

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

On behalf of all of the staff at Plunkett St Public School, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and engagement of the programs at Plunkett St Public School over 2019. This year has been exciting and busy, with our students engaged in many varied experiences. The saying, 'it takes a village to raise a child' is so evident in the participation and engagement of the many organisations that have contributed to our school programs this year. I would like to thank every organisation for their contribution towards making our school the community hub that it has become.

On November 14th, Alex Greenwich, Member for Sydney, gave a Community Recognition Statement to the Legislative Assembly of the NSW Parliament. He recognised Plunkett St Public School and their links to so many community service providers that support programs at our school. Well done Plunkett St!

On Monday 16th December, from 2pm, we are having our Presentation Day Assembly. Please come along.

To start the afternoon off, Wayside Chapel are providing a BBQ lunch for our school community. Please join us at 12:45 for the BBQ and 2 pm for the assembly.

- Monday 16th December – Presentation Day Assembly
- Wednesday 18th December – last day of school
- Wednesday 29th January – first day of term 1, 2020.

Please enjoy the holidays with your friends and family and stay safe.

Merry Christmas!!

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City Tatts Christmas Breakfast

Dates for the Calendar

Term 4, 2019

December

16 th	Presentation Day Assembly 2-3pm
16 th	BBQ Lunch 12:45-1:45 All Welcome
18 th	Last day of school

January 2020

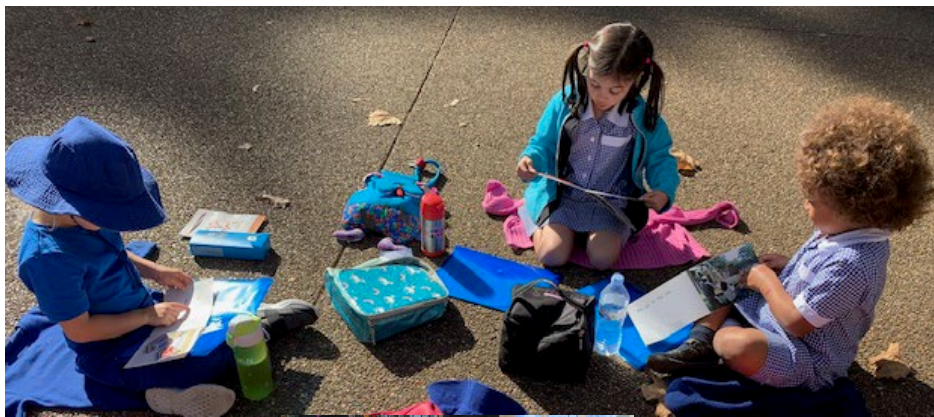
29 th	K-6 students return to school
29 th	Preschool Parent Meetings
30 th	Preschool students return

Basketball Hoop

If any families would like a free, portable basketball hoop, with a back drop painted by PSPS kids, please see Juliet or Alli.

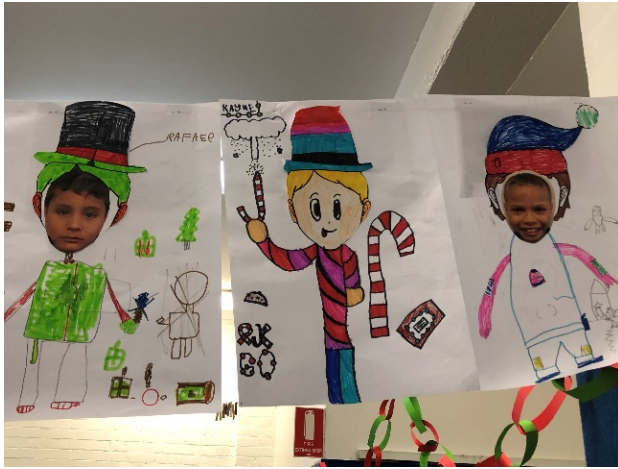
News from Kakadu Class

As we approach the end of busy a 2019 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given to your child but also to the school. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach such a diverse and busy group of children. Looking back, it is hard to believe how much they have changed and grown, in so many ways. I have tried to capture as much as I can on camera, but looking back I realise how little I managed to record. Please enjoy the photographs below.



