

## Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

Plunkett Street Public School is continuing to develop ongoing positive relationships with other public schools. Last week, our whole school, including our playgroup, were treated to a musical performance by the senior band from Northbridge Public School. Our students happily clapped and moved along to some swinging golden oldies. Some of our students were even invited up on stage to contribute to the performance. A big thank you to NPS students, their Principal Christine Smith and teacher Sally Robertson and congratulations to our students who were a perfectly engaged and respectful audience.

- Parent Meeting – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am immediately following the assembly. Corakai Photographic Exhibition at State Library NSW 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1:00-3:00pm. All Welcome.
- K-6 visit to Northbridge Public School to see Peter Pan the musical - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Plunkett St Public School annual Family Fun Day October 26<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm.
- Intensive Swim School – daily swimming and water safety lessons for two weeks starting Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October for students K-6.
- Surf Education – this will begin in Week 5, term 4 for the students in years 4-6.

Please share these dates with your family and friends.

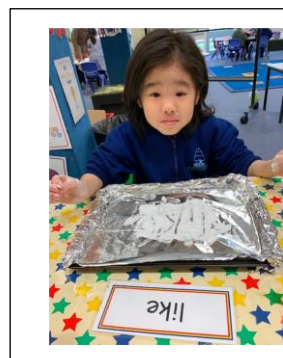
A reminder to parents that class attendance rolls are marked every morning at 9:15. If your child is sick or late to school, please remember to send in a note explaining their absence with your child.

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. Please press the button on the wall for entry.

Thank you.

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## Literacy in Kakadu

### Dates for the Calendar

#### Term 3, 2019

#### September

13th	Assembly – Jenolan
13th	Parent Meeting 10am
18th	State Library photo exhibition 1-3
20th	K-6 visit to Northbridge PS - musical
26th	Last day term 3 for Preschool
27th	Assembly - Coraki
27th	Cake Stall
27th	Last day term 3 K-6

#### October

14th	School returns for term 4
25th	Assembly – Term Launch
26th	Family Fun Day
28th	Intensive Swim School – K-6 Daily lessons for 2 weeks.
31st	Kindy orientation – session 1

# News from Kakadu Class

A big **thank you** to all those parents who completed the Premiers Reading Challenge with their child, it is wonderful to see the children are reading so many books at home.

In class this week we have celebrated the first week of Spring by looking at Golden Wattle, the national flower of Australia, which has inspired some beautiful Wattle artwork. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and looking closely at the number of sides and corners different shapes have. The focus for our litter project is recycling and we have been looking at the different materials that can be recycled, including the food scraps that can be fed to the worms in the wormy. We are beginning to make a collection of plastic bottles and drink cans, if you have any that need recycling at home please wash them out and pop them in the recycling box outside the Kakadu classroom...we will then do the sorting in class!



# News from Uluru Class

We are already over half way in Term 3 and we have been busy, busy, busy!! In a few weeks we will be heading over to Northbridge Public School to watch their play Peter Pan, this week the kids got told who their buddy will be and we have started to write a letter to them.

Last week in gardening we worked really hard with planting some new veggies. Some kids tried broccoli flowers! (which weren't really a hit with most of us) And in the garden we also found rainbow popcorn! The kids were very surprised to see all the different colours on there.



In math last week we looked at different patterns and made our own patterns in class. We used numbers, shapes and objects and asked a friend to see if they could complete some of our patterns.



Uluru kids have been improving each week with their mandarin lessons. They are all getting so clever and knowing more words each time and also writing some mandarin.



# News from Jenolan Class

Jenolan have been working so hard that we hardly realised it's nearly week 8! Time flies when you're having fun. In literacy we are continuing to develop our creative writing through a range of imaginative activities and creating stories with in depth character descriptions. We have been working on creating an exciting complication and resolution in our stories in order to engage the reader and improve our overall writing quality. We also conducted a class vote for our next class book and the winner is Undone, which includes short and funny stories by Paul Jennings. In a few weeks we are visiting Northbridge Public School to watch a Peter Pan play. We have been buddied up with a student from Northbridge and this week we have been writing letters to them so we have some friends before arriving at the school, how exciting!

The past fortnight in mathematics has seen us working hard with patterns algebra, and 2D shapes. A class favourite activity was making our own tessellation artworks. Please feel free to ask our students how we did it, and if you have a spare minute come and see our artwork displayed in the classroom.

In music we are continuing to practice a special performance that we are hoping to perform at assembly next term with the 4/5/6 students. We don't want to give away the song choice but we can tell you that we will be using guitars, pianos and our lovely voices. Some students from Year 3 and Uluru are pushing their cases to come and join the performance.

