



# GEORGE BASS SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 June 2014

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### School captains

Congratulations to our inaugural school captains

**Aljaye Tangi and Anne-Marie Vukoja**

The badges were awarded to our junior and senior captains at our week 4 assembly. It has been fantastic to see our captains wearing their badges each day and representing the school so well.

### Conference Teachers and SLSOs

Teachers and School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) had successful staff development days on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. Teachers were able to attend a number of sessions relating to exemplary practice in special education settings at the Special Education Conference. Our SLSOs spent time refining their ability to provide communication opportunities to our students. Thank you to all of our parents for being so flexible in the change of our staff development day.

### Please Drive Carefully in Car park.

Could all parents ensure that they keep to a 10km speed limit in the car park and look out for students and other parents at all times when driving on school grounds. We also need to ensure that we follow the teacher's directions on the crossing to ensure the safety of everyone. Currently we are in the process of developing some new procedures and signage for the car park to ensure that we get all of our students to and from school safely each day. Please stay tuned for these.

## IMPORTANT DATES

09.06.14	Public Holiday - school closed
10.06.14	Official School Opening
27.06.14	Last day of term
15.07.14	School resumes term 3

### Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

Till next time,

Peter Skinner  
Principal

## MOGRA CLASS

We are half way through Term 2 and the year is flying by. Mogra settled back into their routines quickly and all the boys were pleased to see each other after their first school holiday break.

Just before the end of term 1, Mogra celebrated Easter with the whole school. There was a school assembly where the boys paraded around to show the other students their art and craft skill.

After the holidays, Mogra followed on with their phonics and numeracy programs from Term 1, as well as continuing to discover what makes them unique as an individual and similar as a group.

One of our activities that Mogra really looks forward to is the swimming and trampoline programs. All the boys are developing their confidence to swim in the pool and jump on the trampoline.

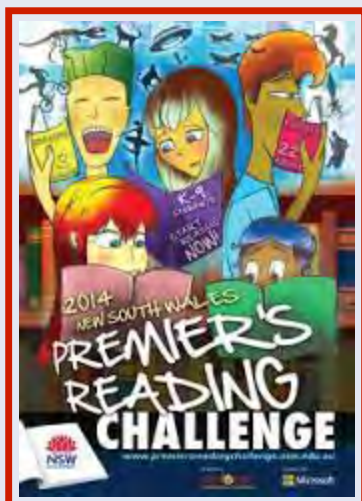


The skills the boys are practising in the pool are; blowing bubbles, kicking their legs and floating on their backs. For some of the boys these skills are very new and they have worked hard to develop the confidence to perform them.

Term 2 had celebrated many exciting activities, such as Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and the National Simultaneous Storytime. It was lovely to see many parents at the Morning Tea and Mogra loved the story, Too Many Elephants in the House that was read across the nation.

Finally, Mogra is looking forward to the celebrations that will be held on our official opening day, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. It will be a very special day.

Frances & Ebony



## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

At George Bass School we have enrolled each of our students in The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2014. Books from the challenge will be read with students throughout the school day, If you are interested in seeing the list of books for 2014 and want to read some of these at home please type the following link into your internet browser <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

## George Bass School Mission Statement

At George Bass School we provide innovative, quality learning programs that cater for student's individual needs and celebrate their achievements. We are committed to supporting students through partnerships within our diverse community.

## OFFICIAL OPENING

A reminder to all in the community about our school's official opening on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June at the revised time of 12.30pm.

This is a formal event that will be attended by the state minister for education and our state and federal members. It will also be a celebration of what George Bass School has achieved in such a short period of time.

Hopefully you would have noticed the final touches we have added to the school!

Please RSVP if you have not yet done so if you plan to attend.

## Positive Parenting Program

Positive Parenting Program (PPP) Information Session will be run at school on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June from 11.15am-12.15am in the school hall.

It will allow parents to see what is involved in the program, and decide whether it is something they wish to be involved with. Please indicate whether you are interested in attending by returning the note sent home last week, otherwise ring the school directly 9728 4450.

## WALI CLASS

This term is flying by so fast! Wali class has been busy learning about the families and different cultures within our class. We have been participating within cultural experiences such as traditional Chinese dragon dancing and drumming. We performed at the assembly and received a loud applause from the audience.

In class we cook traditional foods from different cultures such as Chinese noodle stir fry and hummus. We have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'.

After cooking our own gingerbread men we pretended to be the character of the greedy fox and ate them all up! They were delicious!



Every Friday our class participates within the George Bass Olympics. We look forward to Fridays because we have sport and we get to move around to each activity. One of our favourite activities is the rhythmic ribbon twirling. We get to choose our favourite colour and use them to make different shapes and patterns.



Courteney & Aaron



# LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library is beginning to look like a real library and it is very exciting!

With the purchase of resources to establish our library and to support learning and engagement across all Key Learning Areas, we are now beginning to fill the shelves. We have books in Junior Fiction, Senior Fiction, Non-Fiction, Teacher Resources and Big Books. We also have games, puzzles and learning resources to support learning and engagement in English, Mathematics, HSIE, Science and Technology, Creative Arts and Personal Development Health and Physical Education.

Students have been working hard to create artworks about books they are reading in class to display in the library and our staff have been working hard to setup computers, shelves, furniture and other resources.

What a difference there is from January to June of 2014

**January**



**June**

## **Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the morning tea. By supporting this event we raised \$254.95 for the Cancer Council.