News from Uluru Class

The school year is coming to an end quickly and I can't believe how fast it has gone. We have had a wonderful year in Uluru with lots of exciting learning, growth and loads of laughs!! I enjoy every child's personality and watching them learn new things. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends, enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all next year.



News from Jenolan Class

What a great year it's been for Jenolan class and we can't believe it's almost over. This year we have been lucky enough to participate in a range of activities and excursions to exciting places to learn new things.

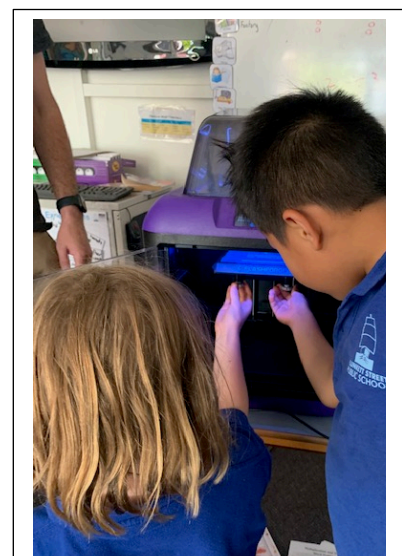
After speaking with students, some of their favourite memories this year included:

Surf lessons at manly beach, book week parade, family and community day, visit from the zoo, swimming lessons at Boy Charlton, Story Factory, PSSA soccer, learning with new and exciting technology in STEM, and many more.

Teaching Jenolan, and all students during STEM and music this year has been an absolute pleasure and I wish every student and family a fun filled and well-earned break. I also wish all 3/4 students a smooth transition into their next schooling year.

Pictures below from left to right include:

- Story Factory's last lesson of year where all students shared their writing with the class.
- Uluru and Year 3 learning about how to use the 3D printer.
- Students assisting with the setup of the printer during a STEM lesson.



News from Coraki Class

What a wonderful year we have had in Coraki! We look forward to our last week of term and the Presentation Day assembly on Monday, where we hope to see many parents. Our new school captains will also be announced.

Earlier this week our Year 6 graduates spent a fun day at Luna Park, thanks to the school's fundraising efforts throughout the year. A big congratulations to Brad, Matilda, Harry, Jermaine, Troy and Charlie for coming to the end of their primary school years.

Year 4/5/6 had a visit to the Conservatorium of Music on Wednesday where they were able to watch some performances by the high school students who showed amazing instrumental and choral abilities. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by so many wonderful local institutions.

It has been a pleasure to teach the students in Year 4/5/6 this year. We have had great learning experiences and developed improved study habits. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing everyone again in 2020.

- Mr Bendersky



News from the Pinnacles

The Pinnacles are beginning to express excitement about the upcoming celebration of Christmas. This interest started by children sharing their experiences of decorating their Christmas trees at home at our yarnning circle with their peers and how that made them feel as well as through the artworks they are creating with the addition of Christmas trees to drawings of their homes.

As a result, we began creating Christmas tree decorations last week with Miss Bree using a range of art and craft supplies, such as; cardboard which children cut into a triangle shape, wooden pegs to represent a tree trunk as well as green paint, tinsel and sequins used to decorate. This decoration can be clipped to your tree at home or can be balanced and stand alone on a table top. The children will bring a collection of the decorations they have made home with them on their last day of preschool.

Another way that the 'jarjums' have been engaging with Christmas is through role play experiences involving the use of loose parts materials. Frankie, Yul and Aaron, used the loose parts transform the house they had built the previous day into 'Santa's Workshop'. The first part of constructing Santa's workshop involved widening the doorway to make sure that Santa's round stomach would fit through. Yul and Frankie used their arm span to determine the width of Santa's body. Next, they added a large black tube to represent the present chute which leads to Santa's sleigh underground. An alternative crate was setup for items that were too large for the chute. Some of the loose parts also became a range of children's toys, such as a; wheel, frisbee or megaphone. This imaginative role play space required the children to experiment with different ways to balance and secure materials to stay in the positions they selected and for the purpose they intended.

