So from all of us at the Cathy Freeman Foundation, thank you.

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Dates for the Calendar

Term 2, 2017

June

12th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15th	P-6 Sports Carnival
16th	Assembly – Uluru PSSA Sport
23rd	Semester 1 School Reports out. PSSA Sport
29th	Last Day for Preschool Books In Homes Assembly
30th	Last Day Yrs K-6

Community News

City of Sydney have teamed up with Bike Wise to run a professional-level bike maintenance course.

Week 1 - Basic Maintenance 25/5/17

Week 2 – Basic or Intermediate Maintenance 1/6/17

Week 3 – Intermediate Maintenance or Basic Riding Skills (local area) 8/6/17

Week 4 - Wider Area Riding 15/6/17

The sessions will take place at the Mary McDonald centre from 3:30-5:30pm

**Next Community BBQ is Tuesday
June 27th from 4pm-6pm. All free!**

News from Kakadu Class

A big thank you everyone who generously supported our 'Stomp out the Gap' coin challenge. We managed to raise \$ 80 , which will be used to support Indigenous education programs. The Kakadu kids had a lot of fun buddying up with their Uluru buddies to create their personal learning trees. This exercise encouraged the kids to think about their goals and consider the influences that will enable them to achieve them. They had to think about those who inspire them; the things that keep them strong and give them strength and to then consider what holds them back. The kids produced very meaningful trees and had fun with their buddies in the process. Within class we have continued our focus on persuasive writing and have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes in maths.



Safety Message

Over the next few weeks, class teachers will be reinforcing the Stranger Danger message with all students. This is a good time for parents to reinforce safety with their kids. The Department of Education *Safe People Safe Places* initiative has some recommended messages for parents to share with their kids.

Make sure your parents, or another adult you know, is aware of where you are at all times.

Know where safe places are – school, shop, police station, service station. If you are frightened go in and ask them to call the police

Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – teachers, police, adults you know and trust.

Do not talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops near you on the side of the road, keep walking.

If you are scared call **Triple Zero 000** and tell them you are scared.

If someone tries to grab you, yell out:
"Go Away, I don't know you!"
This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't

News from Uluru Class



This week we had a visit from Reverse Garbage who collect recyclable materials and use them in creative and interesting ways. We had the opportunity to think outside the box and create imaginative sculptures using a variety of materials. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle is an important message to keep our local environment healthy.

We visited Kakadu classroom this week to complete an activity for the Stomp Out the Gap initiative. We have been bringing in loose change to help support this important donation drive.

All students have been presenting speeches as part of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition this week. Next Friday at assembly two representatives from each stage will be delivering the work to an even wider audience. We can't wait to hear them!

Sport Report

This week's PSSA game was unfortunately called off to the excessive rain, but we will be back in action next Friday.

In our last match we had a major success in that we scored our first ever goal, neatly put away by Brad! With each passing game, we are making improvements in terms of our skills, teamwork and sportsmanship, and best of all we are having FUN!

This term students in Kakadu and Uluru are monitoring our 'active minutes' through involvement in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Each day we log how much physical exertion we have achieved to develop a greater understanding of the need to live a healthy and active life.



News from Preschool

As part of our focus on healthy foods and learning where food comes from, we have made our own pizzas with vegies that grow in our garden. We then invited Alexander's grandma Kam to come in for a cooking experience, where we also looked at the vegies and herbs that grow in our garden. We used curry leaves, carrot and potatoes amongst other things and the children peeled eggs for this egg curry dish. Grandma Kam then went into our kitchen and cooked while the children watched on. When it was ready everyone tried the curry and most of us liked it.

The preschoolers have also been practising writing their names and everyone is making progress. We practise every day and many children will now volunteer to write their name on their art work, such as paintings and drawings, and the whiteboard. They will often call out when they see the first letter of their name in other words or when they see a shape that resembles their letter. They are starting to become more aware of other words that start with the same letter as their name.

As many preschoolers received an award during the last assembly, we have decided to have higher expectations for star stamp rewards. This will encourage children to further develop their critical thinking skills as well as their social and physical responsibility (treating all their friends nicely, noticing nice things about their friends and packing away).



PLUNKETT STREET COMMUNITY PROJECT **FREE**

Playgroup for children 0-5 and their parent/carer

Facilitated by Plunkett Street Pre School Teacher and Case Worker from Lou's Place

Come and Play!



Every Thursday during school term
At Plunkett Street School
First playgroup for 2017 on 2 February
9:30am - 11:30am
Morning tea provided

