



# GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 Term 4 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been an extremely busy start to Term 4 for all of our classes and across the school. This term we have a number of key events that both support and celebrate the learning of our students, such as graduation, presentation day, our end of year concert and our orientation and transition sessions. As well as other events such as: the recent trivia night, soccer gala day and the upcoming senior school camp.

I would like to thank all of the parents and staff who came and supported our annual trivia night. The evening was a huge success with \$7000 being raised to support new equipment in the school. I would like to extend my gratitude to our parents: Sandra, Tracey, Tina, Rouba, Norma, Zena, Sonia, Jodie and Angela who either prepared food at home or at school and/or who worked so hard to ensure that everyone was well fed on the night. I would also like to acknowledge the staff Toula, Pamela, Zina, Vicki, Shae, Helen, Tony, Adrian and Abhi who helped as volunteers during the evening to keep things running smoothly. It's always great to see our community together having a good time and supporting our school.

On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month George Bass School had a visit from of the Secretary of the Department of Education NSW. It was great to be able to host Mr. Mark Scott and to discuss with him all aspects of our fantastic school and our community. Including what we do to meet our challenges to ensure success for our students. It was also great to be able to visit Kula and Karuk class to see their students in action, learning and participating in some of the programs we run in our school.

The Science Incursion, hosted by 'Fizzics Education' took place on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. This was a very engaging event for our students. We were able to explore scientific concepts in a practical and engaging way. I was very pleased with how our students were able to engage during these activities. This is a credit to both the students and the team who organised the event. Thanks to our parents for supporting this event with their prompt payment.

On a final note we regularly make attempts to contact parents to discuss events that occur each day. However, if you feel something has been missed please don't hesitate to contact the school to discuss these, as it allows us to work together for a common solution.



# MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

## Soccer Gala Day

Soccer Gala day was such a great success again this year with over 80 students attending from across five different SSP's on the day to participate. This has been a part of our Strategic Direction PDHPE Milestone for the past three years and one which we will endeavor to keep well into the future as a George Bass tradition. Not only is it part of PDHPE but it is such a wonderful community event as we are able to host it at our wonderful school and continue to make links with the wider community. A big thank you also to Football New South Wales, Bankstown District Football Association and Geoff from Padstow Hornets for sponsoring the day and supporting with donations of prizes for the students.



## What's happening in the classroom?

### Fizzics

Our students had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a whole school science incursion this week. Students were able to watch as experiments were created and many students were given the opportunity to participate themselves in the experiments which included a toilet paper rocket, giant frozen bubbles, exploding milo tins and lots of other weird and wonderful and engaging experiences.

As always, watching the students engaged in science lessons was a highlight for all as providing students with as many hands on opportunities to enrich their learning is so very important .



## IMPORTANT DATES

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| 2pm weekly               | School assembly           |
| Thu 2 & Fri 3 November   | Senior Camp               |
| Thursday 9 November      | Yr 12 Graduation Formal   |
| Fri 24 & Sat 25 November | Schools Spectacular       |
| Thursday 7 December      | Presentation Day          |
| Wednesday 13 December    | School Concert            |
| Friday 15 December       | Students last day T4 2017 |
| Tuesday 30 January       | Students return T1 2018   |

## KARUK CLASS

Just like that the year is almost over! This term is jam packed full of fun activities putting everything we have learnt throughout the year together.

Karuk have been working on our social and money skills all year and we are putting everything we have worked on into practice at bowling. This term we are working with Kung-Gung class on turn taking, staying with the group, road safety and money management at AMF bowling in Villawood. Each week both classes are divided into two groups which alternate between in school bowling and AMF bowling. We had our first outing last week and everyone had a great time. Each student had their own wallet with an ID card and money which they were responsible for looking after. They were also in charge of paying for their own entry and waiting for their change and receipt. The group had a fantastic time and were great representatives for the school in the community.

Karuk class also started a peer support program with the students from Wuggajin class last term and have continued this term. Students get paired up and work together to build or create something together, this gets the kids talking and comfortable with other students they don't get to work with often and allows the older students to be role models.

It has been a wonderful year and Karuk class will definitely end the year with a bang!

## BIDJAWONG CLASS

Bidjawong Class have had a wonderful start to Term 4! Music is one of our favourite subjects and we always have a lot of fun singing, dancing and playing instruments. Ramona's favourite thing to do is dance to some of her favourite songs and she is a great singer as well. Ben loves dancing and singing – he is a fantastic musician who loves to lead the whole class when we are engaged in music lessons. Thomas loves music too! He loves to listen to his favourite songs and is often our class DJ choosing the music that we are going to use.

Throughout Term 3 we studied the text Caps for Sale by Esther Slobdokina and we have all worked hard to learn new vocabulary which we have been using to make and write sentences. We have all been learning about the conventions of print including learning how to follow the text by pointing to the words and finding the correct page when we are reading as a group. The part of the story that we all really enjoy is when the Peddler wakes up and the monkeys have all taken his caps. Ben does a fantastic job reading out the words 'Caps for Sale! Fifty-cents a cap.'

