

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

I have had the pleasure over the last couple of weeks to visit each class and observe a literacy or numeracy lesson. We are so lucky at Plunkett St to have such amazing staff who are dedicated to delivering engaging and informed class programs. This week I have seen students who have previously been reluctant readers and writers, reading out their own writing in front of an audience. Their teachers have expertly differentiated the class activities to make sure everyone is supported, feels success and are proud of their own achievements. This week I have witnessed the growth in confidence and maturity of the Year 3 and 5 students as they have sat to complete the 2023 NAPLAN assessments. NAPLAN tests provide schools and families with a snapshot of how their children are performing in literacy and numeracy. Our school will use this information to make changes and improve teaching and learning programs, and to inform individual learning plans. It is so exciting to see our great kids doing great things at our school.

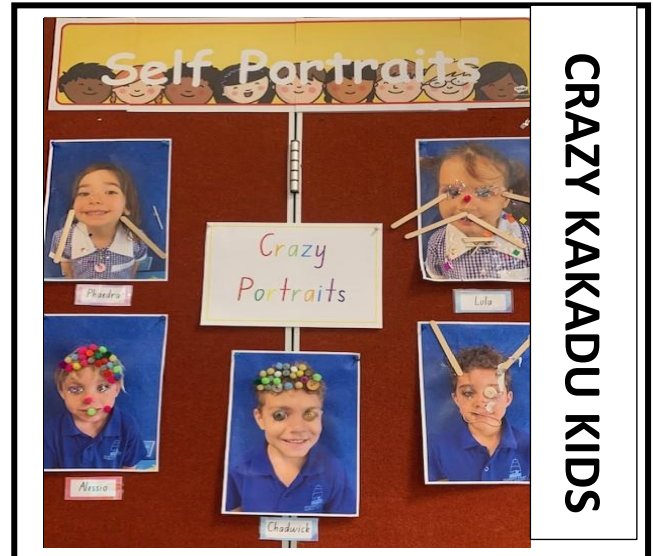
In the last few weeks of term 1, there are a few events coming up We will be hosting our annual Harmony Day Food Festival on Wednesday 22nd March from 11am-12pm. We hope many families will be able to join us on the day and contribute some delicious food from around the world. It would be helpful if families could label their food, and list all of the ingredients used. Please make sure that no food has peanuts.

Sydney Chess Academy are hosting a chess tournament at our school on Friday 24th March. Students must be registered to enter the tournament. Please visit the website to register and pay for your child. <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/interschool/2023/plunkett-street-public-school>

The Easter Hat parade will be on Thursday 6th April 2-3.

Reminder – Our first P&C (Parents and Citizens) meeting will be held in the COLA on **Thursday 23rd March at 8 am.**

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Calendar Term 1 2023

March

19th	Harmony Week begins
22nd	Multicultural Food Festival 11am - 12pm – All Welcome!
23rd	P&C meeting in COLA 8am
24th	Chess Tournament
24 th	Yrs 5 & 6 Student Leadership Event
25th	Election BBQ and Cake Stall

April

6th	Easter Hat Parade 2-3pm
6th	Last day of term 1
26th	First day of term 2 for students

COVID Symptoms – Stay Home

In the interests of health and safety, please keep your children at home if they are sick or displaying any of these symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis. If your child is sick at school, parents will be called straight away. RAT tests are available in the school office. Please come and help yourself. For more information please visit [guidance issued by NSW Health](#).

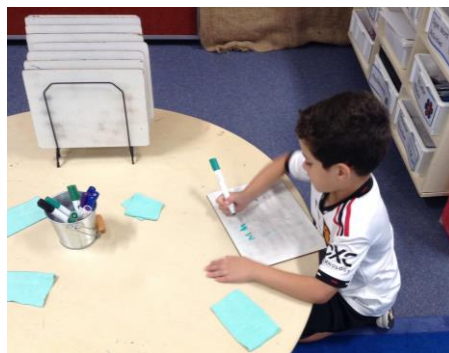
News from Kakadu Class

Week 8!

It's been a steamy fortnight but that hasn't stopped us from staying cool and working hard. In Maths this fortnight, we have focused on measure. We have been measuring length, area and volume. We have learnt some key measuring rules including aligning our tools up, leaving no spaces, not overlapping, and counting accurately. We've had fun making our own length family; measuring and comparing the length of our shoes and finding the volume of the 'Three Bears' bowls.

In Literacy the Kakadu literacy kids have learnt two new letter sounds: s and m. We have learnt the sounds and the names of these letters and how to write them using the correct letter formation. Sport has been another highlight this week; not only have we been improving our dribbling skills in soccer, but we also got to use the new Slack Line for the first time! All the Kakadu kids put their coordination, balance, and patience skills to the test...and lots of fun was had.

On a closing note, I would like to inform you that your child has been enrolled in the Premiers Reading Challenge; each child is challenged to read 30 books before the end of term 3. We will be logging the books we read together in class, but you can also log the books you read at home (including books you read to your child). There is very extensive book list so most titles will be recognised, public libraries will also stock many titles. If you would like to record the books you read at home on your child's personal digital reading record please send me an email and I will send you instructions on how to do this. Alternatively, I can provide you with a paper recording sheet.



News from Uluru Class

It's week 8 and we're on the home stretch!

