



Plunkett Street News

Term 4
Week 5, 2019

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all of our students for their exemplary behaviour during our two weeks of swimming. We had amazing feedback from the Department of Education Swim School teachers, who have taught our kids for the last 7 years, saying that this group of Plunkett St kids were the best group ever!

The two weeks of swimming gave the teachers a great insight into the swimming capabilities of our senior students, enabling us to confidently enrol them in Surf School. We had our first session at Manly Beach on Monday 11th and every single child had a go and stood up on the surf board! It was really impressive.

The school is still working hard on the playground upgrade. As you know Russel Crowe donated money for new playground equipment and Sydney Water are very generously donating money to fund our nature play area. Both of these designs will be shown to parents at our next Parent Meeting on Friday 22nd November at 10am – immediately following the assembly.

Thank you for your patients while the automatic gate system was repaired. It is now operational. Please remember that the Dowling St gates lock at 9:30am and the Forbes St gates lock at 9:45 in the morning. If you arrive after that time, please push the buzzer on the wall.

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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Manly Beach Surf School

Dates for the Calendar

Term 4, 2019

November

15th	Animals of the Dreaming
18th	Surf School session 2
22 nd	Assembly – Jenolan and Coraki
22 nd	Parent Meeting – 10am
25th	Surf School session 3

December

2 nd	Surf School session 4
6 th	Assembly – Books In Homes
16 th	Presentation Day Assembly 2-3pm
16 th	BBQ Lunch 1-1:45 – All Welcome
18 th	Last day of school

January 2020

29 th	K-6 students return to school
30 th	Preschool students return

No Hat
Play in the shade

News from Kakadu Class

Last week saw the end of swim school, a relief to many I'm sure, but it was definitely worth everyone's hard work and dedication! Not only did the children have lots of fun, they all improved in the water and learnt some very valuable life-saving skills, which will help to keep them safe when in and around water.

This week's highlight was the Koala Hunt around the Botanic Gardens and we were lucky to have the perfect weather. The hunt took us around a majority of the garden and I am pleased to announce that we found all 22 Koalas! Each one of these beautiful sculptures tells a very unique story about the conservation of not only Koalas but other species and the importance of caring for and preserving our natural world.

Back in the classroom we have been learning about the length of objects and have been busy measuring and comparing the length of objects including ourselves! The children have been learning the most appropriate vocabulary that describes the length of something.



News from Uluru Class

Well done all the Uluru students who successfully participated in swimming over the last two weeks!

On Wednesday, the year 1 students joined Kakadu on a koala hunt at the Botanic Gardens. We all had a lovely morning strolling the gardens and finding all 22 Koalas hidden amongst the plants and flowers. We stopped for a picnic overlooking the water, which also gave us time to rest our legs before searching for some more Koalas.

This term we have been looking at informative texts with a focus on Australian animals. Last week our focus was on emus. We researched information, wrote our own emu information report, and had a go at drawing an emu.

In mathematics this week we have been looking at measurement. Students went outside to find objects that were of similar length. The kids came back with a variety of things such as leaves, bark and sticks.



News from Jenolan Class

We are halfway through the term and getting closer to our well-deserved Christmas break. Jenolan have been reflecting on our learning this year and have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges we have gotten through so far.

A quick reminder than all students in Jenolan will be presenting a speech on a topic of their choice to the class during week 6, and they should aim to have it go for roughly 2 minutes. We can't wait to see what some students have prepared.

We are continuing to develop our informative writing skills and are beginning on creating an information report as a class on komodo dragons - stay tuned to see what we produce! We are still enjoying Paul Jennings writing as our chosen focus author and love predicting how the stories in Undone are going to finish.

Our two amazing weeks at Andrew Boy Charlton pool have come to an end and all students have shown progress in their swimming abilities. We also all had a fantastic time, swimming at one of the most beautiful pools in Australia on some very hot days, how lucky we are sometimes! Our senior students have begun surf lessons this week at Manly Surf School and we are looking forward to our two remaining lessons there with the awesome surf instructors.

In STEM, students have been finishing off their first 3D builds by creating their own name tags that will hopefully be printed and attached to their bags. Once students have gotten approval that their name tags are ready, they will have the opportunity to build whatever their minds can create, and the top few designs will be printed and sent home. I know some students already have a good idea what their next amazing creation may be!

Also, just a reminder that our end of year presentation day assembly is in week 10 and each class will be performing, and performances will include the songs we have been working on each week in music lessons, so please come along and enjoy the show!



