



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 Term 3 2014

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to start this edition of the newsletter by acknowledging all of the staff at George Bass School. Our staff have all been through a transition period into a new workplace and have been able to learn and develop throughout the year with a positive and professional attitude. At all times our staff are concerned with the education and wellbeing of the students in their care above all else. What I am most impressed with is everyone's commitment to high expectations of themselves and of the students at George Bass School.

I would like to welcome our new staff members to George Bass School. Starting this term Kristy Kirkham has begun relieving as Assistant Principal replacing Tara for the remainder of 2014. Kristy comes as an experienced teacher from Tallowood School in Kellyville, with extensive knowledge in using technology to support student learning. Carly Holliday has taken over the teaching responsibility of Kula class. Carly comes to us as an experienced and talented Special Educator from Broderick Gillawarna School. Kelly Milroy will also be supporting some of our RFF sessions in semester 2. Congratulations go to Joanne Mertens SLSOs on Burru class who was permanently appointed to George Bass School at the beginning of term 3.

Education week is a real opportunity to celebrate student success and the great achievements our students are making. A lot of planning from each class has gone in to showcasing the learning of each child. I certainly hope that all parents, family members and friends were able to enjoy participating in this celebration of student learning that occurred on Wednesday as part of our education week celebration. This was a great example of the high expectations that we all have at George Bass School.

Thank you to everyone for responding to well to the changes in our car park and for pick-up times. These changes help us to ensure the safety of all of our students at what could be a hectic time. Our students have really started responding positively to these changes and I feel much more confident that we are doing our best to ensure the safety of everyone.

This semester we have begun running a senior playground in the back grass area to support the new students enrolling into our school. This also enables us to better structure activities based on the student's ages and preferences. It also enables us to better plan for student safety by having a more even mix of students in each playground area.

If you have any questions or issues with the way that any of our changes affect your child please don't hesitate to contact the school or myself to discuss your concerns.

Peter Skinner
Principal

BURRU CLASS

It is wonderful to have all 6 Burru class members back; we are ready to rock and roll into term 3.

We have started the term off preparing for Education Week. The class has been reading the book 'The Earth and I' by Frank Asch and looking at the relationship we have with our environment.

We have been talking about ways we can keep the earth happy like recycling and how littering can make the earth sad. We are also very excited to perform our item at the Education Week assembly and have been practising very hard. The item looks at different ways to help the garden grow.

Burru are very excited to have started our drumming class for music with Matt and Abhi. We are drumming to different beats and counting to music patterns. We are having so much fun and can't wait to play different music instruments.

The class has also been working very hard on auction piece so we can raise as much money as possible for our library. Our piece is inspired by our school and how education can carry us away to wherever we want to go. We cannot wait to show everyone what we've done once it is completed.

There is so much to do this term and we are eager to start!

Burru Class



IMPORTANT DATES

01 August	NAIDOC Day – Ryka Ali Performance
4-8 August	Swimming Scheme
7&14 August	PPP Stepping Stones
11 August	Sydney Kings Basketball Team visit
21 August	Plant a Tree Day



JIRRABILITY CLASS

Term 3 has is looking like an exceptionally busy term at George Bass School. First we welcomed Evren into our class; it has been a pleasure getting to know him. We are now a full class of 7 enthusiastic students.

This week we have Education Week; Jirrability Class students worked very hard on their art work, we also have prepared a performance and hope all our parents will enjoy our show. Students have been progressing well with their individual numeracy and literacy activities, they complete tasks tailored to their current skill level and identified goals. These activities include matching and ordering numbers, symbols and letters, pre-writing and writing activities and sorting objects.

Using PECS as a communication system has been an on-going goal in Jirrability Class. Students have been requesting lots of items throughout the day with chocolate and pop-corn being our favourites.

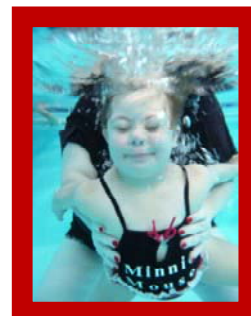
This term students will be exploring our local environments focusing on the jungle and beach this term.

Cassandra, Karen and Sarah B



SWIMMING SCHEME

Term 3 is filled with many fantastic learning opportunities for the students here at George Bass School. This week has been the beginning of the first of many swimming schemes to be run at the school and the students are enjoying this valuable opportunity.



KARUK CLASS

Welcome back for term 3. The year is flying by so fast. We hope you all enjoyed the 2 week break from the everyday school routine. It appears that all students have come back refreshed and ready to start work.

In the first few weeks, as preparation for Education Week we have been reading 'Planting a Rainbow' by Lois Ebert. We have made connections with our very own school garden and enjoyed learning our colours. Our art activities have been centred on the colours of the rainbow, and we are very proud of our window display for Open Day.

This term we are taking our cooking skills all the way to the kitchen which is very exciting as our recipe repertoire will increase with access to bigger and better appliances. We have painted rainbow toast and made rainbow pancakes.

In COGs we are learning all about 'Our Place' - home and school.

On Wednesday morning Pamela joins us and we go to the hall for music and iPad band which is new and exciting. This term we have 4 opportunities to perform for our friends in assembly, luckily we all enjoy the limelight.

During weeks 3 and 4 we enjoyed our daily swimming lessons as part of the School Swimming Scheme.

Open day was a huge success and we loved showing our parents what we have been doing in class. A highlight this week was today's performance to recognise and celebrate NAIDOC week.

We are so very busy in Karuk, thank you to our parents and teachers for their support and guidance as we develop our new skills

Until next time,

Aleena, Jaafar, Mariam, Robert, Rohan and Ziad

