



Plunkett Street News

Term 3
Week 7, 2018

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

We have had another busy couple of weeks with lots of engaging programs and activities taking place. This week we welcomed 10 Year 6 students, and their teachers, from Moree East Public School who were visiting Sydney. Last week the Year 5 and 6 kids participated in a CPR workshop delivered by two emergency care doctors from CPR For Life. Both doctors remarked how engaged and interested our students were during the workshop. Well done!

Next Friday 14th September there be a Parent Meeting immediately following the school assembly at 10am in the COLA. The purpose of the meeting is to chat about current school programs and achievements and to talk about the upcoming annual Family Fun Day, which will take part on Saturday 3rd November from 10am - 3pm. Come along and have your say.

This month the school is participating in the *Tell Them From Me Survey*, which is an online survey system that helps schools capture the views of students, teachers and parents by offering them an opportunity to provide feedback on school programs. The staff and the senior class students will complete the survey at school. Parents are asked to complete the online survey by logging in to:

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

The survey is open from 27th August to 26th October.

Each year schools are asked to nominate an Aboriginal student who has outstanding attendance, is a diligent worker, is a positive role model and displays citizenship. Congratulations to Matilda Moy in Year 5 who has been selected to receive the 2018 Deadly Kids Award at UTS on Friday 7th September. We are very proud of Matilda.

Thank you
Juliet Sonter

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Dates for the Calendar

Term 3 and 4, 2018

September

14th	Assembly - Preschool
14th	Cake Stall Fundraiser
14th	Parent Meeting – 10am after assembly
21st	Year 1-6 visit to Northbridge PS
27th	Last day for Preschool students
28th	Last day for K-6 students

October

15th	Students Return
29th	School Swim Scheme Years 1-6
	Week 1 - 29 th Oct – 2 nd September
	Week 2 - 5 th Nov – 9 th November



**Congratulations Matilda our
Deadly Kids Award
recipient for 2018.**

News from Kakadu Class

It has been another jam packed fortnight in Kakadu. Our class butterflies hatched from their chrysalises' and we were able to find some sunny moments in the day to release them. The children used reference books to identify their variety and enjoyed watching them take their first flight. Back in class, we enjoyed making edible butterflies to help us learn about their anatomy. During our gardening session last week we all planted flower seeds. Over the week, we have been watering and caring for them in the hope they will soon sprout and we can plant them out in our butterfly garden.

Inside the classroom, we have been talking about safety and how we keep ourselves safe when out and about in the community. Last week we were fortunate to have a visit from Senior Constable Ann from Kings Cross Police Station, who spoke to us about her job and how she keeps people safe. She also familiarized the children with the helpful symbols to look out for if they ever need help; what to do if they feel unsafe and how to safely cross a road with an adult. The children were all really interested and we have many aspiring Police Officers in Kakadu!



News from Uluru Class

A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to attend a Seven Steps writing course where I have been able to use this knowledge to incorporate into my class writing program. The Uluru kids have really picked up on this new and exciting way of narrative writing. The stories they are creating in class are so amazing to see, and everyone is excited to share their work.

Over the past few weeks, we have been participating in weekly soccer lessons with Sydney FC. Uluru kids have become so more confident with their ability, and have all learnt some new soccer skills.

During art, we experimented with chalk pastels. We have created some amazing pieces of art of Uluru. Our classroom is full of the kids amazing artwork which showcases their artistic talent. Feel free to come in and check out your child's artwork around the classroom.



Community News

Contact - Claire at Hope St on 8061 1508

GYMNASTICS TRY OUTS!

22ND SEPTEMBER
11AM - 12:30PM
@PCYC City Of Sydney

Call 9360 5835 to register your child
-Limited spaces-

WHAT IS NILS?

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) provides individuals and families on low incomes access to safe, fair and affordable credit.

NO FEES
NO INTEREST
NO CHARGES

Loans for amounts of up to \$500 are available for essential goods and services. Once your NILS application is approved, repayments are set up at an affordable amount for 12 to 18 months.

No credit checks are made as this program is based on trust and respect.

HOW NILS WORKS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

With affordable repayments and a respectful assessment process, NILS works through a process of circular community credit. When a borrower makes a repayment to NILS, funds are then available to someone else in the community.

NILS loans are available through local community organisations across Australia, supported by Good Shepherd Microfinance.



DO I QUALIFY FOR NILS?

To qualify you must:

- ✓ Have a Health Care Card/Pension Card or be on a low income (take home income of \$45,000 per year for individuals and \$60,000 per year for joint applicants)
- ✓ Have lived at your current address for more than three months
- ✓ Show a willingness and a capacity to repay

WHAT ARE THE LOANS FOR?

NILS loans can be used for essential goods and services.

These may include:

- Household items such as furniture, fridges, washing machines, stoves, dryers, freezers and heaters
- Medical and dental services
- Educational essentials such as laptops, tablets and text books
- Car repairs and tyres

"It gave me confidence to know that the loan (NILS) was there, especially with the car rego and insurance."

Joan, Gosford City NILS client

News from Jenolan Class

Last week our PSSA soccer competition came to a close. The whole school is super proud of how the team performed and through perseverance, learning new skills with our Sydney FC coaches and refining these with practice at lunch times, we have had another successful season.

In writing, the class has been developing skills using Tightening Tension and Exciting Endings techniques from our 7 Steps to Writing Success program. With these students are learning to use the human senses to create prolonged passages of descriptive writing to develop suspense. By ensuring that stories conclude in interesting ways, Jenolan students are developing a greater understanding of the need to produce quality writing from start to finish.

On Wednesday, our class had the pleasure of hosting a group of Yr 6 students from Moree East PS who were visiting Sydney with their teachers for the week. We spend a great morning with them making gozlemes with ingredients sourced from our garden before we took them on a walking tour up to Mrs Macquarie's Chair.

A reminder that next Friday our Year 6 students will be holding a cake store to fundraiser for end of year activities. We ask that each family in the school bring in a baked cake or treat to donate to the cause and that each student bring along no more than \$5 to buy some of these.





Cake Stall



Year 6 Fundraiser
14th September, 2018



Each family please make a
yummy cake, cupcakes,
lamingtons or anything else
scrumptious!

Students from all classes
may bring in up to \$5 to
purchase some of these

Bring in to school on the
Friday morning



News from the Pinnacles class

Architects and builders

As part of our building project, the children have looked at shapes. They are not only learning the names of the shapes, but are also able to identify them in buildings and their environment. A shape search outside led to an increased awareness of shapes and of how they can be manipulated into patterns or new shapes. Sasha made an oval out of two objects. Atticus made two triangles in a diamond and Anthony turned a rectangle into two squares.

Looking at shapes is also helping the children to understand how a building is created – ground level and top level – and how to make representations of buildings using these shapes. A recent collage activity showed some interesting developments.

In the mean time in our construction site, the children continue to be busy builders. They work individually and in teams, creating towns and roads with blocks and Lego. They make amazing creations and keep on challenging themselves to make something different. Hugo is getting very good at 'just trying again' after a building falls apart. This also inspires others and creates resilience as well as the ability to work with drafts. This is not unimportant if you want to be an architect, which is many children's (Anthony, Katie, Kenzie, Mitsu and Wade) current ideal job according to a recent survey. One of our favourite stories about an architect (Iggy Peck) might have something to do with that.



COME & PLAY!

PLUNKETT STREET COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

It's free!

For children up to 5 years

9.30 - 11.30am

Every Thursday during the school terms

Morning Tea provided

Meet at the Plunkett St Primary School COLA

