



# GEORGE BASS SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May I say it has been fantastic to return from my leave over weeks 2 and 3 this term to all of the fantastic programs at George Bass School. Thank you to Toulia Finka who relieved for me as principal over this period, and thank you also to Courteney Sheehan who relieved as Assistant Principal to cover Toulia's duties.

I would like to welcome our newest staff member Sammy Dossa Bhoj who will be permanently filling our newest School Learning Support Officer position. I would also like to welcome Gabriela Debreczeni who will be supporting students throughout the school as a School Learning Support Officer throughout the remainder of the year.

Unfortunately, we are still waiting on the completion of our 11th classroom as weather and other contributing factors have delayed the Department's contractors. We are extremely eager to have this completed by next week so that programs can resume normally. In exciting news however, our 12<sup>th</sup> class has officially been established, so the planning for the delivery of this classroom can now take place.

All of our students have completed their requirements in regards to NAPLAN over the last fortnight. Our students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were given the opportunity to take part in national testing in Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy with adjustments. After consultation with individual parents and the P&C, it was decided that it was important to have our students represented in this national assessment data. The results of these tests capture a very discrete number of skills and knowledge for every child. For this reason they will not be able to capture or record each of the fantastic achievements that all of our students make each day. Regardless, I would like to congratulate our students for taking part.

A reminder to all parents and visitors to the school that if you wish to take photographs while on school grounds that you need permission from the principal. A number of parents have requested that their children not be photographed and it is important that we meet this request. I would also ask that privacy be maintained when it comes to the student programs and the management of students when in the school. If there are any questions or concerns however, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to come and see me. The safety, privacy and dignity of our students and their families are of great importance and are integral to the running of our school.

Peter Skinner  
Principal

# KULA CLASS

Term 2 has been very busy for Kula class. We continue to work on writing and we are also matching to sample student's own names and numbers. Students have been working on phonics activities using both the Commbox and worksheets. In Accelerated Literacy, we will be reading 'Mr McGee and the Biting flea' for this term and term 3. Kula students are interacting with each other through developmental play sessions each afternoon and continue to learn to wait and take turns.

For gardening, we have planted sunflowers and cucumber seeds for the greenhouse. Students' enjoy their weekly visit to the garden to water the plants and do some weeding. We look forward to cooking and tasting fruits and vegetables once they are ready for harvesting. Kula class have been cooking and eating yummy food each week. So far we have made pizza, fried rice and toasted sandwiches. Students enjoyed the sensory aspect of cooking and love to eat what they have cooked.

Kula students look forward to swimming every Friday afternoon. Students are becoming more confident in the water and have lots of fun in the pool. We also like to keep fit and make sure we go out for walks around the school, jump on the trampoline and learn to ride bikes safely. Overall, a busy and fun term ahead!



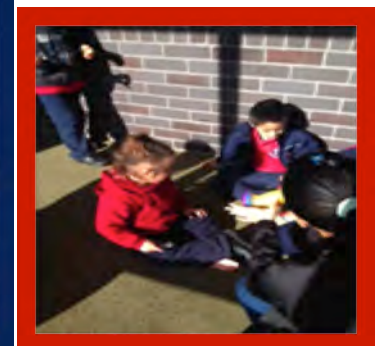
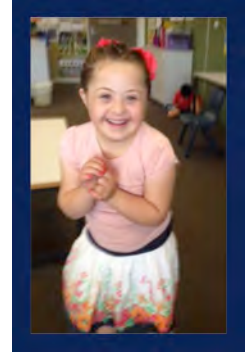
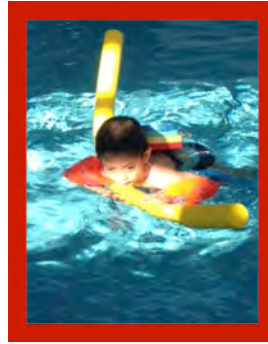
# MOGRA CLASS

We have been having loads of fun together as a class and working hard to reach our personal learning goals over the past term and a half. We have continued to investigate the theme of Growth and Change, with a focus on the life cycles of plants, butterflies and humans.

George Bass has been focusing on healthy living and eating. We have been making some very healthy foods, such as muffin pizza, fruit kebabs, burritos and toasted sandwiches. We have also been very conscientious to increase our daily exercise. Each day we participate in an energetic task such as walking around the school, swimming, trampolining and bike riding. These activities have also supported the development of our listening skills and our ability to stay with our class as a group. We are having so much fun together that we can't believe the middle of the year is almost here.

Until next time.....just keep HAVING FUN!!!

Mogra, Miss Frances and Miss Kallyn





## WALI CLASS

We welcomed Yusuf to George Bass School in Term 2. This term is flying. It is packed with so many exciting programs and activities running at George Bass School.

We are taking part in daily physical activities as part of the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and eating fruit slices during our Crunch and Sip program.

The students are enjoying reading the book 'How the Birds got their Colours' for our Accelerated Literacy program. We are focusing on the colours blue and green. We are doing lots of painting, colouring and activities using SMART Notebook. Our swimming session is still the highlight of the week in our fabulous heated pool.

Jawad, Yusuf, Aboudie, Rafay, Mustapha, Paul and Abhi

