



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 4, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Education Week

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our Education week festivities this Thursday. It was great to see such a fantastic response from our families to the assemblies, to the class visits and to the parade. It was great for everyone to have the opportunity to celebrate the learning of our students focusing on their stories, their learning and our community

Club Grants

Congratulations for the work done by representatives of the P&C and the school who completed a grant proposal for senior playground equipment and for creative arts (The George Bass Dance Program). On Thursday the 28th of July, Toulia and I were lucky enough to be able to attend a meeting at Revesby Workers Club to receive a cheque to enable these programs with Peter and Sandra Moore. Thank you to all involved for their support in getting a large amount of funds into our school to support our students.

Local Management Business Reform (LMBR)

This term our school is going through the process of transitioning over to LMBR as our way of operating in terms of finance and student administration. As a result of this Helen, Amanda and I will be out of the school on a number of occasions to be professionally developed in the new system. We will also be starting the process of changing our systems to suit the new system and database. We will keep families informed over this period about when they are required to provide information to support this.

Student Review Meetings

Student review meetings will take place in the upcoming weeks. All parents will be sent a note asking if they require a meeting to discuss their child's place. It is a requirement that each of our new students attend a meeting. Each student's teacher, a supervisor and the school counsellor will be available at that meeting to discuss the appropriateness of your child's level of current support in their schooling and any adjustments to this support that may be helpful.

New School Counsellors

Our new School counsellors that have been allocated to us this term are James Watkins and Michael Lum Mow. James will be with us on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and Michael all day on a Thursday. Each of them come to us as experienced counsellors and we are lucky to have their support. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to our school community. I would also like to farewell Barbara and thank her for the support that she has provided the school and our families as our counsellor since the beginning of our school in 2014.

Peter Skinner



Message from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

This term there has been a great focus on Strategic Direction 3, which focuses on community involvement. Having the community involved at George Bass School is very important to us and we continue to think of new ideas to make that possible.

This term we have introduced a series of 3 parent workshops, which focus on positive parenting strategies, to support families at home with the teaching and learning process, and also to increase the independence of their children through careful planning. Giving families the opportunity to network with each other and to build upon their support networks is also a very important part of this process. If you are interested in attending the sessions it is not too late to sign up for them. Please contact Pamela Carter or myself for more information or to put your name down.

Toula Finka

Deputy Principal



What's happening in the classroom?

I have made it my focus this Term to visit every classroom at least once a week.

So far I have been successful in getting into every room from just a few minutes to a whole session at a time. As usual it is very rewarding to watch all of the fantastic programs running across the school.

Students have had the opportunity during Education week to be involved in rich learning experiences.

One activity that the whole school particularly enjoyed was a visit from Raika Ali who performed indigenous songs and dances with our students. Their level of engagement was extremely rewarding to watch and the smiles on the faces of staff and students was priceless.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesdays School Banking
- Thursdays @ 9:30 School Assembly
- Fridays @ 2pm Colours Café – All welcome
- 24th August Stepping Stone Workshop
- 8th September Combined Athletics Carnival
- 16th September George Bass Art Show
- 21st October Trivia Night



BIDJAWONG Class

A huge welcome back for term 3. We have had a very busy year so far! Last week we had education week and it was great to see the boys dress up as book characters.

This semester in Bidjawang class we are exploring the unit – paddock to plate. We are exploring the theme of where our food comes from and the processes undertaken before we see different foods on our plates. In addition to our unit we are reading the book 'Oliver's vegetables', which follows Oliver's quest to find the potatoes in grandpa's vegetable garden as hot chips are his favourite food.

KULA Class

Well term 3 has certainly started with a bang!! With swim school, Education Week and the start of our new PLP cycle, Kula class has been very busy!!

Swim school has been an opportunity for us to master our stroke correction, develop new water safety skills and have loads of fun! It has been brilliant to see David becoming more and more confident in the water and Jawad showing great bubble making skills!

Education week saw us exploring the Aboriginal culture with Ryka Ali. Both Ebony and myself were so proud with how Kula class followed the rules and enjoyed the show. Ricky's Welcome to Country was certainly a highlight too.

It was wonderful to see some of our parents join us in the classroom where we made some playdough. It is always a pleasure to have parents in our classroom and Kula class love showing everyone what we can do!

In cooking this term we are loving making a range of non-allergy foods. Aisin is a master with a spoon and Solomane a champion at cutting things up!

Kula class is looking forward to an even busier term 3!

Cath and Ebony

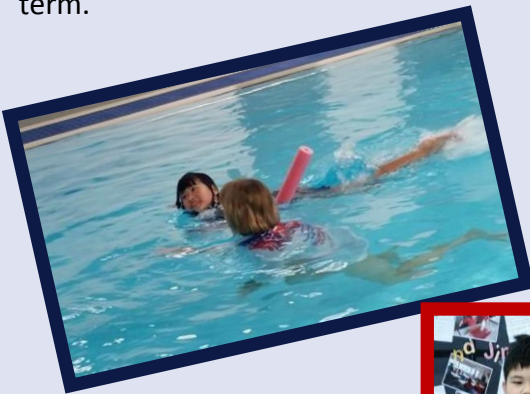


KARUK Class

As term 2 came to an end, Karuk students were able to look back on their many successes in the classroom, wider school and out in the community. Students continued to show commitment and enthusiasm while working with Bankstown Public School students during their mentoring program.

