



Plunkett Street News

Term 2
Week 5, 2019

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

Thank you once again to all of the families and community members who supported the Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle on Election Day. A BIG shout out to the Fairweather family for their amazing support. Altogether, the school raised \$1540:00 which will go towards the purchase of new playground equipment. The school has submitted an application for the My Community Project grant to cover the cost of purchase and installation of the playground. If we are successful into the second round, we require community members to vote for our project. I will let you know if we are lucky enough to get into round two.

Last week the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer checked our schools attendance data. There are several students whose attendance is becoming a concern. Please remember, if your child is sick, a written note is to be given to the class teacher when the student returns to school. The note should outline the reason for the absence and include a medical certificate if the absence was related to illness.

A new system has been put in place for late arrivals. Late students need to be brought to the office by the parent. The parent needs to inform the office the reason for the late arrival, and this is noted on the roll. The student will then be given a late note to take with them to class, to let the teacher know they have been recorded on the roll. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask at the office.

This week the whole school has been celebrating Reconciliation Week. The theme this year is Grounded in Truth – Walk Together With Courage. Please take some time to talk with your children about what they have been learning. The staff have been working on a Reconciliation Action Plan which we will present to the community soon.

Thank you,
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Year 6 School Jersey

Dates for the Calendar Term 2, 2019

May

27th	Reconciliation Week begins
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June

6th	Coraki to Botanic Gardens
7th	Assembly – Jenolan and Uluru
10th	Public Holiday
12th	Coraki State Library
20th	Musica Viva – 2pm
21st	Assembly – BIHA and Coraki
27	PYJAMA Day - \$2 coin donation

July

1st	ROOSTERS are coming League Star Clinic P-6 Respect Assembly 2-3pm
3rd	Whole School Art Gallery visit
4th	Last Day term 2 - Preschool
5th	Assembly - NAIDOC
5th	Last Day term 2 K-6
6th	Community NAIDOC event
11th	NAIDOC movie night - WEAVE
22nd	Staff return for term 3
23rd	Students return to school term 3
31st	Super Hero Dress Up - fund raiser

News from Kakadu Class

A big thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Sorry Day assembly last week, it is always lovely for the children to perform in front of friendly faces. For the parents who were unable to make it, the children accompanied Miss Evie beautifully, and I believe Mrs Sonter managed to get some video footage to share with the school community.

This week saw the end of soccer school, it has been an active five weeks and the children finished this week by bringing together all the skills they have learnt to play a competitive game of soccer. We split the class into 3 groups and had a very eventful, tense but enjoyable contest with lots of goals scored!

In class this week we have recognised the significance and importance of Reconciliation Week. Over the week the children have enjoyed cooking and sharing food prepared using bush ingredients; dot painting stones for a collaborative and open ended game of hide n seek, where the children 'hide n seek' the stones they find in the school grounds; shared a number of dreamtime stories and are continuing our work about Kakadu.



News from Uluru Class

This week saw us do different activities in Uluru for Reconciliation week. We each painted our own unique rock and then have hidden it in our playground. It is now a game of hide and seek where we have to try and find each other's unique stone. Kakadu shared their cooking ingredients with us where we made cookies and tasted some traditional Aboriginal fruit. It was very sour! We have been looking at the history of what reconciliation week and sorry day means and using this time to learn and understand the importance of this week.

We participated in our last soccer skills program with Hedi from Sydney FC. All students have come away with improved soccer skills which we will continue to develop. The sessions were lots of fun and everyone enjoyed playing the new games she taught us.

We are continuing to use our drama skills to dig deeper into the book lost and found which we are studying in our drama lessons. This week we had to draw a map of where the penguin travelled to on his journey and what he may have seen.



News from Jenolan Class

Jenolan have been very busy over the past few weeks with plenty of fun filled activities filling up our days.

This week was Reconciliation week. We read books and held group discussions to help understand Aboriginal history and understand the perspectives of the stolen generation. We engaged in an Aboriginal history timeline lesson that saw us discuss every significant date that has occurred in Aboriginal history in Australia. We then had each date made into a foot print and stuck them around our room to remind us of the importance of remembering what has happened (see picture below).

