

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

We are now half way through term 3 and all students are engaged in some amazing classroom activities. During term 3 our whole school focus is Project Based Learning and this term the students have been engaged in learning activities around Sydney Harbour. The senior class are looking at the environmental impact man has made in and around the harbour, and the junior class are developing a life sized Monopoly game, showing all the amazing tourist attractions Sydney Harbour has to offer. The Preschool class are sailing beyond Sydney Harbour, and travelling to many countries around the world.

Over the next two weeks we will be inviting prospective parents into the school for an information session about starting kindergarten. If you know of anyone with school aged children for 2018, please let them know. The two sessions will take place on Tuesday 22nd August and Tuesday 5th September. Both will run from 10-11am in the COLA. The session will cover the topics of school readiness and the kindergarten curriculum and will include a tour of the school.

On Friday 25th of August we will hold our annual Book Week Parade, in the Preschool playground. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Immediately following the parade, parents are invited to join me for a parent morning tea and forum. The purpose is to discuss and get feedback on current school programs and to begin the journey of deciding the future direction for the school. I would encourage all families to participate, as it is a great way to have a say in your child's education. The forum will take place in the COLA from 10am on Friday 25th August.

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Dates for the Calendar Term 3, 2017

August

22nd	Kindy 2018 Parent Information Session – 10am
25th	Assembly – Book Week Parade
25th	Parent Meeting – All Welcome
26th	Community BBQ – 4pm
28th	NAPLAN Online Readiness Test
30th	Musica Viva
31st	STEPS – Eye testing for Preschool

September

5th	Kindy 2018 Parent Information Session – 10am
8th	Assembly - Uluru

Community BBQ Dates

Tuesday 25th July
Tuesday 29th August
Tuesday 26th September
Tuesday 31st October
Tuesday 28th November
From 4pm – All Free

News from Kakadu Class

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Kakadu. In literacy, we have been writing our own stories inspired by the book *Alexander's Outing* by Pamela Allen. We will be publishing these stories in our very own class book. In maths, we have been learning about area and the strategies we can use to measure and compare the areas of different surfaces.

Last week we were lucky enough to be involved in the Sydney Science Festival at the Australian Museum. We learnt a lot about Dinosaurs and how our very own school chickens evolved from a T-Rex! We learnt about solar energy and we were fortunate to be able to create our own eruptions! During the Science Show we learnt how fidget spinners work.



Fruit & Veg Month 2017



Plunkett Street has registered for the fun of Fruit & Veg Month.

Fruit & Veg Month 2017 runs for the last 4 weeks of Term 3, Monday 28th August to Friday 22nd September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities, which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

If you require more information regarding the activities we will be doing for Fruit & Veg Month, please contact Miss Butler.

News from Uluru Class

Last week Uluru attended the Australian Museum to celebrate National Science Week. The students had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of hands-on activities and watched a series of amazing scientific demonstrations. We learnt about all sorts of scientific concepts from robotics, computer coding and electrical circuits, to biology, gravity and climate change. It was fantastic to see our students so engaged and excited about the vast field of science! During our lunch break, we also had the opportunity to visit the ANZAC memorial in Hyde Park. The students took a great interest in listening to the stories of war veterans and the significance of the monument.



SPORT

Sadly, this is our last week of PSSA soccer for the year. The teachers are all so proud of the effort that everyone on the team has put in. Through their involvement, the students have bonded as a team, enjoyed meeting students from other schools and improved their fitness and technical soccer skills. Our season has been a major success and we are very proud to have also scored a win and a draw to finish off our season. The students would like to thank Constable Ann and coach Bruno for helping us out so much. We cannot wait to get back on the field next season!

Welcome To Plunkett Street

Beau Salwin Student Teacher

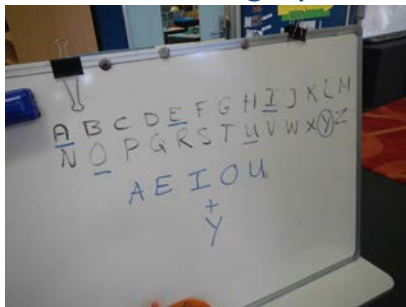
My name is Beau and I'm a student teacher from the University of New England. I will be working in the year 3 to year 6 class for the next 4 weeks with Mr B. I have studied and worked in medical science/research before deciding to make the change to teaching. I look forward to learning how to be a great teacher with the students of Plunkett St Primary.



News from Preschool

As the preschoolers continue their 'trip around the world' we have been looking at compasses and directions. We have learned that there are four directions: North, East, South and West, and that a compass tells us where North is. If we have to go North but we are going South, the compass will tell us that we have to turn around. The children made swords out of construction toys, as all pirates have swords. They have also made jellyfish – creatures we'd see during our trip - out of paper plates, which encouraged them to focus on a task as well as to be creative.

We are also learning about ways to communicate. We read a pirate book where pirates wrote letters, invitations and even sent postcards from their holiday destinations. The children are getting quite interested in words and have tried making words with magnetic letters on the whiteboard. As they asked Miss Marny what the words said, we ended up having a discussion about which letters make words. Miss Marny explained that every word needs one of the magic letters (vowels). We looked at the magic letters in everyone's name and even Jade's mum's name, as she walked in. Jade apparently found the discussion so interesting that she didn't want to go yet. "I want to learn more," she said.



PLUNKETT STREET COMMUNITY PROJECT **FREE**

Playgroup for children 0-5 and their parent/carers

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

