



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to start this edition of our school newsletter by welcoming Rosemary Ryan. Rosie is our new relieving Assistant Principal and the new teacher of Budhawa class. Rosie joins us as an experienced special educator from Lucas Gardens School in Canada Bay. We are excited to have her join our team at George Bass. Over the coming weeks she will be getting to know the students in her class and the rest of the school, take some time to say hello and welcome her to our community.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) session. Thank you also to Cassandra Zaronias who provided the overview of this program to our parents to support the communication strategies that we use at school. It will be great for students to be able to have consistency in their communication between their two most important environments.

Next week we will be welcoming back Catherine Edwards from maternity leave. Catherine will be taking up a role supporting our teachers Release from Face to Face sessions. It will be great to have Catherine back on deck supporting our students across the school.

Now that we have officially entered winter, students and staff are more susceptible to illness. Over this time it would help to keep everyone well if students are kept home when they are unwell. This stops the spread of illness and is especially important as we have a number of students who are particularly vulnerable to illnesses. It also helps to keep our staff well and enables us to continue our programs uninterrupted. If your child is away for more than one day please ring through to the office on 9728 4450 so that we can account for their absences. Otherwise write a note and include in your child's communication book.

Winter is also a time that students are wearing more clothing and it is a time when clothing can go missing. We have, of late, had a number of lost clothing items and uniforms across the school. Please assist us by labelling all your child's clothing items so that it is easy to chase up anything that goes missing.

Peter Skinner



Message from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

Last week we had a PECS parent workshop running at the school and the attendance by interested parents was so wonderful to see.

This workshop links in with two of our Strategic Directions as it is a PECS goal and also one of the many ways in which we like to maintain partnerships with the community. I would like to thank Cassandra Zaronias for her tireless efforts in organising the day and in running the workshop.

Feedback from parents has been extremely positive and there have been requests for further workshops which will focus on revision of the first workshop and also on more advanced PECS training for the parents who are familiar with the beginning phases.

These workshops should run in Term 3 and Term 4 and notes will be sent home to notify you of the dates.



What's happening in the Classroom?

There are always many exciting lessons occurring throughout the school, however if you are interested in science and the excitement of science experiments, then Wali class is the place to visit.

This year the students have been enjoying doing a variety of experiments where they witness cause and effect and also have the opportunity to predict what they think is going to happen.

Watching all of the students being able to participate in these lessons enthusiastically and to be engaged in the lessons due to the ability to explore with their hands and their other senses is a highlight of these lessons and one that I have enjoyed watching on a number of occasions. Great work Wali!



IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesdays School Banking
- Thursdays @ 9:30 School Assembly
- Fridays @ 2pm Colours Café - All Welcome
- Monday 13 June Public Holiday – No School
- Friday 1 July Last day Term 2
- Tuesday 19 July First day Term 3 for students

MOGRA CLASS

Kindergarten is having a ball throughout Term 2. We have worked very hard towards our goals and I'm sure everyone is excited to receive their report at the end of this term.

Our progress with our communication skills has continued to move forward for example to ensure everyone enjoys the trampoline safely the routine to request, engage in the activity until the timer sounds and then return to the bench has proven very successful.

Swimming continues to be a favourite. We love it so much.....anytime we come to the pool, we hope it's our turn. The weather has been wonderful and we continue to enjoy walks together as a group. Enjoy the rest of the term...we will be halfway through Kindergarten.



KIRRAWE CLASS

Kirrawe class welcomed Sarmad to its class this term. He has settled quickly and has become a valuable member of Kirrawe. It is very encouraging to see the friendship blossoming amongst the boys who are sincerely happy to see each other in the morning and greeting each other in typical teenager style.

The boys have been working hard throughout the semester to achieve their learning goals. Swimming and George Bass Olympics have again proven to be the most anticipated outdoor activities for the boys.

In class, students have been focusing on numbers and measurements and have enjoyed participating in various experiments and activities. For the last two weeks students have been learning about famous Australian animals and their adaptive features. We are continuing with the book 'Charlotte's Web' and will be finishing it at the end of this term.



WIRRIGA CLASS

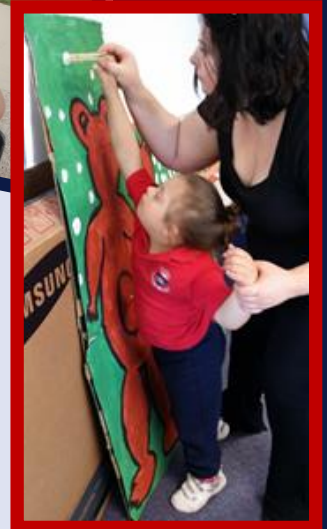
What a fantastic start to Term 2 for Wirriga! Students have settled back into our class and school routines. Our students have built upon their friendships which you can see from the selfie of two students below.

This term, Wirriga have been reading a new story book called *'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'*, and have been enjoying creating class décor featuring characters from the book including Papa Bear, Mama Bear and Baby Bear which we used to perform during Assembly in week 4. Students in Wirriga have also been engaging in sensory and DIY activities such as making edible mud, scented playdough and brown edible paint which we used for some of our writing activities. Our class have also been continuously working on our COGs Unit *'Our Families'* and students enjoyed making presents for Mother's Day.

Friday is still a sporty day for Wirriga, with our George Bass Olympics in the morning and swimming in the afternoon. Our students have been learning to play safe in the water when swimming together.

We are looking forward to sharing more of our work with you 😊

Till next time,
Katia and Tina



WALI CLASS

This semester Wali class have had the very important task of setting up and packing away George Bass Olympics. Each student is responsible for the same station every week. We go to the sports store room and collect the gear we need, next we go to a designated location in the playground and set up the activities as shown in the diagram. We really enjoy this job because the whole school relies on us to make sure all the activities are ready for the start time of 9:30. The best part about setting up GBO is that we get to test out all the activities to make sure that everything is working and that all stations are extra fun! We love being given the responsibility around the school, especially because George Bass Olympics promotes being outdoors and healthy lifestyle choices.

Our class has also been working collaboratively with Jirrability class, Karuk class and a group of students from Bankstown Public School. This term we have combined with Jirrability for cooking and science. It has been so much fun cooking up crazy concoctions and delicious delights. It's true what they say the more the merrier! We have also been working with Karuk Class and Bankstown Public school to make a short film. The students from Bankstown Public School have been showing us the different aspects of film making like camera angles and different types of animation. Once the film is completed we are hoping to enter it into a short film competition run by the Department of Education called Film By the Sea.

This term we would like to welcome a new member to our class, Carys, she has settled into the class and school routine really well. Carys enjoys listening to music, dancing and playing with bubbles.



Breakfast provides Brain Food

Eating breakfast each morning improves children's learning, concentration, behaviour, overall nutrient intake, and establishes healthy eating patterns for life. Some quick breakfast options include:

- ✓ wholegrain cereals and reduced-fat milk
- ✓ baked beans on wholegrain toast and a glass of reduced-fat milk
- ✓ fruit smoothie and toast
- ✓ toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- ✓ egg on toast with a glass of reduced-fat milk
- ✓ wholemeal or wholegrain toast or fresh bread, with margarine spread plus a topping, such as tomato, reduced-fat cheese or baked beans
- ✓ reduced-fat yoghurt, fruit and raisin bread
- ✓ fruit salad and yoghurt.
- ✓ a banana