



# GEORGE BASS SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 3 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Kristy Kirkham who was the successful candidate for our vacant teacher position and also to Kallyn Merritt who was the successful candidate for our vacant (SLSO) School Learning Support Officer position at the end of last term. Thank you to the parents and community members who represented our community on those selection panels.

Education week is week 3 of this term (the week starting the 27<sup>th</sup> of July). Education week at George Bass School will be celebrated on Thursday of this week (the 30<sup>th</sup> of July) with parents invited to attend a performance assembly and class activities. The assembly starts at 9.30am, and a note has gone home this week so that parents and families can RSVP for the event.

Staff from George Bass School are hosting a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August at Bunnings Villawood. Funds raised from this event will be going towards the establishment of a sensory garden. I would like to encourage all families and friends to go on the day and purchase a sausage in a roll or a drink to support this great cause. Thank you to all staff who will be supporting this event to enhance the opportunities for our students out of their personal time.

The Variety Club is holding their annual 'Variety Bash' starting from The Twin Willows Hotel car park in Bass Hill. The variety club has been a great supporter of the school with the donation of modified bikes and funds towards the purchase of a bus. These items will be handed over to the school at this event from 8am on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

If any parent would like their child involved in this event could they please contact the school as soon as possible. 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/>

Another reminder to all parents about 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.

Peter Skinner  
Principal

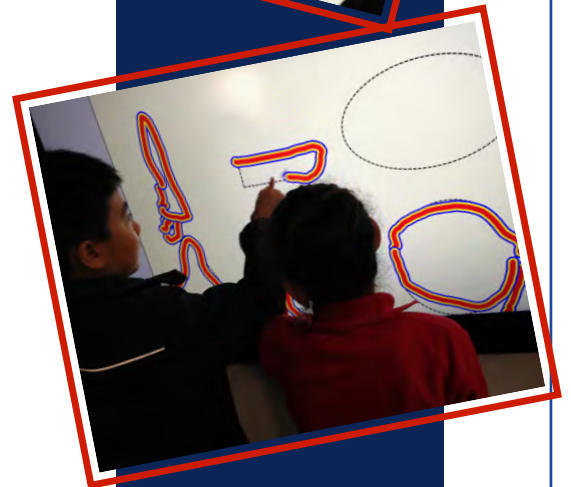
# KARUK CLASS

After an exhausting Semester 1 we have had a fantastic start to Semester 2. In music therapy we have all made progress in leaps and bounds. We have worked very hard on playing fast, slow, loud, soft and listening very carefully when to stop. Sometimes we forget, but our music therapist Pam is very proud of us all. Karuk class enjoys playing music, singing and dancing at any time of the day – we don't really need an excuse.

This term we will be focusing on the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' for Accelerated Literacy. We will be focusing on the days of the week, but all the activities planned will help us work toward understanding and decoding the text. Our unit of work is 'Getting Along' and we will be looking at people who keep us safe, roles and relationships with family, friends and members of the community as well as different signs and symbols in our local community.

Continuing with the Premiers Sporting Challenge, Frances has been working with us on Tuesdays in a new dance/gross motor program. Karuk has enjoyed practising our stretching, balancing, jumping and movement skills.

Kristy, Tara and Jo



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August** – School Swim Scheme

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July** – Education Week Open Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July** – Scholastic Book Fair

**15<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> September** – Earn & Learn Woolworths Stickers

**Thursdays till 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Triple P Program

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – Staff Development Day – No School



## JIRRABILITY CLASS

A huge welcome back for term 3. We have had a very busy year so far and our class has had a small change this term as we will soon be welcoming two new students into Jirrability, we are very excited to meet our new peers.

This semester in Jirrability class we are exploring the unit – getting along, exploring the theme of friendship and what it looks like to be a good friend. We will also be working with some of our friends in Wali Class, learning to share, play together and have fun. In addition to our unit we are reading the book ‘Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley’ a book which celebrates friendships.

This Term we have recently set up a sensory room in our back learning space, we enjoy laying in the optical lights and watching the bubble tube and making the alphabet on the light

## BURRU CLASS

It is Term 3 and Burru class has hit the ground running. This term will be full of exciting programs and activities.

First of all we would like to welcome our newest class member Hussien. We are very excited to have him join our class and get to know him better. Even though he has only been with us for a short time, he has already started to make good friends in the class.

George Bass School have been participating in the Premier Sporting Challenge and Burru class have been accumulating the time by going on class walks, participating in George Bass Olympics, practising ball skills and engaging with the new gymnastics program. We have a few weeks to go until the challenge ends and look forward to continuing our active lifestyles.

This years education week theme is ‘Local Hero’s’. Burru have been focusing on the NSW Fire Service. We are looking at what a fireman does and how they help the community, what they wear and the parts of a fire engine. We can’t wait for the NSW Fire Service visit to the school.

We will also be starting swim school this term in weeks 3 and 4. Burru love going swimming and are looking forward to all the new skills we will learn.

Its going to be a jam packed term and we

