

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

We have had a few very busy weeks at Plunkett St Public School. Our community has shown amazing support for the students and the programs that we are implementing at our school. Our Art Show was a great success, as was our family Fun Day. A big thank you to the staff that volunteered to make it such a successful day. Thank you also to the Fairweather family who are always a great support to our school.

We have just completed our first week of Swimming Lessons. Again the staff must be congratulated for their dedication to this program. As you can imagine, ensuring all students K-6 arrive back to school safely after swimming – with all of their own clothes on – is a feat in itself! All students have already shown growth in their swimming capabilities and their behaviour has been exceptional. Please remember there is one more week left of swimming so keep those swimming bags packed

Coming Up:

- Kindergarten 2020 transition
- Years 4-6 to Surf School at Manly Beach every Monday for 4 weeks.
- Animal of the Dreaming – Friday 15th November
- Presentation Day - Monday 16th December

Many students are arriving at school without a hat. At Plunkett St Public School we have a policy that all kids must wear a hat outside, or they need to play in the shade, under the awning. This is particularly important now the weather is getting warmer and the sun is getting stronger. If you need to purchase a school hat, they are for sale in the office for \$10.

Thank you
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Plunkett St Art Show

Dates for the Calendar

Term 4, 2019

November

1st	Kindy orientation Session 2
7th	Kindy orientation Session 3
8th	Kindy orientation Session 4
8th	Assembly – Kakadu and Uluru
11th	Surf School session 1
15th	Animals of the Dreaming
18th	Surf School session 2
22 nd	Assembly – Jenolan and Coraki
25th	Surf School session 3

December

2nd	Surf School session 4
6th	Assembly – Books In Homes
16 th	Presentation Day Assembly
18th	Last day of school

No Hat
Play in the shade

News from Kakadu Class

Welcome back to Term 4...and what a busy start to the term it has been! Swim school has been the ultimate highlight of the week and the Kakadu kids have led the school to and from the swimming pool. The kids have been graded and split into swimming groups and are all having lots of fun practising their swimming skills.

Please note that after chatting to a few parents, I have decided not to send homework home over the swimming fortnight. Please use this time to practise those important personal & social skills of dressing, organising their swimmers and taking care of their belongings. If you have a homework folder at home that hasn't been returned to school please return it, ready for week 5.

Back in the classroom we have been focussing on informative texts in Literacy and the children have been finding out lots about Koalas. In maths we have been learning about money and 3D shapes.

We also welcomed the new Kindergarten 2020 kids into Kakadu class this week...the Kakadu kids were excellent big buddies!



News from Uluru Class

We are back into the swing of school and looking forward to all the fun opportunities term 4 will bring us.

We have had our turn in the garden with our lovely gardening buddies and caught up on some watering. Some kids also found and picked some juicy sweet strawberries that we could all share.

Last week in mathematics we looked at money. Everyone was very clever at recognizing and remembering the coins and notes and then adding money together to get the right amount. They will all be very big helpers at the shops!

Everyone in Uluru class have been enjoying the first week of swimming and I have noticed improvements and confidence in the water by everyone in only one week!



News from Jenolan Class

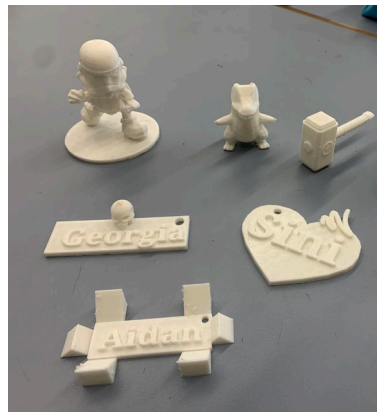
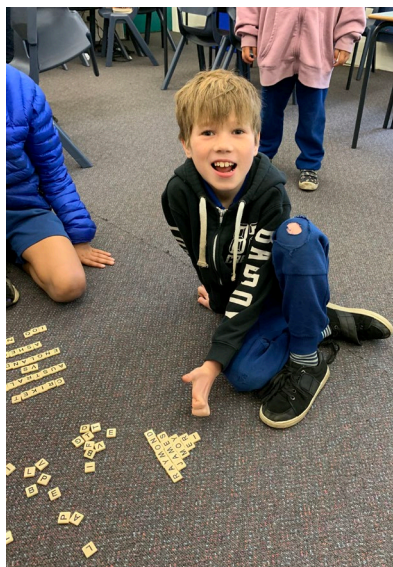
We can't believe we are already into the last term of the year! What a fantastic year it has been so far and we are looking forward to enjoying our last term before our well-earned Christmas holidays.

