



# Plunkett Street News

**Term 1**  
**Week 5, 2018**

## *Our school rules*

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

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through term 1. There has been a lot of learning going on.

All of the kindergarten students have participated in the Best Start Assessment. All schools in NSW use this assessment to identify each student's literacy and numeracy skills at the beginning of Kindergarten. The information helps teachers personalise learning for each student. Next week all Kindergarten families will receive feedback regarding their child.

Each week we have a whole school Positive Behaviour for Learning focus where everyone learns the expected behaviours in the various settings at school, and the school rules. All students are responding very positively to this and we are seeing a very settled school.

Plunkett St Public School is very lucky to have extremely active community members. Our students benefit from these positive relationships. This week our Macquarie Bank reading Buddies program started. Each student from K-6 is buddied up with a two Macquarie bank employees who come and visit on alternate weeks. This is a great time for students to have one on one reading. Next week students from St Marys Cathedral College will begin weekly scripture classes from K-6.

Volunteers from Salesforce will be working hard in the Preschool playground over the next few weeks, to help us refresh the space for our kids.

The staff have been working hard on the new three year School Plan and I would like to invite all parents and carers to join me for our first parent meeting for 2018 on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April directly following the assembly. We will have a look at the School Plan 2018-2020 and discuss the implications over the next three years. Please let me know if you have any other items to put on the agenda.

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## Dates for the Calendar

### Term 1, 2018

#### March

9th	Assembly - Kakadu 9:30
21st	Harmony Day - Food Festival
23rd	Assembly - Preschool 9:30
29th	Easter Hat Parade - 9:30
30th	Good Friday Public Holiday

#### April

2nd	Easter Monday Public Holiday
6th	Assembly - Jenolan and BIHA Parent Meeting following assembly
12th	Last day of the term for Preschool
13th	Last day of the term K-6

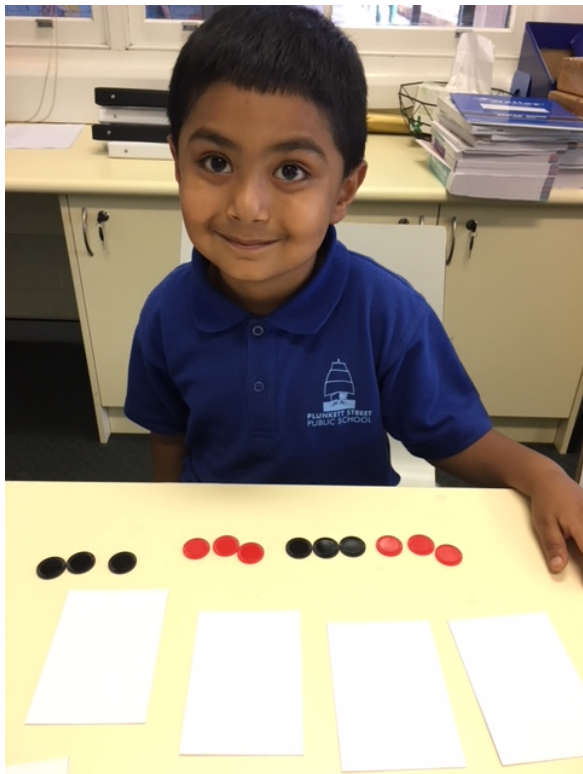


# News from Kakadu Class

Wow...time really does fly in Kakadu! It's been a busy couple of weeks and the children have been super active. Our weekly dance sessions have started and the children have enjoyed practicing their dance moves. Some of the children met their Macquarie Bank reading buddies on Wednesday and enjoyed sharing their chosen books. The other half of the group will meet their buddies next week. Over the fortnight we have been practicing our independent skills and the children are getting much better at managing themselves and their belongings e.g. lining up in lines when they hear the bell, remembering their hats, putting lunch boxes away and zipping bags. Can you please remind your child to put their 'crunch and sip' in the white box when they arrive at school, this will save a lot of time in the mornings...thank you.

In our curriculum activities, we have learnt the word 'I' and have made several sentences about ourselves. We have been using the letter sounds we know to create words, which sparked a very interesting conversation about 'tree sap'! In maths, we are continuing to explore everything we know about individual numbers. This week we have talked about time and the times of the day...what time of day comes before and after lunch. The children have been sequencing events in their own days.

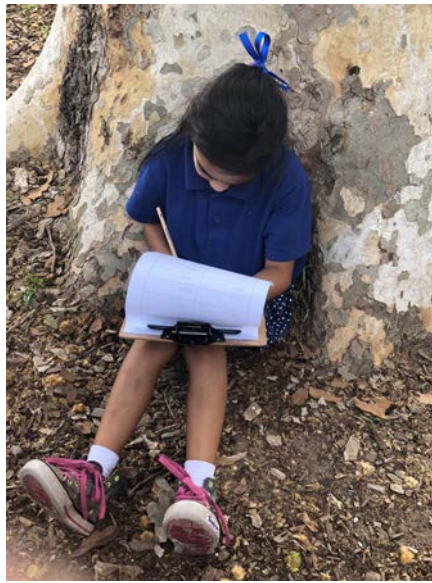
Next week in history, we will start to look at how we have changed. If you have any baby photos of your child, could you please send them to school for us to share in class. I am happy to photocopy any, as I know they are super precious. If you prefer please feel free to email a digital photo to our school email address [plunketstr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:plunketstr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) the link can be found on our school website. Secondly we're planning on creating with used cereal boxes, if you have any empty ones in your cupboards or recycling please drop them off at school.





# News from Uluru Class

Uluru class has really started to get into the swing of things with all working so hard. In Science we went on a playground safari and looked and found all the living and non living things in our school.



Everyone loves going to tennis and our skills are improving so much. We are challenging each other and coming up with some amazing shots. We have been practicing our fitness to get ready for the cross country race at the end of the term as well as cricket every Monday afternoon.



# News from Jenolan Class

As we approach the halfway point of the term, Jenolan class has been hard at work in all subject areas.

In science we are learning about Living Things, investigating how scientists classify creatures and plants based upon specific characteristics. We are investigating our school environment as well as far flung places around the world to examine how plants and animals adapt and survive. In history the class is learning the cultural importance of the Australian gold rush. Students are able to describe how multiculturalism developed through this period as well as how the country's population spread geographically in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Last week on our visit to the State Library we learnt about the history of book making and were able to look at old parchment. We started to design decorative fonts that were an important element of publishing in the past.

This week many parents and students have come in to speak with Mr Bendersky and set goals for academic and social elements of school. This has helped students to take responsibility for their learning and stretch themselves to achieve stronger results. If you have not been able to make it in yet, please contact the school to set up an appointment.





# News from Preschool

Since week 2 the Pinnacles have been working on self-portraits. They have looked at themselves in the mirror and they have looked at what is different between themselves and others. We have discussed eye colour, hair colour and skin colour. We have been making self-portraits with paint, charcoal, watercolours and crayons, and have been colouring in our own photos. Often the children want to do another portrait, as they seem to like to make themselves look different or more like their real selves. They are experimenting with creative expression!



As we put the paintings up and the children can see them, some children started counting them. They are copying us - as we always count the children when we take them to the chicken coop or to the COLA – and seem to understand that you can only count one person once. As they copy us, they are revisiting ideas and extending their skills as they now practise counting higher numbers. As we practise and repeat, all children are participating and learning. We now often find children demonstrating their counting skills with great one-to-one correspondence.

## 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



# Community News



## Community BBQ

Now held the last Friday of  
every month. All Welcome!

