



George Bass School NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 4 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At this time of the year we are immersed in the process of not only report writing and organising for our end of year events, but also planning for a successful 2017. Our orientation session for new students for 2017 took place on Thursday of week 4. This orientation session saw 7 of our new students visiting our school with their families. Huge thanks to the P&C who supported with a morning tea. I know all of our new families felt very supported and are looking forward to becoming part of our community next year.

Our Move-a-thon fundraising event was held on Friday of week 5. All students were engaged during the morning in sporting activities supported by their educators and the students from Georges River Grammar. The Parents and Citizens Association were successful in raising over \$1100 to support the school from this event. Thank you to the staff, parents and community members who supported the Move-a-thon. Additional thanks to those who supported on the day and provided the refreshments for our participants.

We have 2 graduating students this year, Mahdi Rezai and Mohammed Ak Beek. A graduation assembly on Thursday of next week at 9.30am will be held to honour them completing their schooling. Invitations for this event will be going home; all parents are welcome to attend this event. All students will be in attendance to see our first graduating class.

The George Bass School Annual Presentation Assembly is taking place on Thursday 1st December at 9.30am. All parents are invited to attend this event to see students receive class awards, to see the presentation of our school-wide awards and to see the announcement of our school captains for 2017. Parents are also invited to attend a light morning tea following the event.

The George Bass School End of Year Concert is being held on Wednesday the 14th of December. Please keep this date in your diary as I know classes are working hard on showcasing some excellent student performances for this event. More information about this event and the thank you morning tea, which will be held on the same day, will be sent home via your child's communication book in the coming days.

As a school we are extremely lucky to have dedicated and committed staff that support the education and wellbeing of all of our students. Over this week we have been in the difficult position of having to decide on staffing for 2017, particularly given how many quality people we have engaged in temporary contracts. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the casual, temporary, and relieving staff who have been performing a variety of roles across the school this year. Their efforts and commitment are greatly valued and without this our school wouldn't be able to offer the great programs that we currently offer.

Peter Skinner



MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

We continue to build our community partnerships in a variety of ways as has been our target within Strategic Direction 3. For the last few weeks, those of you who have visited the school you may have noticed that our gardens at the front of the school are being mulched and pruned and new plants are being planted. This would not be possible without the hard work and vision of our General Assistant Tony and the volunteer support that he has had from two of our parents, Janine and Leonard Power. Thank you to these parents for being of such great assistance over the last few weeks. We will also be holding another Gardening Bee to invite other parents to help contribute and maintain our wonderful gardens.



What's happening in the classroom?



One of our lucky classes went on an excursion to Fairfield City Farm on Wednesday of this week to extend their learning in the classroom. It was a delight to watch as the students in Wuggajin class excitedly boarded the bus and went on their merry way with their teachers. Wuggajin class has been working very hard this year on the PBL value of Staying Safe by staying with the group and also by listening to teacher instructions. Having the opportunity to attend this excursion and to have such a great deal of success whilst out in the community shows how far they have come this year and I am very proud of each and every student.

Thank you to the hard work and dedication of the staff in Wuggajin class for their careful planning and enthusiasm in making the day possible. What a sense of accomplishment!

Toula Finka

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesdays School Banking

Thursday @ 9.30 School Assembly

Friday @ 2pm Colours Café

Wednesday 23rd November Parent Working Bee

Thursday 24th November Graduation Assembly

25th-26th November Schools Spectacular

Thursday 1st December Presentation Day Assembly

Wednesday 14th December End Of Year Concert





Wirriga Class

What a fantastic Term 4 for Wirriga Class so far! Students have been enjoying our new routines and class programs, as well as our cooking with PECS and swimming school programs as per previous terms.

We have been starting our day with a brand new Morning Circle routine, which Wirriga Class has loved. Our students have particularly been enjoying the 'What is the weather like today?' section which features the use of props, such as an umbrella and spray bottle for *rainy weather*, whipped cream on a tray for *cloudy weather*, a fan activated by a switch for *windy weather*, and a hat and pair of oversized sunglasses for *sunny weather*.

This term, Wirriga Class is continuing to explore the theme of *Local Places* of our COGs Unit. During our middle sessions, students have been working with a booklet featuring pictures of various areas from around our school and objects of reference (items) in relation to each of these locations to help students memorise them. In the afternoon, our class has been enjoying taking part in some PECS dramatic play at our Wirriga's *Market* or *Tea Shop* where students have been requesting delicious food items using switches and PECS visuals. In mathematics, our class has been focusing on learning about positional language. As you can see from the pictures students have also been enjoying putting things, and themselves, **IN** cardboard boxes