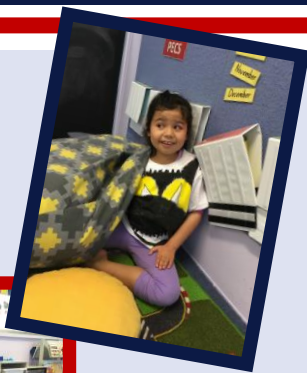
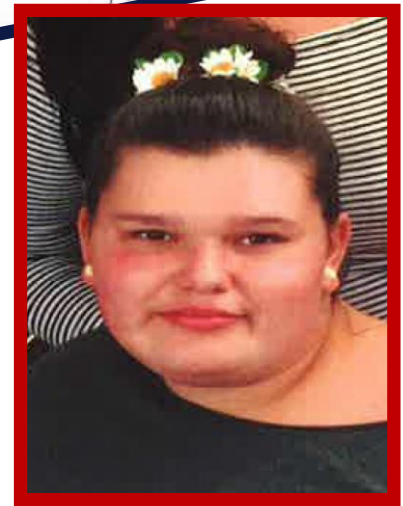
Community access was further utilised as students in Karuk set out on an adventure on the road. After spending the semester learning about Australia, students were able to take part in an excursion in which they visited famous Sydney landmarks first hand. All students are to be commended for their participation on this day. Students were cooperative, respectful and engaged- *Well Done Karuk!* With the end of term 2, came a heartfelt goodbye as we wished Jesse Tran the best of luck at his new school.

The beginning of term 3 has seen students involved in Education week activities and swim school. Karuk have enjoyed preparing costumes for the book parade and mastering their swimming skills in the pool. We look forward to a busy but exciting term.



BURRU Class

Burru class have been working very hard in Literacy and Numeracy this term! We have been focusing on spelling and reading sight words in Literacy through a variety of activities. One of our favourite sight word games is called 'Word Bump' and we have been learning to break words into syllables to help us with spelling. In Numeracy we have been learning to 'count on' in addition by putting the larger number into our mind, then counting on for the second number. We love to play a card game that we call 'Thousands' where we draw 4 cards and then have to make the highest number that we can with those numbers. Evren and Alexia are always beating everyone by making the highest number. We have been working hard to follow a visual schedule to complete all of our work tasks and two of our favourite free choice activities are UNO cards and UNO Stacko which is a little bit like the game Jenga. It has been a wonderful start to Term 3 and even though we are always working hard, it is lots of fun to be in Burru Class!



BURRA Class

Welcome back to another fantastic term from Burra Class. This term we welcome new student Kitana into our class. She will be a lovely addition into our class and to the school.

This semester we are working on the book *Too many elephants in this house*. The students have been enjoying learning about elephants and the many rooms we have in a house. The students are also learning about working with technology and how to use it safely.

We are looking forward to another great term filled with many new learning experiences.

Kim and Janet

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week 1

Class Awards	Principal Award
Mogra Nathaniel Kula Ricky Karuk Marvin Wali Ali Jirrability James Wirriga Georgia Kogunda Khalil Budhawa Honor Wuggajin Andre	<p><i>Alex D</i></p> <p>Awarded for: A positive relationships with staff and peers</p>
	Deputy Principal PBL Award
	<p><i>Aiysha M</i></p> <p><u>We are Safe:</u> Displaying positive greetings to all her peers and staff</p>

Week 2

Class Awards	Principal Award
Mogra Imad Kula Jawad Karuk Ibrahim Wali Carys Jirrability Sean Wirriga Jayden Kogunda Wah Eh Budhawa Najah Ngunun Mariam Kirrawe Sarmad Bundeluk Anne-Marie	<p><i>Mahdi</i></p> <p>Awarded for: Coping well with challenges on the playground</p>
	Deputy Principal PBL Award
	<p><i>Khalil</i></p> <p><u>We are Safe:</u> Transitioning well everyday</p>

Week 3

Class Awards	Principal Award
Mogra Adam Kula David Karuk Kylie Wali Ardwan Jirrability Sarine Wirriga Peter Kogunda Siddie Budhawa Ramez Burra Kitana Wuggajin Beau Kung Gung Michael Bundeluk Gaby Kirrawe Mathew Bidjawong Moe	<p><i>Sean</i></p> <p>Awarded for: Increased engagement with learning tasks and improvements in communication</p>
	Deputy Principal PBL Award
	<p><i>Omar</i></p> <p><u>We Learners:</u> Increased communication and eye contact</p>

