



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 2 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Reports and End of Term

It has been a very eventful and successful Semester for all students and staff at George Bass School. I have had the pleasure of being able to read each student's report over the last week and I am incredibly pleased with and proud of each child's progress. I am also very grateful for the incredible job that our educators do, in providing a quality education for our students based on high expectations.

New Classes and Student/Staff Changes

Due to the growing nature of our school, the addition of two classes throughout this year, the arrival of demountable classrooms and the arrival of new staff, we have needed to make a number of changes to try to best meet the needs of our students as a whole. Many of these changes will take place at the beginning of next term as our new classroom is delivered in this timeframe. I apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause. I thank everyone for their flexibility and understanding over this time, particularly our parents, students and staff.

Staffing Appointments

We have received a transfer into our 12th classroom teacher position, Catherine Lee from Cairnsfoot School. She will be joining us at the beginning of next term. An additional classroom teacher position and SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) position will be filled through open advertisement by the end of the term.

Primary Club Shade Sail

George Bass School was able to receive a grant through the Primary Club of NSW to have a shade sail erected over our senior playground. Construction of the shade sail will be complete next term to cover the senior exercise equipment. Thank you to the Primary Club of NSW for their support.

Club Grants and Variety Bash

Thanks also to Revesby Workers Club and the Variety Club for their generous contributions to our school to allow for the purchase of our first school bus, which should occur early next term. The bus will be delivered in line with the Variety B to B Bash on Sunday the 2nd of August.

Thank you also to the Variety Club for supporting the P&C's request for the purchase of senior bikes which will also be made available for the Variety Bash.

If any parent would like their child involved in this event could they please contact the school by the first Wednesday of next term. We require a number of students who will be able to ride bikes through the starting line to start the event. For more information about this event please follow the link below or google search 'Variety Bass Hill to Bunbury Bash'.

<http://www.variety.org.au/nsw/Events/bash>

Thank you to Sandra Moore for her tireless work in getting the club grants organised on behalf of the school and the P&C.

TRIPLE P – STEPPING STONES

The TRIPLE P Stepping Stones Program will again be run in 2015. Thank you in advance for all of those parents who have expressed interest in being a part of this great program. This program supports parents of children in our school to best support their children and is targeted for students up to 12 years. This program will be run each Thursday in Term 3 from 9.30am.

Student Lateness

A reminder to all parents how important it is for your child to arrive to school on time. Late arrivals can greatly and negatively disrupt the whole class in the morning and can disrupt our morning circle programs. I would like to encourage all parents to be here on time each day to support the learning of all students. The gates do remain open between 8.50 and 9am each day.

First Day Back for Student's Term 3

Students return to school on Monday 13th of July as the staff development day for George Bass School has been altered to now be Friday the 11th of September.

Assisted School Transport will be available on Monday the 13th of July.

I hope everyone has a relaxing, and most importantly safe holiday period. I look forward to seeing everyone back and refreshed in term 3.

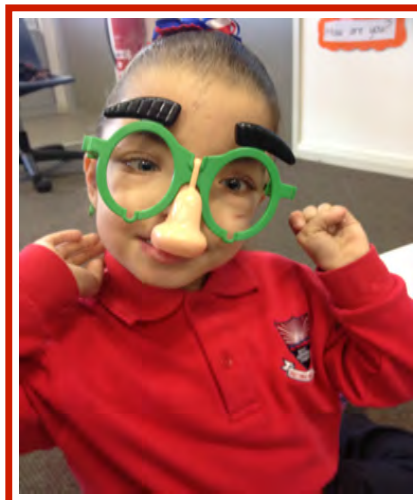
WUGGAJIN CLASS

During Term 2, Wuggajin class has started reading a new book for Accelerated Literacy called 'Just Another Ordinary Day' by Rod Clement. We have been comparing our school routine with that of the main character, Amanda. Our focus for the remainder of this term is sequencing daily events and verbally recounting our weekly happenings.

We recently performed at assembly and displayed our tap dancing efforts whilst counting to 100. We enjoy using tap shoes to make changes in beats and rhythm on hard wooden floors every Friday afternoon. We are learning how to sequence shuffles, knocks, heels, slides and stamps together to compose our own piece of choreography.

Recently, we have moved into the new demountable classroom and are enjoying our new space. We are really excited to be the first class to access the new classrooms and look forward to enjoying our new learning environment!

Every afternoon, we practice our peer communication through the use of PECS when using board games. We work together to request items from the board game through the use of a sentence strip and attributes. We love playing 'Funny Faces' as we are able to request features and assemble them to make a mismatched face!

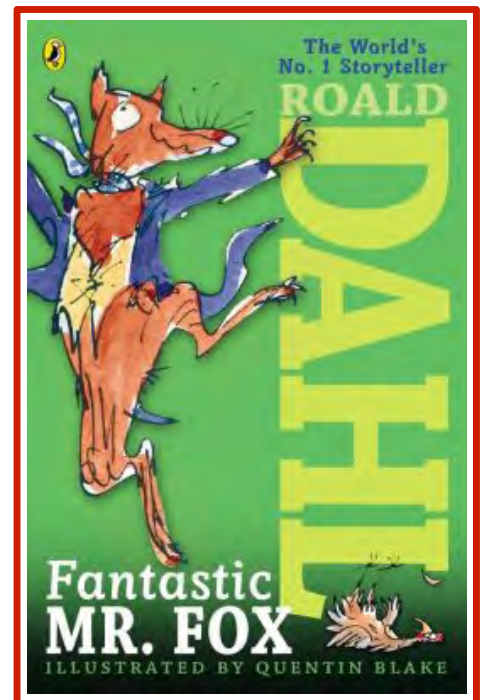
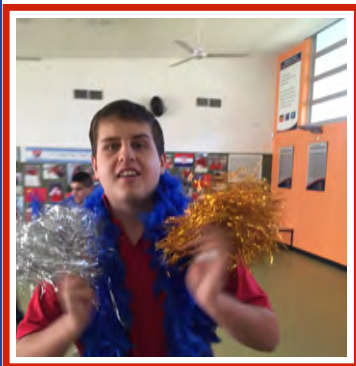


KIRRAWE CLASS

Kirrawe has had a very busy and fun Term 2! This term, Kirrawe started to participate in the Senior Workgroup Program. During this program, that runs every Wednesday middle session, students have an opportunity to participate in activities that allow them to learn social, life and community skills. Students also combine with the other two senior classes in the school, giving them a chance to socialise with students in their own age group.

Kirrawe has also had fun this semester reading a new book for Accelerated Literacy called 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. Students have really enjoyed reading the story about a clever fox who outsmarts the local farmers.

The garden has also been a big part of Kirrawe's weekly routine this term, with students tending to our garden bed each week and enjoying learning about and even sampling the things we have been growing. Their favourite things so far are smelling the lavender and trying the different vegetables we have been growing.



BIDJAWONG CLASS

In Bidjawong class students have participated in many rich learning experiences this term and have really enjoyed the many hands on lessons that have been made available to support this learning.

This term students have been learning about healthy eating and the importance of needing to maintain a healthy lifestyle. As part of this program students have prepared many healthy meals during the weekly cooking program and enjoyed eating a variety of different fruits and vegetables during the daily Crunch and Sip lessons.

To continue with the healthy lifestyle unit of work, students participate in a variety of different physical activities. These include walking, jumping on the trampoline, playing basketball, dance and yoga sessions.

It has been wonderful to see all students showing an interest in a wider variety of physical activities and also being more adventurous in the types of foods that they will try.

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