

## Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

Last Friday the school celebrated Harmony Day 2021 – Everyone Belongs! It was a wonderful day where all students made their own t-shirt and enjoyed an African Drumming experience. Before the end of term 1, we have two more exciting events. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March the K-6 students will go to tennis as usual, then at 11am walk across the road to the Reg Bartley Oval for our 2021 Athletics Carnival. It would be wonderful to see as many family and community members there as possible to cheer the kids on. At the end of the carnival, around 2pm, the students will all walk back to school with their teachers. If you would like to take your child home from the carnival, please make sure you have notified the class teacher. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April we are hosting a whole school P-6 disco from 1-3pm. Kids are invited to wear their “grooviest” clothes on the day. This disco has been made possible from a generous donation from Northbridge Public School P&C.

This is the last newsletter for term 1. Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> April is the last day of school for term 1. All students return to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Happy Holidays!

Juliet



**Everyone Belongs!**

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## Dates for the Calendar

### March

26th	Newsletter
26th	Canteen- preorder through office
26th	Community BBQ
30th	Sports Carnival K-6 11-2pm

### April

1st	Last day Term 1
1st	School disco 1-3pm
20	First Day term 2 for all students
20	Coraki Science excursion
27	Coraki Science excursion

### May

4th	Coraki Science excursion
10th	NAPLAN Assessment week

## Skool Loop App

Parent and school communication App



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- ↔ Newsletters ↔ Permission Slips
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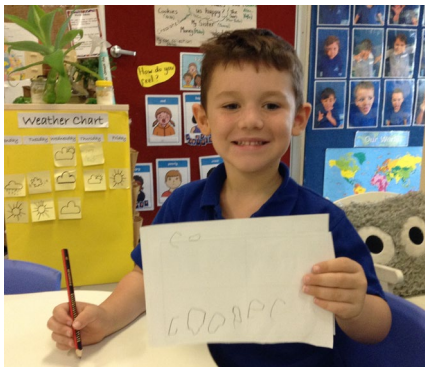



# News from Kakadu Class

What a soggy fortnight it has been, I hope you've all managed to stay safe and dry. The wet weather hasn't slowed us down in Kakadu and the last 2 weeks have been busy and full of fun. Last week we celebrated Harmony week with two incursions and produced seventeen, original, hand printed t-shirts! Our friends from the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, taught us some interesting knowledge about Aboriginal culture. The hands-on drumming workshop gave everyone the opportunity to explore their musical talents and work as a whole group to produce some very catchy beats.

Back in the classroom we have been busy learning to read and write letter sounds, we are learning how to use these known sounds to read and make words. In maths we have been learning about division and sharing things fairly into equal groups. We have explored different ways a set number of objects can be shared fairly, and have explained our findings to each other. The children have also been spotting groups that are shared equally and those that are not.

In science we have started to learn about the seasons, and the changes that can be seen happening with the change in the seasons. We took our learning outside this week to look for signs of Autumn. Not only have we seen a change in the weather, but also the trees and plants in the kitchen garden. The children have collected many fallen leaves, seeds and nuts, which we are using in our artwork. We have also sorted the leaves we have collected and discovered they are all the same. I've challenged the kids to look for different shaped leaves when they are out and about with their families.

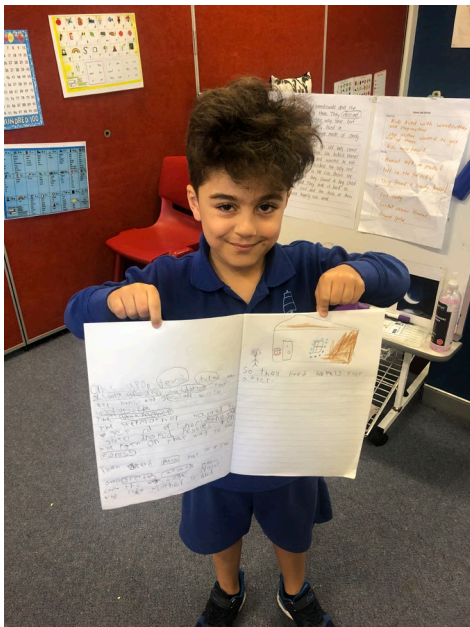




# News from Uluru Class

The end of the term is fast approaching and all the kids in Uluru should be super proud of their efforts this term.

