

## *Our school rules*

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

Dear Families,

Next week is the last week of term 3, 2017. We have had a very busy term, and a lot has been accomplished. Students in K-6 have all been involved in Project Based Learning activities based on the topic of Sydney Harbour. This has involved historical research, investigating present uses of the harbour, and looking at human impact on the waterways, flora and fauna. Very impressive!!

If you have not had the chance to respond to the Tell Them From Me parent survey, I encourage you to do so. This is a great way for schools to get feedback on current programs, and provide insight into future directions. The parent survey can be found at:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/plunkett>

Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy term at Plunkett Street Public School. All students in K-6 will be taking part in two weeks of intensive swim school. The sessions begin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October and continue every day until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. The school successfully applied for a grant to cover the cost of swimming for every student, so all they need are swimming costumes, towels, hats and sunscreen. Goggles are a great idea too. You will receive more information in week 1 term 4.

For those Preschool students entering into kindergarten at Plunkett Street Public School in 2018, four kindergarten transitions sessions will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. More details to come.

I would like to thank the community of Plunkett Street Public School for the great support during the term and look forward to seeing you for a very busy term 4. All students return on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

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## Dates for the Calendar

### Term 3, 2017

#### September

20th	K-6 visit to Northbridge PS
21st	Last day of Preschool for term 3
22nd	Assembly – Kakadu and K-6 dance performance 9:30am
22nd	Last day K-6 Term 3

#### October

9th	Students and staff return to school term 4
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swim School starts K-6 every day for 2 weeks
26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Transitions 9:30-10:30

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CYNDELL**  
**OUR**  
**DEADLY KID**  
**2017**



# News from Kakadu Class

Over the last two weeks in Kakadu we have created our very own class book based on the story Hairy Maclary. The children had great fun creating their own dog characters and giving them a rhyming name. We hope to get the chance to share this with you next week in Assembly.

Our creative writing project with Sydney Story Factory came to an end this week and the children enjoyed binding their own books. The children will keep their books in school until next week, to share with their Macquarie Bank reading buddies. They have created some very interesting journeys down the Parramatta River to the Harbour.

Yesterday we received letters from our Northbridge Public School Buddies. There was a lot of excitement and we all wrote a letter back introducing ourselves. The children are all looking forward to meeting their buddies next Wednesday and visiting a different school.



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

This fortnight the students of Uluru finished writing their adventure narratives with the Sydney Story Factory. To complete the process the class collated and bound their stories resulting in impressive final products.

Yesterday we had a visit from the Australian Museum. Our guests spoke to us about indigenous perspectives of Sydney Harbour. We learnt about native flora and fauna, language groups, tools and weapons. It was a highly engaging and authentic way for our students to gain deeper knowledge of the history and geographical importance of our local environment.

Next Wednesday we will be visiting Northbridge Public School to watch a special performance of Aladdin and participate in an inter-school sport competition. It will be a great opportunity for our students to meet children from other schools and explore new parts of Sydney. What a great way to close out our term!



**Please contact the school if your child is going to be absent for the day. A written note, explaining the absence needs to accompany your child back to school.**

Everybody has a responsibility to help children

**Families, carers, the student, the school and the community**

All kids in NSW must go to school by the time they turn 6. They must go to school or be involved in training or employment up to the age of 17. The law says they must attend school **EVERYDAY**.

If they do not go to school they will fall behind in their learning. Children who go to school every day do better and have more opportunities.

**Missing school matters and every day counts**

**If kids go to school...**



# News from Preschool

## Homecoming

The preschoolers are almost at the end of their imaginary journey. A visit to the Netherlands (Dutch treats and a song) and Colombia (learning a Spanish song) are still to come, but then it is time to return to Australia. During our journey we have learned about boats, crews, sea creatures, languages, directions (N, E, S, W) and food! We would like to thank Erni, Dora, Kam and Adriana, Ai and Ayoko, Katy, Landresse and Katherine for teaching us about their countries of origin: Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Japan, England, Cameroon and Colombia. The children are able to match the greeting with the student in our class from that background and excitedly sing our 'hello song'.

We have looked at distances between countries and found that Colombia seemed quite far away from Australia when we looked at a (flat) map. However, when we looked on the globe and went in the other direction (East instead of West) it was suddenly a lot closer. This led to a discussion about our planet and the fact that our world is round. Some children, including Benji and Evander, regularly quote 'North, East, South and West' while they move their arms around to demonstrate these (cardinal) directions.

The many books about oceans, sailing and travelling that we read as part of our theme have also helped the preschoolers to learn more about the English language. We have learned that magic letters (vowels) are needed to make words and that the word 'the' (which we recognise and even write) is used in front of a 'noun'. Marques even noticed the numbers on the book pages, which led to an increased understanding of print concepts.



## 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