We have started with a bang this term by already having our magnificent art show, hosting the family and community day, starting our two week swimming program and engaging in lots of other learning at school.

Jenolan's writing focus this term is improving our abilities in creating information based texts. We have already started researching an animal of our choice which we will be presenting through an information report and some are looking very interesting. We are continuing to develop our reading, speaking and listening skills through a range of fun activities. All students should have begun preparing their speeches at home so they can begin practicing and polishing it before presenting to the class.

Our 3D printer has arrived this term and we are having a great time creating 3D files online and turning them into real objects. If anyone wants to continue making 3D creations at home, everyone has access to the Tinker Cad website so please explore the program to see what we are working with.

Our weekly music lessons have been great fun recently with a focus on singing. In week 10 assembly, Kakadu, Uluru, Jenolan and Coraki will be performing a range of musical pieces that will include singing, guitars, keyboards and percussion so please do your best to come along to celebrate our student's musical progress and the end of the school year.



News from Coraki Class

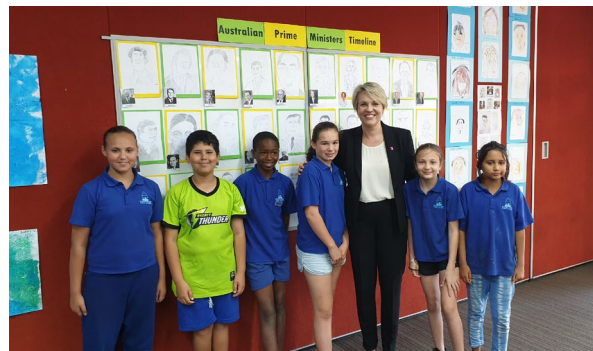
Term 4 has begun with a bang! Our students have been involved in so many great learning opportunities so far.

Coraki was involved in a workshop organised by local ArtSpace with visiting artists Isabel and Alfredo Aquilizan from the Philippines. The aim of the project was to recreate the 'street' basketball hoops and backboards seen in areas of hardships, recognising the ingenuity of using found and recycled objects to produce a social opportunity for play and community interaction. Our students showed great communication and teamwork with amazing results. The final installations can be seen at the Woolloomoolivn' event tomorrow. Check it out!

Continuing on the theme of creativity, our annual Art Show again was a great opportunity for our students to share their artistic skills with the wider community. Coraki enjoyed touring local MP Tanya Plibersek around our show.

This term's Story Factory project is based around the idea of inventions. Our class encountered a series of interesting artefacts this week, learning to express their opinions to justify which inventions they feel have most greatly influenced our world. Also in writing this term we are focussing on developing greater complexity in our sentence structure by linking shorter clauses together to create more detailed and substantial passages.

A reminder that in-class speeches of up to 3 minutes are due in week 5. The topic is free choice, and speeches should be well rehearsed and presented using palm cards.



News from the Pinnacles

Over the past few weeks back at preschool, the children have had an interest in 'frogs'. This interest was sparked after reading a book titled 'Somewhere in Australia' by Marcello Pennacchio an Australian animal counting book which features a green tree frog in the Blue Mountains. We then spent some time discussing the green tree frog during our yarning circle with Miss Bree sharing some photographs of green tree frogs on her doorstep at home.

We have also read the book 'The Little Corroboree Frog' by Tracey Holton-Ramirez which taught us that the corroboree frog is an endangered species and the children were very concerned about the pollution in the water and understood how this rubbish could hurt the frogs. We learned some facts from this book about the corroboree frog, such as; that they only grow to 3cm long and it takes them 4 years to reach this size when they become an adult and that they mostly eat ants and beetles that reside on the ground so they have no need to hop they crawl!



PLUNKETT STREET COMMUNITY PROJECT **FREE**

Playgroup for children 0-5 and their parent/carer

Facilitated by Plunkett Street Early Learning Educator and Lou's Place.

With free play, story and music time.

Come and Play!



Every Thursday during school term

At Plunkett St School COLA

9:30am-11:30am



Community News

