



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 Term 4 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 is perhaps our busiest term due to the large number of school events that take place. It is also the time of year when our students are being assessed by their teachers so that reports can be given that highlight the key achievements that each of our students are making.

Last Friday was our third Annual Trivia Night. The collective effort of our staff and our community led to a fantastic and fun evening. Congratulations and thanks go to each of the winners and participants for coming out and supporting our school. Currently the school has raised over \$9,500 from the evening to go towards the cost of a senior bike track.

George Bass School is lucky to be blessed with many exceptional educators. This year two of our teachers are receiving awards at the Ultimo Principals Awards 2016 for their service to public education and to our students. Congratulation to Cassandra Zaronias and Zina Burrello on their nomination and confirmation of these awards, which they are set to receive at the awards evening on Thursday.

Wednesday of this week was our Soccer Gala Day which gives our students the opportunity to participate in competitive games of soccer against other SSP schools from around Sydney. Congratulations to all participants for trying so hard on the day and to our students for representing our school so well. Congratulations to the Senior Team winners: - George Bass School and the junior team winners: - George Bass School. Mainsbridge School took out the awards for the best dressed team.

Our orientation for new students in 2017 is taking place on Thursday of week 4. This orientation session will see our new students visiting our school and our new families getting familiarised with our school and our community.

Congratulations go to the students in Karuk and Wali class who participated in the 'film by the sea' program along with Bankstown Public School. Their film was selected in the 'Film by the Sea' festival. 'The Very Hungry Aljaye' was an excellent film that really showcased our students working alongside their peers from Bankstown. Thank you to our staff, parents and students who came to the screening at Bankstown Sports Club on Monday and to all those who supported this program.

The Stepping Stones parent group met again this Wednesday afternoon. Feedback from this session was that engagement in the session was extremely high and that it was a very collaborative and supportive session. If any additional parents want to be included in this session in the future please don't hesitate to ring the school and ask to speak to Pamela or Toula.

Peter Skinner



MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

Term 4 has arrived without any warning at all. Where has the whole year gone? I can very confidently say that as a school we are set to achieve the strategic direction milestones that we set for ourselves this year and we have also started to plan towards milestones for 2017. This term so far we have continued to focus on the building of sustainable partnerships with the community. Last week for the first time we invited Yagoona Public School's girls drumming group to perform for our students in our assembly. The performance was very well received by all students and it has set the path for further links with the school and students who are very keen to return to our wonderful and welcoming school setting.



What's happening in the classroom?

This term we have been lucky enough to have been selected to send a group of our talented students to the Ultimo Principals awards which is being held at Fairfield RSL. I was privileged to have been invited to watch one of the rehearsals leading up to the event.

The students performed with great enthusiasm and as always I enjoyed watching the passion which was displayed by the wonderful staff who are leading the group. It is a great opportunity for our performance group to perform for a new audience and also for George Bass School to be showcased in front of our peer schools.

Toula Finka



IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesdays School Banking
- Thursdays @ 9:30 School Assembly
- Fridays @ 2pm Colours Café
- Thursday 3rd November Orientation Day
- Friday 11th November Move-A -Thon
- 25th – 26th November Schools Spectacular

BIDJAWONG Class

Wow! Hasn't this year flown by! We are all very excited to be back at school, for our very last term in Bidjawong Class. The term began with 5 sets of excited feet running through the school gates, all students with big smiles on their face – so we know this is going to be a great term.

This term we will be continuing our COGS unit 'From Paddock to Plate' with our peers. Our Accelerated Literacy book 'Oliver's Vegetables' fits in perfectly with our COGS theme. We are focusing on Oliver's hunt to find the potatoes in Grandpa's garden to make his favorite dish – hot chips.

There are a few exciting events we are looking forward to this term such as the soccer gala day, presentation day and the end of year concert.

What a fantastic year it has been for everyone in Bidjawong class. For some of us, it has been our first year at George Bass School, and for others it has been a year in a new class making new friends. We will end a great year on a high and look forward to the wonderful adventures the New Year will bring.

Cassandra & Mathew



BURRU Class

Burru class have been working exceptionally hard in a variety of learning experiences. This semester we have been focusing on PBL by learning about each of the George Bass School PBL values and expectations.

One of the 'We are Learners' expectations is to 'Follow routines' and this is something that we have been practising in Burru class. All students have their own visual schedule for the activities that we are completing in each session which they use to complete their work with increased independence.

We have also been learning about the value 'We Care'. We know that to show we care, we use kind words and actions. We enjoyed making a 'We Care' poster and we have been playing a game called 'Scrunch or Stick' where we cut out some words and actions to create a page all about each expectation. We scrunch up the unkind words and actions and we stick the kind words and actions onto the page. It has been a lot of fun.

We have had a wonderful start to Term 4 and we look forward to lots more learning over the next few weeks.

Pamela, Kallyn and Janelle

BURRA Class

Welcome back to term 4 in Burra class. The students have returned energised and eager to learn and grow in their knowledge and skills. This term, as part of our COGS unit on local places, the students have been learning about the local school environment. The students have had a great time exploring different parts of the school and have used technology to record this.