This week we have taken a pause in our Initialit program. Instead, we have been learning about informative texts. To do this, we will be using a non-fiction book about the history of trains and all the different types of trains there are. This unit will also have a grammar focus, and will investigate sentence structure, prepositions and verbs.

We also continued our special focus on handwriting writing, using dotted thirds where appropriate. Uluru will continue this special focus this term, and our 'tricky words' work booklet, over the next few weeks

In our writing unit, we explored how to write rich character descriptions using interesting adjectives and exciting verbs.

In maths, we learnt about the concepts of area, volume and capacity, rectangles, and interpreting base ten blocks as digits and number names.

This week in science, we investigated how forces work on water and in the air.

In history, we explored an historical event or the history of a nation.

Keep going Uluru!



News from Jenolan Class

Jenolan kids have continued to work hard and smash our learning goals with each new week of Term One! We have been busy building on our learning across all areas, working hard both individually and as a team!

In Maths we have been tackling fractions! We have used art and hands on learning activities to help us visualise fractions in our world. Throughout our lessons we have been ordering, comparing, creating, and adding fractions. We have been using games to help us consolidate our knowledge and everyone has been getting into *fraction action*!!

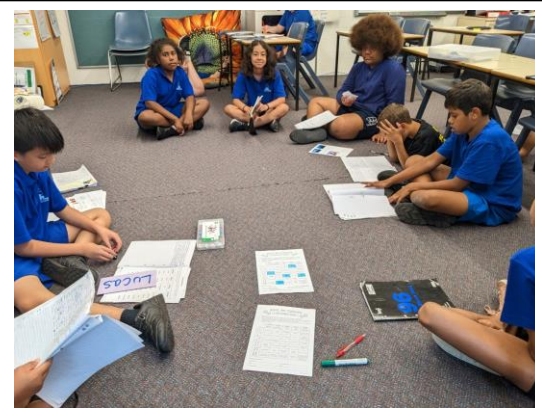
In English we are beginning to develop our own original narrative stories, based on our recent trip to the Art Gallery of NSW! Every student has imagined a world where tall sculptures of mysterious creatures come to life...I can't wait to find out what happens next!

In science we are comparing the properties of materials and imagining everyday objects made of opposite materials (a teapot made of chocolate, or a football made of glass!) In Geography and Cultural Studies, we are continuing to learn about our Australian flora and fauna, and how important it is to protect our beautiful environment.

Jenolan have had an amazing two weeks of sport and activities, filled with tennis, cricket, GoGo, soccer, and slacklining! The Jenolan class have shown both teamwork and sportsmanship while being active outside which is great to see! Well done Jenolan!



News from Coraki Class



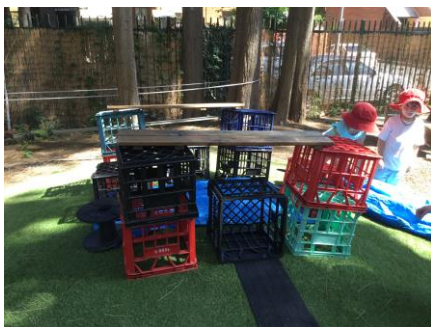
Coraki class has been working hard over the last fortnight. We've been doing lots of good stuff in the classroom and outside. In science, we've been observing that objects with different masses and sizes, when dropped from a height, will hit the ground at the same time. The force of gravity acts in an interesting ways, 'adjusting' the amount of force that applies to objects depending on their mass and 'balancing out' the fall so that they both land simultaneously. We've had some good in-class debates on the topic of terminal velocity as well and whether this can affect the rate at which things fall. Great stuff! With PSSA soccer starting up soon, the students have been playing lots of soccer. We're lucky enough to have ex-Socceroo, Gerry Gomez back in to share his life time of skills with us in training. Our new uniform colours this year are blue top, black shorts and black socks. Deadly!

News from Preschool

This week in Preschool we have been learning about different homes. After talking about what makes a strong home and drawing a picture of our own homes, students were super excited to create their own houses for the *Preschool City*! Using cardboard, tubes and a whole lot of masking tape, the first house was ready for the city. The second house to be added was made from Lego bricks - this house was extremely strong! But we didn't stop there... houses made from paper straws were carefully built and added to the ever-growing city! Students even decided to add roads to the city so that the cars could get around. What a fab creation!



Our enthusiasm for building didn't end inside though. Over the week, students put their problem-solving caps on and worked together to build homes (including a castle) using the loose parts! This wasn't always easy, and we had to think *really* hard about how to make our buildings bigger to fit everyone in. We also had to think about how we could keep the roof on top of the homes, as sometimes this was a little tricky.



We can't wait to continue this interest and see what our students come up with!

Community News



**Plunkett Street Public School
Harmony Day
Multicultural Food Festival
Wednesday 22nd March
11:00 -12:00pm
All Welcome!
Please bring a plate of food to share and
wear 'orange' the colour of harmony.**

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Parent Helpers Needed

Plunkett St Public School parents will be running a sausage sizzle and cake stall on Election Day – Saturday 25th March. Help is needed to bake cakes, sell cakes and BBQ the sausages. If you are available to help on the day, please contact the Plunkett Street Public School P&C Association at plunkettstreetpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or let the school office know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