News from Coraki Class

Coraki had their first surf lesson for 2019 on Monday at Manly beach. It was a warm, sunny day with nice sized waves for learning. Navigating waves can be challenging at times but all of our students were brave and enjoyed riding on the surfboards and bodyboards. We can't wait until next Monday!

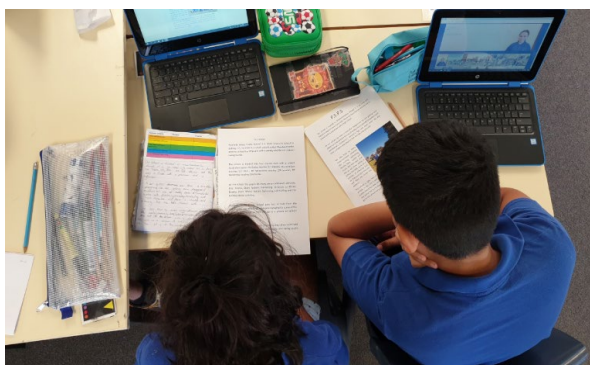
In writing lessons our current focus is on developing more detailed sentences by using joining conjunctions. Students are being asked to be more reflective on their own work to find and correct errors as well as assessing their peers work. They are looking at improving the layout and overall neatness of their book work, utilising neat hand writing and computers to present their work.

This week our students have been delivering their speeches to the class. It has been great to listen to such a variety of topics and it is clear that most students are learning to engage the audience using specific public speaking techniques.

Our Year 6 students have begun a transition to high school program with the Story Factory helpers. In these sessions the pupils are learning the organisation needed at high school, how to read time tables as well as things such as how to tie ties as part of their school uniforms. Thank you to our helpers for this invaluable opportunity.

Reminders

- Year 5 students wishing to nominate to be school captain for 2020 need to present a short speech to the school in week 8 outlining why they are the best suited for this role.
- Year 6 students have been asked to write a short farewell speech for our final Week 10 school assembly.



News from the Pinnacles

Over the past week, the 'jarjums' (a word Miss Bree has introduced which is an Aboriginal word for 'children' in Bundjalung language) have been interesting in searching and have found many caterpillars and spiders in the outdoor environment. We have been examining these insects and spiders up close using magnifying glasses to look at the patterns they have on their bodies and count the number of legs they have. Gwine and Aaron used recycled magazines and leaf litter from the pine trees to create caterpillars. Londyn decided to instead create a spider with the recycled and natural materials.

At our yarnning circle, we read a book titled 'Mermando the Spider' by Gloria Whalan which translated many words from English to an Aboriginal language of the Wiradjri tribe. We were particularly interested in learning the word for 'spider' which is 'marrarr'. Hinata shared the word for 'spider' in Japanese which is 'kumo'. Charlotte and Adam were able to then tell everyone the word for 'spider' in Mandarin which is 'zhīzhū'. We also had many questions and ideas about the role of each of the insects and spiders in our environment and what their 'job' is to take care of. Our final question being "What is an ant's job then?".

Aaron and Frankie transformed the teepee into a home for spiders which they created drawings of at the craft area. They were then using binoculars to try to find real spiders webs in the outdoor environment. They were successful in finding many spiders webs with different types of insects caught in each web. Aaron and Frankie as well as Millsen, Hinata, Gwine and Jessica were interested in a new area which had been created to support children's learnings of the number of legs insects, spiders and other mini-beasts have as well as classifying them to match the index chart. Millsen was able to count the number of legs a centipede has "22" he said.



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!



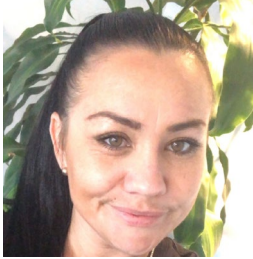
Every Thursday during school term

At Plunkett St School COLA

9:30am-11:30am



Community News



BIG HELLO

Hi all, my name is Michaela Bestwick and I thought it would be nice to briefly introduce myself. I work for Barnardos Family Referral Service and have been given the amazing opportunity to become a part of your school community every Thursday.

Part of my work will be to help support and link families in with services in your local community, or just be someone you can come and chat with.

I have just moved to the big smoke from a small NSW country town Wellington, or as most people know it as Wello. So being a Wello girl and new to the city I'm looking forward to meeting some new faces and catching up with families.

If you have time or would like to come to chat please don't hesitate to pop in on a Thursday to say hi.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

Warm regards,
Michaela

Free to good home.....

SDEHS have several computer monitors, keyboards and mice that are available to be given away. If you would like to come in and have a look, pop in to our office and we can show you.