



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 3 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to acknowledge the parents and family members who attended the move-a-thon and the teachers who welcomed them in to participate in their high quality programs. We also received an amazing amount of support for our P&C fundraiser with a number of families and friends committing money to the event.

Next Friday the 11th of September is our Term 3 staff development day. All teachers will be heading to the SEPLA NSW Special Education Conference at Crowne Terrigal. The theme of the conference is 'Wellbeing' and teaching for personal and student wellbeing. A number of SLSOs have made the decision to self fund to attend this event. The remainder of our SLSOs will be participating in professional development in using technology and supporting literacy programs.

Of late a number of parents have requested that they be able to attend birthday parties in class for their children. After much discussion we have made the decision to not allow this practice in the future in the interests of fairness and limiting the interruptions to learning programs and the routines that are so important to our students.

This Saturday the 5th of September is the 'Spring Fair' at Bunnings Villawood. George Bass School has been given the opportunity to run two BBQs at his event as a fundraiser for our school, in particular our Schools Spectacular program. Feel free to attend this event and support our students.

Our community representative and tireless supporter, Charlie Hatty has recently unfortunately undergone some complex health issues. I would like to wish Charlie all the best on behalf of George Bass School and our entire community. I am sure everyone will join me in hoping that he has a quick and uncomplicated recovery.

A number of our community members have recently followed our school's Facebook page. this page is designed to share events and key news with our school community in a way that is easily accessible. A note will soon go home regarding permission to have students photographs posted on the site. The Facebook site will be moderated so that only school families and known community members will be able to like and/or view the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/georgebassschool>

A number of our students participate in the school banking program. This has been a very successful program and I encourage more parents to sign up. Please see the office for more information.

BIDJAWONG CLASS

In Bidjawong we are learning about Energy as part of our COGS unit this semester.

We have been learning about different types of energy which include kinetic, light, heat and electric energy.

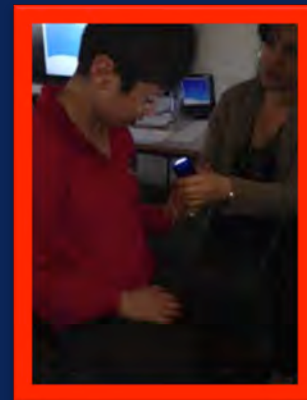
Students have enjoyed listening to songs, completing art works, desk tasks and participating in class discussions about these different types of energy.

This week students particularly enjoyed playing with torches whilst learning about different sources of light.

Listening to music on the interactive screen whilst watching a fireworks display to highlight another light source was also enjoyed by all of the students in Bidjawong.

We look forward to learning more about energy during the remainder of the semester.

We are learning about energy



IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 5 September - Bunnings BBQ - Villawood Bunnings

Tuesdays – School Banking

Friday 11 September – Staff Development Day – *No School*

Friday 18 September – Last Day of Term 3

Tuesday 6 October – School resumes for Term 4

Friday 16 October - Trivia Night Fundraiser

WUGGAJIN CLASS

Wow! Hasn't this term flown by! Wuggajin class have been so busy throughout the term. We have settled into our new classroom and we all agree it is looking fantastic!

This term, we have continued to participate within our Integrated Literacy/Numeracy Program with Bankstown Public School, however they have been visiting our school for a change! We enjoy working alongside our buddies to complete our morning schedules and they too look forward to seeing us every Wednesday morning.

Last Friday we enjoyed participating within the move-a-thon. It was a great opportunity to show our parents what we do at George Bass Olympics every Friday and how we are working hard to improve our fundamental movement skills.

For our COGS unit this semester we are learning how to 'work together' with our peers. We have been participating within exciting hands-on learning experiences with our friends in Jirrabity. We examine the George Bass School PBL expectations and enjoy working with another class to apply expectations in a practical way. We will be making a short video at the completion of the unit to showcase what we have learnt throughout the semester.

We are trying very hard to bring healthy foods to school every day in our lunch boxes. Within our Accelerated Literacy book 'Just Another Ordinary Day', we are focusing on the main character's lunch choices and comparing them with our own. We have discussed the importance of bringing fruit and vegetables to school and students enjoy talking about and listening to the variety of fruit and vegetables within their lunch boxes every day.

Good bye for now.

Aljaye, Andre, Heba, Chawkat, James, Jesse, Marvin, Omar, Sarine,
Miss Courteney and Miss Karen



BURRA CLASS

Term 3 has flown by so fast. At the end of the term 2 holidays Burra class came back to a huge surprise, a new classroom! We now reside at the top of the school looking down over the grassy field and play equipment. We want to thank Peter and other staff members who stayed back late after work to paint the walls- we love the purple colour you picked Mr. Skinner!

We have continued in our study of Fantastic Mr. Fox during our Accelerated Literacy lessons. Combining with Kung-Gung has been a wonderful learning experience. During our assembly item Sarmad, Idris and Shaimaa showed just how fantastic our reading skills are becoming. We enjoyed our visit with the fire brigade during Education week, so many photo opportunities! This semester we have been discovering the wonders of 'Energy', we are also discovering there are different types of energy all around us!

We have been participating in the senior work education groups and community access, and we are about to start the third round of activities. This has been an educational and fun way to improve our work skills and show just how brilliant we are when out and about in the community. Our teachers are extremely proud of all our efforts this term.

Until next time,

David, Idris, Michael, Mohammad, Sarmad,
Shaimaa, Matthew and Sarah.