Over the last fortnight we have been reading our new fairytale story of Hansel and Gretel. The kids have been retelling the beginning, middle and end of the story and are creating longer more descriptive sentences.



Last week we celebrated harmony day. The year 1's were involved in an Aboriginal workshop and the whole class had the experience of participating in the African drumming workshop. Uluru kids also decorated t shirts for Harmony day.





# News from Jenolan Class

In Mathematics this fortnight we focused on the topics of length and multiplication and division. Students worked on their doubles and multiplication facts.

We continued our visual arts focus on bicycles, creating 3 dimensional bicycles using pipe cleaners.

The gardening program moved into the kitchen where we prepared Turkish gozleme stuffed with mint and spring onion from the garden. They were delicious!

In our final Story Factory session for the term students were presented with their published work in a class book titled 'Food, Glorious Food'. It is a great read!

We have been busy preparing for next week's athletics carnival during our GoGo Healthy Kids sessions.





# News from Coraki Class



Term one is coming to close and Coraki class is to be congratulated on all of their solid efforts so far. Some updates for the last fortnight...

**Numeracy:** Our maths groups have been working on 2D shapes. Polygons, quadrilaterals, symmetry and angles and length have all come into play when manipulating shapes. We've also brushed up on multiplication and division.

**English:** Story Factory has been fun, the students have been writing about a haunted campsite and the monsters they've met along the way. Sharing our work with the class is always hilarious due to the wild imaginations and descriptive language used. We also watched a talk by the author Andy Griffiths (author of the '130 Story Treehouse' series) about how he got into creating stories and cartoons. Inspiring stuff!

**History:** We've been learning about the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people in Australia including the injustices and inequalities they have faced, and still face, as well as the 1967 referendum voting 'yes' to recognise these wrongs.

**Science:** We're looking forward to continuing our science experiments at Hope Street in early term 2, through hands-on activities on electrical energy led by a recent University of Sydney PhD student. In addition to this, it'll be a great opportunity to ask about studying science at a university level.

**Art:** Coraki has been designing tee-shirts for Harmony Week. We planned our shirt designs on paper then put our fabric pens to use on our polo shirts. Fantastic work! As well as this we have continued doing portrait drawing studies, looking at features of the face such as eyes.

**Year 6 leadership conference:** Our year six representatives had a fantastic day out at Homebush learning skills to do with leading projects. We considered our talents and ideas and learned about putting great ideas into action. We look forward to seeing their leadership skills coming to the fore this year... and beyond!

# News from Preschool

The guring at Plunkett Street Preschool had a very busy week last week celebrating Harmony Day with the support of families volunteering their time to teach us about their culture and some amazing workshops.

On Monday 15th of March, we were fortunate to learn how to make Italian dessert, Cannoli, a family recipe special to Zephyr and his Father, Si. This recipe has been passed down from Zephyr's great grandmother who grew up in Sicily, Italy. Si talked to us about how the pastry was shaped by wrapping it around a stick and dipping the pastry into hot oil to fry the dough to make the shell. The children then had the opportunity to combine the ingredients of ricotta cheese and icing sugar together to make the filling for the cannoli. Si compared the ricotta cheese to cream cheese and talked about how it is used in other dessert and pasta recipes. All of the children had a turn at mixing the ingredients together, needing to use their strength as the mixture was very thick. The children then scooped and pushed the mixture down inside the cannoli tube and sprinkled with icing sugar ready to eat, with all of the children tasting the cannoli and giving it a try! Next, we made our way to the sandpit to look at a book about volcanoes. Si talked to the children about the volcano in Sicily, Italy called Mt. Etna. Si showed us how to do an experiment using food colouring, baking soda, a plastic bottle and vinegar to create an erupting volcano in the sandpit.

On Wednesday 17th March, Aunty Kiara, a proud Gamilaraay woman and Uncle Warren, a proud Ngunnawal man from the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. presented an Aboriginal Culture Workshop to Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1 guring. One of the things that we learned at this workshop was about the Aboriginal Flag and its meaning; the black is for the people; the red is for earth and the yellow is for sun.

