



# GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 6 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all of the parents who have given the school such great feedback following our education week events and delivery of our school reports. The feedback that our educators receive from our parents is especially important and appreciated given the amount of work that goes into our classes each day and our school events.

**Review meetings** will take place in weeks 8 and 9 of this term on a Wednesday. Each of our new students to George Bass in 2016 requires a structured placement review. Any other student's parent can request an additional meeting to discuss placement, transition and/or levels of support required. The note for this meeting will go home later this week.

**Parent workshops** started in week 4 of this term. I was extremely pleased to hear that the first of our meetings was extremely successful. Parents had the opportunity to learn new strategies, reinforce strategies already used and make positive links between other parents and the school as a whole. Any parents still interested in joining this positive program please contact the school and speak to either Toulia or Pamela.

Our **Education Week Book Fair** was extremely successful again this year with over \$1400 of purchases. These purchases raised \$500 of scholastic purchases for our school library. There were also \$400 of donated books purchased by our community to support our library resources.

I would like to give appreciation to our parent group for their vigilance and patience in the mornings and afternoons during our parent pick up and drop off. Parents are waiting patiently for their child's name to be called and waiting behind the yellow line. This allows drop off and pick up times to be much more structured and safe at these busy times. I would also like to thank the parents who have responded to our calls for support when children are unwell, when unexpected changes have occurred and when we have requested additional information. This helps us to provide the highest level of support we can.

Peter Skinner



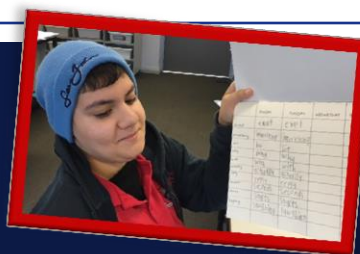
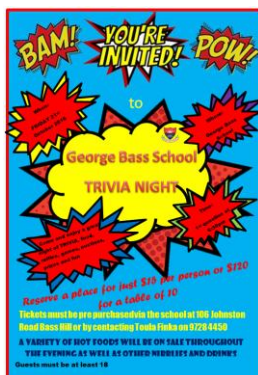
## MESSAGE from DP

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

A large focus this semester is to continue to strengthen community engagement within the school.

In Term 4 we will be holding our third Annual Trivia Night. This has been one of our greatly successful community events and we look forward to having another successful night this year. All money raised this year will go towards a bike track in the senior playground which can be utilised by all students who can ride the bigger bikes.

We look forward to community participation in this event which will then help us to work towards achieving our targets in Strategic Direction 3 which focuses on sustainable partnerships with the community. Notes with further information are being sent home with students this week.



### What's happening in the classroom?

It is quite impressive to see the diversity of lessons happening around the classrooms during my classroom visits today.

I wanted to share some wonderful work with you from two of our year 6 students, Ardwan and Evren.

These students are always very proud of their hard work in the classroom and eager to share their work when given the opportunity. I was very proud of how they were able to share with me what they were learning and to show me some work samples.

I look forward to sharing with you some more star pupils of the week in my upcoming newsletters.

At George Bass School all of our students are stars so it was hard and yet also very rewarding to choose two to highlight this week.

Toula



## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesdays	School Banking
Thursdays @ 9:30	School Assembly
Fridays @ 2pm	Colours Café – All welcome
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Father's Day Stall
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Parenting Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Combined Athletics Carnival
16 <sup>th</sup> September	George Bass Art Show
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Trivia Night



## KUNG-GUNG Class

Kung-Gung has a new look for Term 3! We have two new teachers, Cat who works Monday – Wednesday and Rachael who works Thursday and Friday. We also have a new SLSO, Paul who is enjoying working with a senior class for the first time at George Bass School.

Term 3 also brings two new students to our class, Meriam and Ramona who are enjoying their new school and making new friends.

This term we have been looking at how farming works for our COGS unit and students have been enjoying finding out where the food they eat everyday comes from. In Kung-Gung students have also had fun role-playing in our farm shop as well. The book we have been reading 'A Year on Our Farm' in Accelerated Literacy also supports our understanding of the world of farming and we have been enjoying learning about the life of a family who lives on a farm.

## KIRRAWE Class

Term 3 has been a very busy term for Kirrawe. We are focusing on the unit 'Paddock to Plate'. We are learning about how foods are produced on the farm, how it is harvested, stored, transported and finally how it reaches us for consumption.

We have started a vegetable garden. Students have had the opportunity to prepare the soil, add fertiliser, and plant the seedlings. They are watering the gardens regularly and are watching the vegetables grow.

For Accelerated Literacy Kirrawe is reading the book 'Oliver's Vegetables'. They are studying the text and enjoying experimenting with different vegetables that Oliver had on each day.



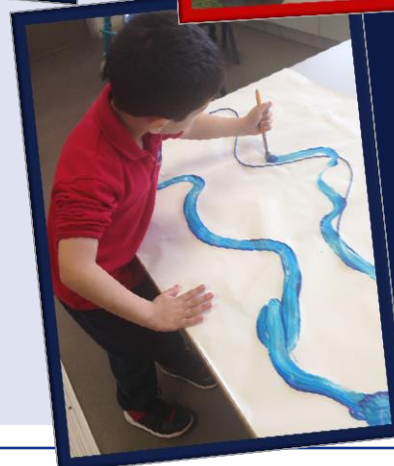
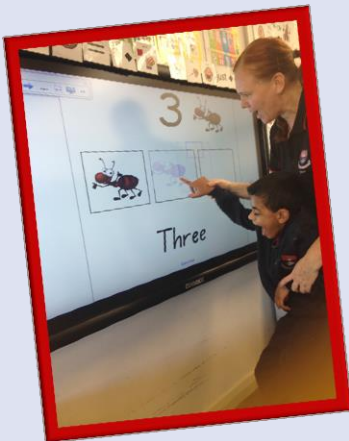


# Mogra Class

Mogra has had a few changes this term. We have moved into our new room, Miss Milly has had her beautiful boy, William, and some of our classmates have moved to Kogunda. Now our teachers are Miss Frances and Miss Sarah and we have settled quite quickly into our routines.

