



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Term 3 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Education Week

Education week provided us with a great opportunity to celebrate the work that our staff and students do in classes each day as well as all of our student achievements. Our Assembly and class visits were a great opportunity to engage with our community and our families. Thank you to the organising committee and staff for their hard work in preparing for the day. Thank you as well to our student's families who attended on the day.

Student Uniforms

I have noticed lately that a number of students are coming to school out of school uniform. Our school uniform and presentation is important to us as a school, and I would ask that each student wear their uniform each day. The uniform also helps us to identify our students in the playground and in the community and helps us to ensure each child is safe. Please contact the school to talk to me if you are having difficulties with the purchase of uniforms.

Book Fair

We had an extremely strong response to our book fair this year. Thanks to all parents and staff who purchased from the Book Fair and all of those who donated books to the school. I am pleased to announce that we reached our target of purchases and over \$200 of additional books will be purchased from Scholastic Books for our library.

Tell Them From Me Survey.

George Bass School will be participating in the Tell Them from Me Survey this year. This survey is an online resource that allows teachers and parents to provide feedback about the work that goes on in our school. Further information will be provided throughout the term about how parents can log in to the survey to have their views recorded on our strengths and areas for improvement.

The Variety Bash

On Sunday the 2nd of August The Variety Club held their annual 'Variety Bash' starting from The Twin Willows Hotel car park in Bass Hill. The Variety Club took this opportunity to present George Bass School with our first school bus. This was supported with funds from both the Variety Club of NSW and Revesby Workers Club in particular Dennis Haywood who supported our request for funds at very late notice.

The Variety Club also presented our school with 5 accessible bikes to be used as a part of school programs. It was great to see a number of our students riding our school's new bikes over the starting line, thank you to all parents, families and student who attended this great event.

Bunnings BBQ.

Thank you to all staff and Peter Moore (James' dad) who supported our second Bunnings BBQ on Saturday the 1st of August. We raised in excess of \$1000 towards funding our Schools Spectacular group this year. Thanks to Sarah B, Chloe, Karen, Sarah A, Toula, Hayley, Emma, Courtney, Vai, Frances and Joy who all came along to work and support our students and our fantastic school culture.

Peter Skinner
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 19 September – Book Club Due

7 September – Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers due

Thursdays till 3 September – Triple P Program

Friday 11 September – Staff Development Day – No school



WALI CLASS

This semester Wali Class has been learning about "Getting Along". We have been learning about the roles of family members, school staff and community members and about people we can trust to keep us safe.

We have also been learning about Heroes like Fireman Sam who helps and protects us from danger.

Wali class has been working very hard with their Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and everyone is making pleasing progress moving at least two phases forward this year.

Swim School has been a major highlight for two weeks this term with students learning and enjoying swimming every afternoon with the fabulous swim coaches. This has had a positive effect on students, who have been happier and more focused.

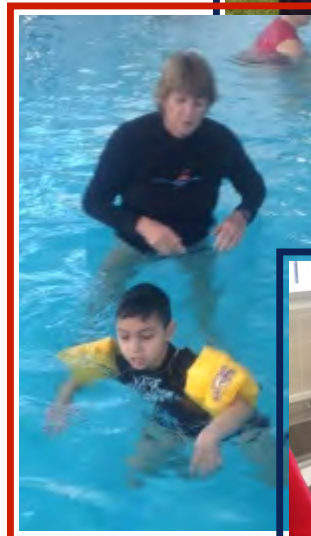
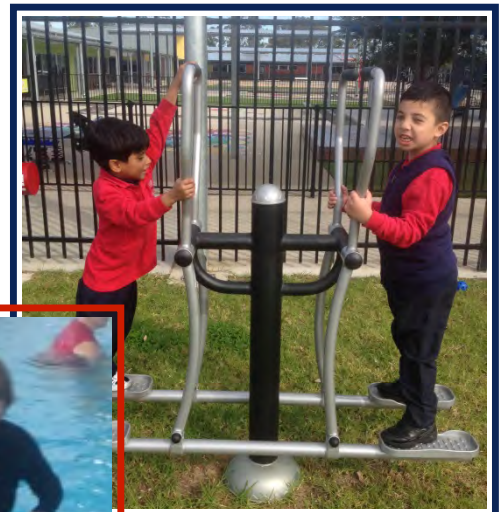
KULA CLASS

Kula class has been very busy this term with book week and swim school. Students are enjoying their daily swimming activities with their instructors. Book week was a fun experience for all especially the fire engine visit, which was very exciting. Students got to sit in the fire engine and got to meet the fireman.

In Kula class we continue to work on our Accelerated Literacy book "Mr McGee and the Biting Flea". Students enjoy reading the story and are more familiar with the characters. For our Cogs unit we will be exploring healthy and unhealthy food choices through cooking once a week. We will also be busy planting new seeds in our garden, students will get the opportunity to taste and smell the herbs and salad.

This term we will be focusing on learning about Positive Behaviour Language in the classroom and on the playground. It's going to be a fun term!

Kula class: Jayden, Robert, Solomane, Jaafar, William, Khaled, Sarah and Joy



MOGRA CLASS

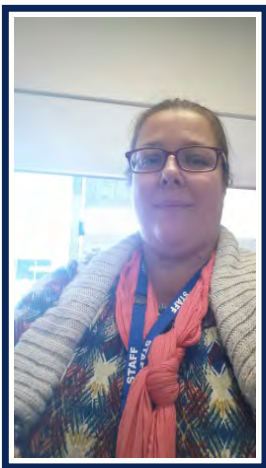
Welcome Back to Term 3... We have had a rather exciting start to the Term!!!! Farewells, new arrivals, Education Week, Plant a Tree Day and the Book Fair has all happened in the first five weeks.

Firstly we said farewell to Kallyn for her maternity leave and we are happy to welcome Miss Ellie, who will be helping us while Miss Kallyn is away.

Something new for our class this semester, Mogra is joining with Karuk to explore the text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' for Accelerated Literacy. It is a lot of fun, as we walk to Karuk's classroom each day to do the activities. We also helped Miss Chloe create our Hungry Caterpillar head.

The theme for our studies ties in well with our text as we will be looking at the Healthy Choices we need to make each and every day. This includes the choices we make for our personal hygiene, the food we choose to eat, the exercise we do to stay healthy and the considerations we make for our personal safety.

Until next time – Stay safe and healthy
Mogra, Miss Frances, Miss Kallyn and Miss Ellie



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On the 3rd August at 4:07 pm proud mummy and daddy Kallyn and Felipe welcomed their baby son

ARLO

Weighing in at 3.765 kg and measured 50 cm.

Mum and baby are doing very well and look forward to visiting George Bass School very soon.