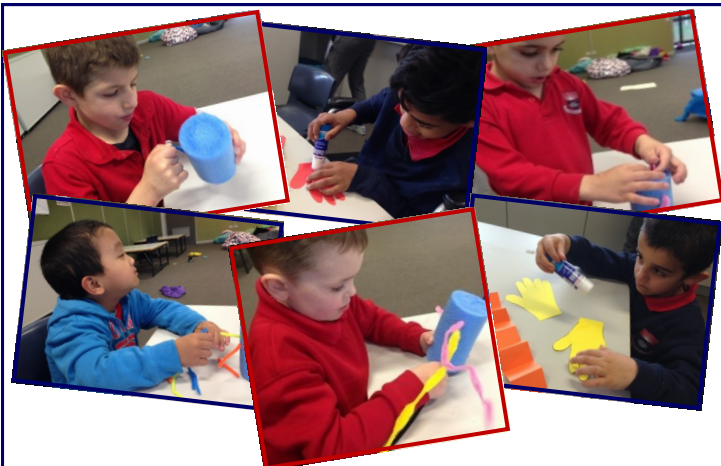
Katia and Tina

Kung-Gung Class

Kung Gung class has added a bike program to their daily routine, which has been very popular with all students. This particular program is valuable, because it teaches the students about co-ordination, road and bike safety, as well as providing them with physical activity. During numeracy lessons Kung Gung students have been focusing on practical money skills. These skills include identifying the value of different coins and notes, adding different amounts and understanding the concept of change. The students have been putting their new knowledge into practice through role play and real life experiences when working in Colours Cafe every Friday afternoon.

Racheal, Cat and Paul





Mogra Class

We are nearing the end of 2016... how the time has flown. There have been so many new experiences through the year and we have developed many new skills. At the beginning of the year, everything was so new and now our routine has helped us to settle at school and be far more independent.

We have thoroughly enjoyed reading Brown Bear, Brown Bear and exploring the colours and animals from the story. Working closely with Kogunda has supported the friendships with our peers to continue to strengthen. We are in the middle of creating our own illustrations for a take-home book.

During George Bass Olympics, we have practised many of the skills to play rugby league, soccer and basketball. In particular, our throwing and kicking skills have improved. We have particularly appreciated the support from the Georges River Grammar students.

In our final entry for 2016, we would like to let everyone know what a fabulous time we have all had being a part of Mogra. There has been much laughter, games and learning and we really look forward to 2017!!!

Frances & Sarah B

Kirrawe Class

Term 4 has been very busy for Kirrawe class. We have continued with the unit of work 'Paddock to Plate' from Term 3. We have been exploring the changes and developments in farming and food processing from past to present. Students have also been learning about the different stages foods go through before they reach our tables.

Kirrawe class is always very active outdoors. Students participate in George Bass Olympics, swimming, aerobics, bike and trampoline every week. Our students participated in Move-a-thon and Inter-school Soccer (gala) Day and did very well.

This year the boys have become great friends. They are happy to see each other in the morning, they take care of each other and enjoy each other's company. Unfortunately, Mahdi and Mohammed will be finishing school at the end of the year. We would like to wish both of them the best of luck in their future.

Abhi and Joanne





Wali Class

What a fun filled year it has been! This term saw students who participated in our mentoring program with Bankstown Public School enter the film competition Film By the Sea and we were lucky enough to be selected for screening. Great job to Ali, Haoi and Carys who were part of the project. Another group of students from Wali class will be representing George Bass School and performing in this years Schools Spectacular, Carys and Layelle have been practising every week as well as working very hard during out-of-school rehearsals. We look forward to supporting the girls and the rest of the students in the Schools Spectacular team on the day at the arena. Wali class have also been working very hard on our end of year concert performance with the theme of Our Backyard and we cannot wait to show you all. As the year comes to an end we would like to congratulate everyone in Wali class for their tremendous efforts in class this year and we are very proud of all their achievements.

Bella and Vicki

George Bass Garden Beautification Program

To support Tony our General Assistant to continue to beautify the front of our school, we would like to ask families for donations of some plants. We are particularly interested in getting a large number of purple agapanthus plants.

If you have these plants in your gardens at home and would be interested in donating some to our school to support this program, all donations are welcome as they will help to brighten up our gardens each spring.



DREAM BIG

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2016

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 November
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

ALL WELCOME

10am- 2.30pm Tuesday 29 November
Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre, 150 Belmore Rd North, Riverwood

Please join us for our **FREE International Day of People with Disability event** for everyone with disabilities including school groups, youth, adults and their support workers and primary carers.

ACTIVITIES

- Free BBQ Lunch!
- Arts & Crafts
- Photo Booth
- Information Stalls
- Carers Pamper & Activity Corner
- Sports, Games & Gymnastics
- Giveaways and much more!

BOOK NOW

RSVP admin.miisc@ymcansw.org.au
or call 9153 0441.

RSVP by Tuesday 15 November 2016. Please notify us when making a booking if you have any special dietary requirements, or need help getting transport to the centre on the day.

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT AVAILABLE!