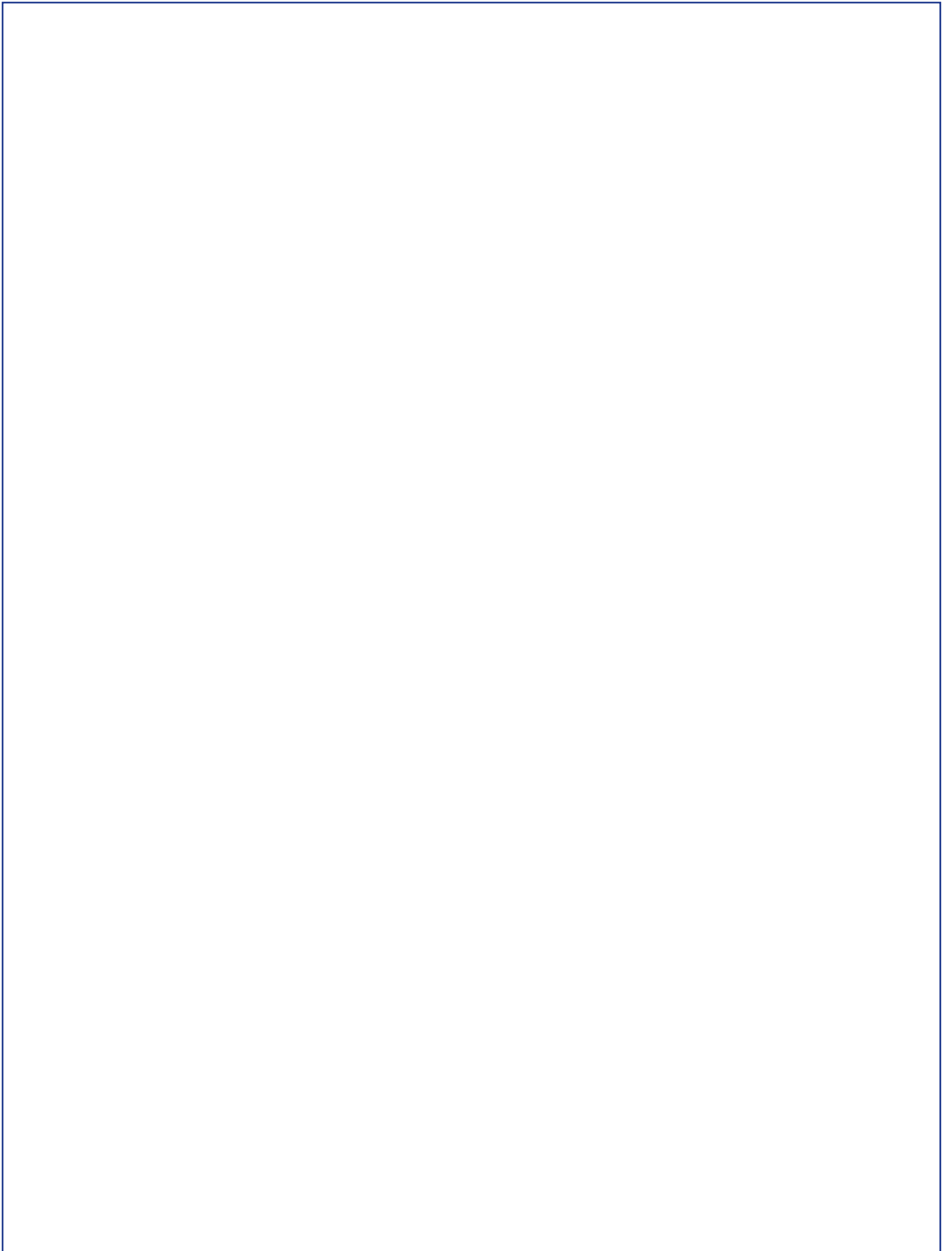
The students have also continued with our school cooking program, in which they have been exploring different types of foods and cooking skills. The skill they seem to enjoy the most is eating.

This semester the students have also had the opportunity to work with local high school students during George Bass Olympics. The class have really enjoyed the interaction with these students and have had a great time learning about different sports and the skills required.

We are looking forward to what the rest of the term has in store.

Kim and Janet.





KULA Class

It has been a great start to Term 4 for Kula class. We are pleased to welcome Aristidis this term. He has settled quite well in the new class environment and has become a valued member of Kula.

We have also welcomed Melanie, Tara, Guy and Dani into the classroom. Melanie will be teaching every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and Tara be teaching on Wednesdays. This term, we are working on a new book called 'Giraffes can't dance' by Giles Andreae. We love the story and are creating artworks that will be proudly displayed throughout the classroom.

We have also been focusing on improving our fundamental movement skills. Melanie and Guy have been using a variety of equipment and games to help us develop our catching, throwing, striking and kicking skills. The highlights of our week are cooking, swimming and our music program, where Melanie is teaching us solfege using hand bells.

We have a busy term ahead of us; however, we are all looking forward to the exciting activities and events to come.

Melanie & Guy



KARUK Class

What a fantastic welcome back to Term 4 it has been for Karuk class. In such a short time, these first couple of weeks have already showcased students' achievements. It was the end of Term 3 that George Bass had received the great news that 'Film by the Sea' had selected our film 'The Very Hungry Aljaye' to be part of the festival. Students in Karuk partnered with their peers in Wali class and students from Bankstown Public school. had a lot of fun creating this entry. The film premiered at Bankstown Sports Club, all George bass students are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Karuk class is proud to have had Aljaye represent George Bass School in the soccer gala day. Students in Karuk had a fantastic time supporting their friends and showcasing their own soccer skills as they had the opportunity to work with Matt from the Western Sydney Wanderers.

With a busy term ahead, Karuk class has settled into class routines well. We are excited to be preparing for our final assembly item and end of year performance.

Zina & Justin