



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

August 2020	
Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	Education Week
Thursday 6 th	P&C Meeting – 8.30am



Education Week

Next week is Education Week, a time to celebrate NSW public education. We will be running a range of events with students at school as part of our celebrations. We will be also inviting parents to be involved via our official school Facebook page. Look out for a post on Monday with details of how you can be part of the fun.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge is quickly drawing to a close, with a little over a month left before all student entries are to be finalised. Friday August 28 is the final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students. A reminder that changes were made to the challenge rules for 2020 and students on all Challenge levels are able to read 10 choice books - an increase from five.

Wellbeing Wednesday

Students have been continuing to focus on the five keys by participating in a related activity each Wednesday morning. This fortnight we focussed on relaxing by completing some mindfulness colourings whilst listening to relaxation music. We also learnt how to do a body scan to find areas of our body that need relaxing. We focussed on doing things that make us happy when we played a class game of charades.

Peer Support Program

Our whole school will be starting Peer Support sessions this week. The students will be participating in a new module, Moving Forward which focuses on resilience. The experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. In this session, the children will establish connections with the other members of their group and develop their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children will discuss an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non-resilient responses. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.

Touch Footy

Students will be using the schools bright new rugby balls for sport this term. This new equipment and the accompanying teacher delivered lessons were funded through the Sporting Schools program.

School Photos

At this stage, non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds. We are waiting for advice on school photos which are due to be taken on Tuesday 25th August. It may be that we will be required to postpone, if this is the case we are hoping to secure a date in Term 4.

Billabong Transition

Due to departmental restrictions for inter-school visits, Billabong High School have advised that Term 3 transition activities have been postponed. Billabong High hope to reschedule some activities to Term 4.

Class News

K – 2

In K/1/2 this term, students are thinking creatively and using their imagination. Students will be designing and making different objects with a variety of materials. They will also be exploring characters and places in fairy tales. By the end of the term students will create their own puppet show. Last week students made objects using craft materials.

3-6 – Student Writing

Peer support on Thursday was a great success for Alex and I. Everyone enjoyed it. It was fun and everyone was enthusiastic about it. Everyone participated in all the activities such as resilient scenarios, and establishing our group agreement. We even had time to play a game because we worked well and fast.

By Alex and Isy

Thursday the 30th was a great success when I had to teach. We had so much fun with all the activities for peer support. I had so much fun. We learnt about resilience, the group agreement and what it is. Everyone got lots of Do-Jos. It was hard but I got it all done. Thank you for the great day.

By Flynn

On Thursday the 30th we had Peer Support. Peer Support is a great opportunity for year 5 and 6 to become a role model for year K-4. The first day was great. We taught our group about resilience and played a few games.

By Ella

Learning Awards

K-2 – Flynn for using adjectives to describe his drawing.

3-6 – Allira for taking responsibility for her learning by selecting challenging spelling words.

P&C Meeting

Next P&C Meeting Thursday 6th August commencing 8.30am.