On Wednesday 17th of March, the guring of Plunkett Street Preschool celebrated St. Patrick's Day which is a celebration that is special to Lorcan and his Irish family heritage. We watched a video clip about the sport 'hurling' when Lorcan's father Eugene visited to talk to us about the sport that is native to Ireland. Eugene brought one of his hurling sticks and balls to show the children, learning that it is made of ash wood and it has a small strip of metal around the end of the stick to stop it from splitting. Eugene demonstrated how to use the hurling stick and each of the guring had a turn at trying to coordinate their hands by holding the ball in one hand and the stick in the other to try to hit the ball.

On Thursday 18th of March, Lorcan's mother Maria offered to share a traditional Filipino spring roll family recipe that was passed on to her from her mother. Maria told us that both her and her mother were born in the Philippines. Maria showed the children the different ingredients that were needed to make the spring roll filling and had them guess each of the ingredients names these included; pork mince, carrot, onion, garlic, soy sauce, salt and pepper. A pastry diamond was put onto each child's plate and a spoonful of the ingredient mixture in the corner. Maria then showed us how to roll the spring roll from the corner of the diamond, folding in the ends and keep rolling. Next, we used egg as the 'glue' to hold the pastry together.

On Friday 19th March, in celebration of Harmony Week, the musical company Drum Beats presented an interactive drumming workshop called "Rhythms of The World". The show ran for one hour and each child had the opportunity to play a drum and experience rhythms from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. This experience also involved; singing, languages from around the world, rhythms in our environment and body percussion. Mavies had a solo performance where she jumped up and down in the middle of the circle and the guring played their drum to match her body movements.





# Community News

FREE

## PLUNKETT STREET COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP



COME PLAY!!!!



For children up to 5 years

9.30 – 11.30am

Every Thursday during Term time located in the COLA at Plunkett Street Primary School.

Our Playgroup session is free and incorporates free play, language development play sessions, stories and music time. All our planning is based on the EYLF (early Years Learning Framework). Please bring your own morning tea and drink bottle.

Hope to see you soon for a fun morning of play, learning and sharing!

Please contact [jenna.lacorb@plst.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jenna.lacorb@plst.nsw.edu.au)

For further information and our COVID safe protocols.



## Play2Learn

A good beginning for every child

### Play2Learn Program

Play2Learn is a supported playgroup program conducted by Save the Children Australia. It aims to improve early childhood development, parenting skills and connection to community amongst the families that attend.

At over 200 Play2Learn groups around Australia parents, carers and children benefit from the warm and welcoming environment created by the staff, volunteers and families of Play2Learn.

When families come to Play2Learn they can benefit from:

- Parenting information
- Connection to other families
- Time to play together
- Books, toys and craft activities to use with their child
- Ideas to take home for play activities with their child
- Connection to community services
- Referral to services if needed
- A listening ear from the staff
- A sense of belonging to their community
- Getting children ready for school
- Creating memories together

Come and join us at our free Play2Learn

Weave Community Hub 49  
Mcelhone St Woolloomooloo  
Mondays of school terms  
10:30am-12pm



*Play2Learn isn't just about the kids it's about families and communities finding ways to support each other to be happy and healthy.*

Bex, Play2Learn Katherine, NT

### What can you expect?

Every Play2Learn is set-up to best suit your local community. Some of the things you can expect are:

- free play
- craft activities
- morning/afternoon tea
- music and singing
- story time
- fun and friendship

### Contact Us

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IT'S DISCO TIME WITH  
Bop till you Drop

**Date:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00pm

**Location:** Plunkett Street Public School

Can't wait to see you there!

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# Sport Houses 2021

Pemul (GREEN)	Banara (BLUE)
Asal (House Captain)	Maddison (House Captain)
Waima (House Captain)	Georgia
Deya	Sini
Josh	Vincent (House Captain)
Yuri	Bella
Maggie	Alice
Royleah	Leah
Alby	Raymond
Charlie	Harshaan
Mikos	Sakura
Shatayah	Karl
Aikedai	Tynan
Tyrus	Belynda
Hope	Alex
Remi	Rafael
Rocco	William
Samson	Jeff
Marques	Kailam
Ralph	Makai
Kayne	Benji
Luisa	Aurora
Alice	Katie
Anna	Hugo
Lin	Carter
David	Anthony
Rai	Sara
Savannah	Londyn
Lara	Wade
Mika	Aaron
Ruslan	Tayden
Adam	Frankie
Adam	Samantha
Myah	Yaya
Mimi	Beatrice
Aria	Jone
Charlie	Cooper
Solomone	Valentino
	James