For Semester 2, we are reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'. It is a wonderful story about many different animals meeting each other. We are learning all about these animals and the different colours they are. To support our learning, Kogunda joins us in our classroom each day to read the book together and complete our activities.

Last semester we learnt all about ourselves and now we are exploring the places we call our own – school and home. These activities are helping us to identify the staff in our school, what they do and the different areas we explore – the garden, library, hall and many more. We are continuing to work very hard to move around the school together as a group, increase our fine motor strength and our culinary abilities. The new cooking recipes consider many different allergies and it is fantastic to eat all together as a group.



# WIRRIGA Class

Wirriga have had quite an exciting start to Term 3. Our teacher Katia was away for a few weeks, so Melanie was welcomed to the classroom. We have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and have made a literacy wall and a reading corner to engage in the story as much as possible.

For Education Week, we looked at the book 'Clifford the Big Red Dog' and made really cool Clifford masks. On Open Day, we dressed up in our favorite costumes and paraded around the school. Parents were also given the opportunity to come and visit our room to see what we have been doing in class.

In addition to swim school every afternoon for 2 weeks, we have been working on developing our handwriting skills, and have made several creative arts projects in relation to a particular letter of the week. We also finished reading all our Premier's Reading Challenge books which we enjoyed listening to in our reading area. Overall, it has been an enjoyable and busy start to Term 3.

Bring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the term.

Mel & Tina.



# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## Week 4

Class Awards	Principal Award
Mogra <b>Hussein</b> Kogunda <b>Mathew</b> Burra <b>Chawkat</b> Budhawa <b>Khaled</b> Wuggajin <b>Mariam</b> Wirriga <b>Maher</b> Karuk <b>Aljaye</b> Jirrability <b>Heba</b> Wali <b>Layelle</b> Bidjawong <b>Rhys</b> Kirrawe <b>Mahdi</b> Ngunun <b>Joanne</b>	<p><i>Gaby H</i></p> <p>Awarded for: All school values, expectation and following teacher instructions.</p>
	Deputy Principal PBL Award
	<p><i>James M</i></p> <p><b><u>We are Learners:</u></b> Greeting all staff in the mornings.</p>

## Week 5

Class Awards	Principal Award
Mogra <b>Jacob</b> Kogunda <b>Angel</b> Kula <b>Solomane</b> Burra <b>Rafay</b> Budhawa <b>William</b> Wuggajin <b>Fatima</b> Wirriga <b>Jayden</b> Karuk <b>Yusuf</b> Jirrability <b>Omar</b> Bidjawong <b>Mithuran</b> Kirrawe <b>Hamoudi</b> Bundeluk <b>Ayman</b> Nhunun <b>Joanne</b>	<p><i>William</i></p> <p>Awarded for: Making great progress in his learning and transition at school</p>
	Deputy Principal PBL Award
	<p><i>Mujtaba</i></p> <p><b><u>We are Safe:</u></b> Trying his best to follow teacher instructions and always doing so with a smile.</p>

## Week 6

Class Awards	Principal Award
Mogra <b>Nathaniel</b> Kogunda <b>Siddie</b> Kula <b>Ricky</b> Karuk <b>Martin</b> Wali <b>Haoi</b> Jirrability <b>Lachlan</b> Wirriga <b>Georgia</b> Ngunun <b>Michael</b> Budhawa <b>Ally</b> Burra <b>Luat</b> Wuggajin <b>Hugo</b> Bundeluk <b>Asmaa</b> Kirrawe <b>David L</b> Bidjawong <b>Ben</b>	<p><i>Heba</i></p> <p>Awarded for: Increased independence and caring for herself with daily activities.</p>
	Deputy Principal PBL Award
	<p><i>Najah</i></p> <p><b><u>We Care:</u></b> Increased independence when dressing herself.</p>





**DREAM BIG**

**SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2016**

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

The School Spectacular is fast approaching and all the excitement of rehearsals, costuming and performances are about to begin. Last Friday was the Teachers' Meeting, where all the dates and details were provided and we were given an opportunity to inspect the new venue, Qudos Bank Arena.

It is very exciting to announce that during one of our upcoming performances in the Schools Spectacular, the whole cast will be attempting to break 2 Guinness World Records:

1. The largest cast in a single variety show.
2. The largest number of performers on a stage.

George Bass will go down in the record books! We are also VERY excited to be participating in the finale on centre stage, along with 2000 other performers for the first time.

It is going to be a spectacular show and we would love you to come and support our students as they showcase their talents. Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketek and you won't be disappointed!



## ***Colours Cafe Every Friday 2:00pm***

Colours Café - Milk bar is our senior team work skills program and we are kindly looking for donations of:

- New chopping boards
- New /used mixing bowls
- New/used baking trays
- New/used cake, muffin and brownie tins
- New tea towels