



# Plunkett Street News

**Term 1**  
**Week 3, 2019**

## *Our school rules*

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

Dear Families,

Thank you for assisting the staff to ensure such a smooth start to 2019. The students have settled quickly into their new class groups and classrooms.

There are already so many amazing programs up and running at Plunkett St Public School. Tennis, Story Factory, Kitchen Garden, Mandarin, Dance, Music and STEM have all started and the students are already participating in activities that require problem solving and creating collaboratively. Very soon, a note will go home about scripture, delivered by the Year 11 boys from St Mary's Cathedral School. A Primary Ethics Class will be offered as an alternative to scripture for the students in years 3-6. Please have a read of the attached information brochure and discuss this with your child.

There are many exciting events coming up this term.

Our annual Harmony Day Multicultural Food Festival will take place on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>. We invite all families and community members to join us for the feast. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to share the culture and food from the many countries represented in our school population. We ask that families contribute a plate to share, remembering that no peanut products can be used. More information will be sent out about Harmony Day in the next few weeks.

We also invite you to join us for the annual Easter Hat Parade. This will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of April. More details to follow.

A reminder about the school gates. Both the Forbes St and Dowling St gates are locked from 9:30am to 2:30pm. This is to ensure the safety of everyone at school. If you need to enter the school when the gate is locked, please use the Plunkett St button on the intercom system.

Thank you,

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**Congratulations year 6 Leaders!**

## Dates for the Calendar

### Term 1, 2019

### February

14	Life Education Visit
15	Preschool – Year 6
23	Assembly - Uluru 9:30

### March

8	Assembly -Jenolan 9:30 The Principal from Inner City High School will address the assembly
8	Parent Meeting 10am
18	School Photos
21	Harmony Day

### April

5	Assembly - Kakadu and BIHA
11	Last day of the term for Preschool
12	Last day of the term K-6



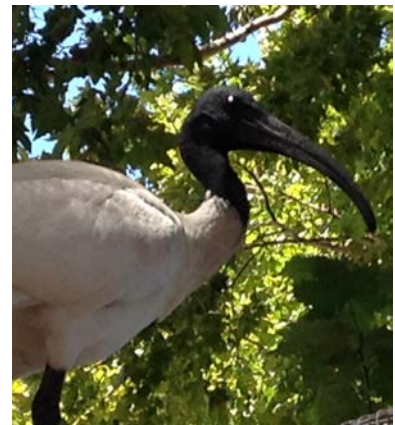
# News from Kakadu Class

What a great start to the New Year!

The Kakadu kids have been busy learning our classroom routines and have been absolute superstars! They are learning to line up in twos, move around the school safely and are busy practising how to be super independent!

We have been busy learning to read and write letter sounds...The children will be bringing these home to practise in the next few weeks. In maths we have been learning to read numbers and counting, along with recognising and hunting 3D shapes. In science we have been outside to find the living things that live and grow in our playground.

The children have enjoyed sharing special things about themselves and are busy learning about their new friends. They have painted some excellent self portraits and have shared the things that make them smile!



# News from Uluru Class

Uluru students have made a great start to the new school year and are all starting to settle in well with their routines. We have got straight into work and activities for the term. We have met our new Story Factory volunteers who are helping us design characters that will help us write interesting and exciting sentences, and extend our writing. We have also participated in dance which is also a lot of fun. News has started this week in class, and students have spoken to their friends. This week we have been looking at 3D shapes and we headed out to the playground to go on the hunt for different shapes and take pictures of them on our iPad. In Mandarin the children have been celebrating the Chinese New Year.



# News from Jenolan Class

The Jenolan class have settled in nicely to their new classroom and timetable. Students have transitioned seamlessly into the regular changing of classroom and teacher when Mr McGinness teaches STEM and music. We have just finished our novel study of Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' with detailed character descriptions and begun on the next classic 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The beginning weeks in Mathematics has included whole numbers with a focus on place value and the investigation of 3D objects. The knowledge learnt from the 3D objects has been transferred into STEM lessons which currently have a major focus on engineering. Students have been set multiple challenges to create bridges and towers to support the most weight, reach the tallest height and demonstrate creativity using simple materials including matchsticks, playdough, paper and sticky tape. Music lessons have been a blast! Students have enjoyed experimenting with new rhythms and timing using percussion instruments such as bongos, triangles, bells, clapping sticks and clapping in drum circles. If the first three weeks are anything to go by, Jenolan are going to have a fun and exciting year!



# News from Coraki Class

Welcome back for another school year, and to our new class name, Coraki! Our class will have Years 5 and 6 for Maths and English and be joined by the year 4s for all other subject areas. Congratulations to our newly elected school captains Matilda and Brad. Our other Year 6 students; Troy Jermaine, Charlie and Harry will act as sports captains for the year.



Our term calendar is already full with a variety of exciting learning opportunities to be had. In Mandarin we recently learned about and celebrated Chinese New Year with Laoshi Narelle by constructing lion puppets to keep away bad spirits. On Tuesday the class began their Kitchen Garden program. The garden was full of all sorts of treats grown over the summer, which we were able to taste and enjoy. On Wednesday our friends at Story Factory launched this term's project which will project our students into a video game world of their own design. We also welcomed back our dance teachers who taught the students new choreography and showed us how much fun exercise is! On Thursday our friend Healthy Harold the giraffe came and we all discussed the importance of respect and safe practices when using the internet. A reminder that **library** for our class is each and every Monday, so please ensure your child is borrowing and returning books weekly. **Homework** is due every Friday and this is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn better study habits.



# News from the Pinnacles

The preschoolers have made a great start to the year. Some children were already at our school last year and are being great leaders. They help the other children and tell them about the expectations in our room, such as 'walking on the concrete'. The children have started making new friends and are exploring the environment with them. What has amazed us most is that the children are already involved in teamwork. They build structures with blocks that take up the whole block corner and are very proud of them. They pose happily for a photo with smiles on their faces.

We are also preparing for our first cultural event with the kindergartners on Friday. The children have been busy making Chinese lanterns. Some liked this so much that they wanted to make more. They all drew their own pig on the front of the lantern, as it is the Year of the Pig. They are learning to write Chinese numbers (1-4) and they have used the whiteboard as well as red sand to practise. They are making cards for their friends, which they will hand out on Friday, when we have our Mandarin lesson. At 12pm we will come together to share food with the kindergartners.



**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



# Community News



## Woolloomooloo Community BBQ

Held the last Friday  
of every month at the  
basketball courts  
behind the school.  
All Welcome!



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Be Respectful

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## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR FOR LEARNING

Positive Behaviour for Learning is an evidence based, whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students.

Our school rules are at the centre of everything we do and we will continue to focus on the positive values implied by our rules.

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful and**
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This term the whole school will have a weekly focus area for which students are explicitly taught expected behaviours. Students will be rewarded when they are seen displaying the behaviours.