Students have been enjoying our weekly drama workshops ran by the radical Rohan. We have been learning about improvisation, using our bodies in a range of ways and collaboratively creating a map of the book we are reading - Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers.

We have just finished our soccer skills program where a professional soccer player Heidi from Sydney FC came in each Friday to teach us a range of skills and activities to help us improve our soccer skills.

This week we finished learning to code and program Dash Bots which has seen some really fun mini games in the classroom, our favorite has been sumo wrestling! Ask your child how this worked. Next week we begin with LEGO WeDo 2.0!



News from Coraki Class

This last week has been important for the students of Coraki as they have been exploring the importance of National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day. As a school we strive to support equality for all and a harmonious Australian culture. We have explored ideas of identity, similarities and differences, and inclusion. Some students expressed their understandings as follows;

- "People with different skin colour are all the same" - Cyndell
- "We must mend relationships and past failures" - Brad
- "I am proud because I learn about my culture" – Matilda
- "Do not judge people based on thoughts and stereotypes" – Troy
- "Aboriginal people are peace-loving and love nature" – Aidan
- "We must say sorry and acknowledge the past" - Aurelia

With the support of ceramics teachers from our adjoining high school, the class created clay name tags that will be used to identify native plants in our bush tucker garden.

We have also decided to create a Buddy Bench in our playground. The idea of this bench is that it will be a special place for any student in our school to sit on, indicating that they may be looking for someone to play with or talk to if they are feeling lonely. Other students will see this and be able to help them feel included. This project should be completed by the end of next week.

Coraki students continue to enjoy engagement in their other areas of learning. In technology they have been learning to control robots to complete challenges which requires programing and problem solving skills.

In geography the class is learning about the Asian continent. This week our focus has been on the second most populated country, India. We are learning about important locations such as the Taj Mahal as shown in these artworks and discussing how it is culturally important.



NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION WEEK 2020
FROM 1 JUNE
**GROUNDED
IN TRUTH**
WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE
MURRAY RECONCILIATION



News from the Pinnacles

A train to Korea

As part of our 'Around the World' theme we have created a boat (to Fiji) and a plane (to Europe). Last week Yul's mum came in to teach us the Baby Shark song in Korean and we decided to make a train that would go from Europe to Korea – as it theoretically wouldn't have to cross water. We had a look at trains on the internet and the children decided which train they wanted to create. Aaron made the wheels by tracing around a stool to get a circle. He then made lines in it, to make it look like a train wheel. Later Wade and Gwine started helping to get the wheels on the train and to make windows. Aaron had already created an item that looked like the steam pipe on a train.

Once the train was done, we put it outside for the children to play with. Throughout the next two days the children kept on coming back to the train, making it part of their play – whatever they were playing. As too many children wanted to go in the train at the same time, we decided to add another carriage to it. More children helped to put it together and Gwine created some decorations. The children continued to play with it, as it was able to carry more passengers. It was great to see them enjoy something that they had made together. The children also started making other journeys as a result: Jacob, Kako and Aaron were seen in the boat, paddling against the waves.

As a result of our focus on other countries, the children now start finding images of Australia everywhere (in books, for example) and point this out to us. They look at the map and the globe and find other countries. We continue to sing our Hello song in the morning to enable them to make links between different experiences.



PLUNKETT STREET COMMUNITY PROJECT **FREE**

Playgroup for children 0-5 and their parent/carer

Facilitated by Plunkett Street Early Learning Educator and Case Worker from 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 during school term



Community News



**WANT TO MAKE VR ART?
UNDER 24?
LIVE IN WOOLLOOMOOLOO?**

Join us on Wednesday afternoons for our free VR art workshops. Use some of the latest VR technology to create your own VR art with our team of artists.

WHEN WEDNESDAYS, 4-6PM
WHERE THE GUNNERY, 43-51 COWPER WHARF ROAD, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

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**NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019**
27 MAY - 3 JUNE

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Thursday 27th of June

Pyjama Day!

Please bring \$2 to raise money
for the Year 6 end of year
celebrations

You can wear a onesie or
your pyjamas



**PJ's
all day!**