STEM lessons have been so much fun over the past fortnight. Students from Uluru, Jenolan, and Coraki have been creating their own 3D characters in the computer lab on an application called 3D Builder. We are using a range of 3D shapes to create our own creatures, including robots, animals, monsters, Minecraft replicas and other interesting creations. We are hoping that when we receive our 3D printer next term, and that some of these incredible creations can come to life in 3D! We can't wait!!!



# News from Coraki Class

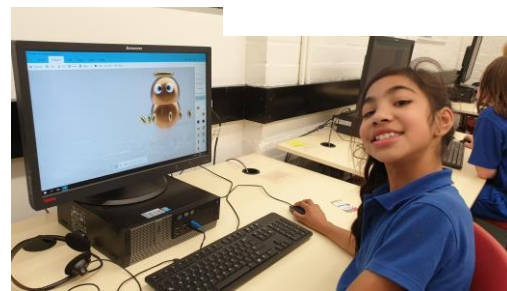
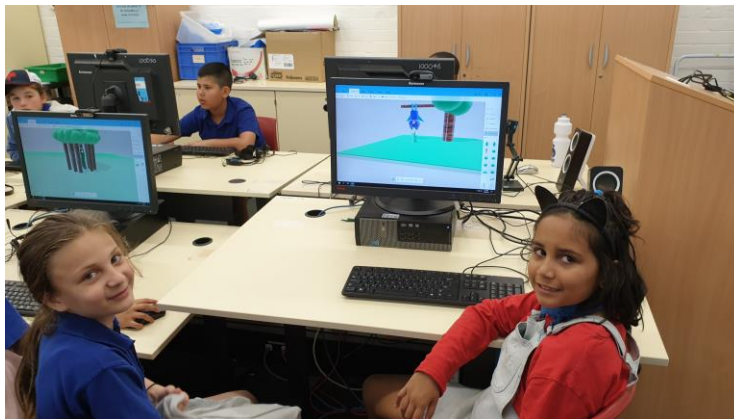
The students of Coraki have been working hard this last fortnight. They have been learning to create interactive 3D characters, objects and scenery with the computer program 3D builder. Some of the results have been amazing!

This week we have been investigating 2D shapes in mathematics, from learning whether shapes tessellate to finding the perimeter and area of shapes. The students show a wide range of skills and love sharing their knowledge.

In history we are learning about democracy and the structure of our government systems. To complement this we have been finding out about Australia's Prime Ministers and even managed to create portraits of some of them.

In two weeks we will be attending the State Library for our photographic exhibition that we worked towards last term in the Botanical Gardens. We warmly encourage families to join us at the exhibition on 18th September at 1:30pm.

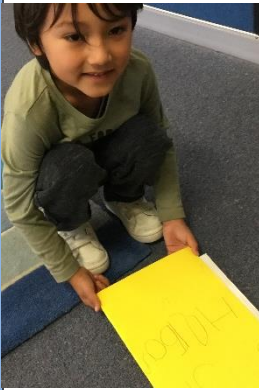
On the last day of this term the school will be holding a cake stall to raise funds towards the Year 6 graduation. It would be fantastic if as many families can help us in raising funds.



# News from the Pinnacles

The preschoolers have been going on expeditions. Jacob started this as he put his backpack to go on an adventure. Wade and Frankie joined in and collected binoculars and notepads to take with them so that they could document their journey. They made maps and wrote letters and words related to their travels. This has continued throughout the week; Yul and Millsen also joined in.

We have also continued the children's interest in water and the ocean. We talked about what water is (rain, tap water, sea, rivers), what we use it for (drink, shower, wash hands) and who needs it (we do, but the plants do as well). Astro made a book called *Harbour*, with the Harbour Bridge, whales and a boat, because he likes water. Jacob's observation that water in a bucket 'goes up' when we put sand in it, has led to an activity around *Mr Archimedes' Bath*. In another water activity, organised by Miss Ana, the children looked at what sinks and what floats. We have made a connection with rainbows (you need rain and sun), and have participated in some scientific experiments about colours with Miss Ana. We have looked at corals in the Great Barrier Reef and Charlotte brought up that the white coral is dead. We are going to deepen our understanding of the effects of (plastic) pollution – something Jacob, Charlotte and Gwine have mentioned – with a few more experiments.



## 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 OOLA

9:30am - 11:30am





# Community News

Plunkett St Public School

## **Family Fun Day**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

10am – 2pm



at Plunkett St Public School,  
Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo

BBQ \* Kindifarm \* Art Show \* Jumping castle \* Clown \* Dance Performance \* Face Painting \* Ride  
Police car \* fire engine \* Crazy hair \* Craft .....and much more!!



## **YEAR 6 CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**(LAST DAY OF TERM)**



Please donate a cake, biscuits or any other  
delicious treats to the office in the morning

Students may bring up to \$10 to  
purchase treats