We are continuing to learn all about the George Bass School Positive Behaviour for Learning Values by learning to recognise and name the visuals representing each expectation. Everyone is trying very hard to follow the PBL Values and Expectations.

Hayley, Wendy, Helen and myself are very proud of the efforts that Bidjawong Class students have made in all aspects of their class programs and life at school. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!





## BURRA CLASS

Here we are early into Term 4 and our year together as Burra is coming to a close. We have developed very strong friendships with each other and enjoy spending the school day together having fun. As senior primary students, we all follow George Bass' Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) values and expectations. We take our role to model appropriate behaviours to our junior peers very seriously.

We would like to introduce a new member to Burra, as of the end of Term 3 - Matteo. Matteo happily joined our class and settled quickly into our routines. He particularly loves our literacy and music program, as well as any outdoor activities. Matteo is very keen every day to partake in our work program to collect the mail from the letterbox for Helen, Michelle and Amanda. Welcome Matteo to Burra and George Bass School – you have some very exciting end-of-year activities ahead of you to enjoy.

Semester 2 has focused on Australia, our history, landmarks and unique flora and fauna. To end the year, we will be visiting Calmsley City Farm in Abbotsbury. We are looking forward to being up close with Australian and farm animals and seeing a working farm in action.

There is so much still in store for us and we hope you can join to celebrate the end of year festivities.



## P&C NEWS

**Move-a-thon** was a fun day and with grand total of \$1335 raised it was a huge success. We are very fortunate to have such a generous community. A very special thank you to **Excel Fresh** for donating the yummy fruit for the platters that were kindly made by our parent volunteers.

It was my pleasure to be involved with the fantastic group of volunteers who created a feast for the patrons of **Trivia night**. Thank you to everyone involved with making the night a wonderful success.

If you have any questions/concerns or suggestions please feel free to email them to [gbspcc@hotmail.com](mailto:gbspcc@hotmail.com)

Our last **P & C meeting** for 2017 is on Friday the **1st of December at 9.30am**, it would be great to see everyone there, all parents and carers are very welcome. 😊

Sandra  
P&C President

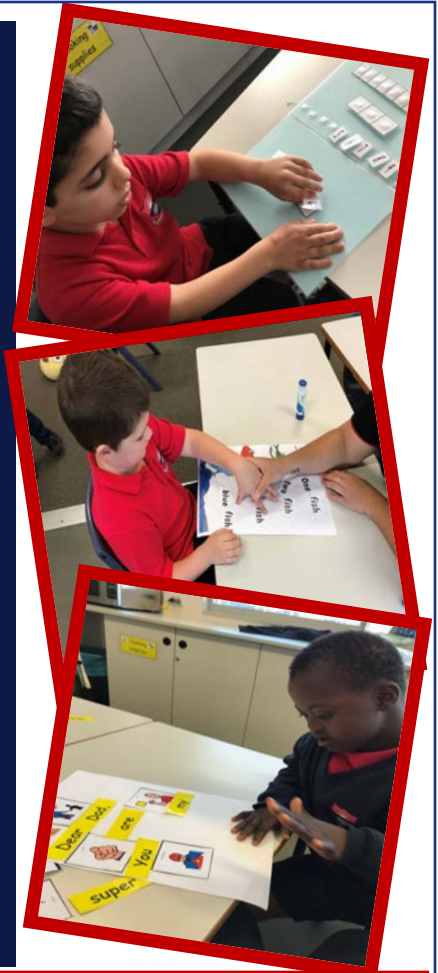
## BURRU CLASS

The boys from Burru have settled back into Term 4 at lightning speed! We would like to introduce our new friend Charlie to our little class group this term. Charlie has settled in well and we hope he loves Burru Class as much as we do!

In Literacy lessons last term, we learnt about our own families and other families around the world through all the different books we read. We also learnt about writing a letter by writing letters to different family members each week. This was lots of fun because we got to choose who we wrote to and what we wanted to say to that person. Then we got to post them home in the mail. This term we have been very busy learning about rhyme and repetition. We are reading Dr Seuss's book 'One fish, Two fish, Red fish, Blue fish'. We are learning to express our likes for different characters in the book, we are also learning to recognise frequently used words and construct sentences.

On Tuesday we went to a science 'Fizzics' incursion in the hall at school. This was lots of fun for us. We loved watching the presenter complete experiments such as blowing smoke rings out of a garbage bin, making plates fly across the room and blowing up Milo tins with frozen ice. Science is one of our favourite subjects at school and we enjoyed every second of this incursion!

Have a super Term 4! The Boys from Burru - Adam, Alex, Charlie, Imad, Jacob, Khaled and Siddie ☺



## KULA CLASS

What a fantastic start to Term 4 for Kula class! Students have been enjoying our hands-on activities and settling back into routines and class programmes.

We have been starting our day with our independent workstation for the boys, and a sensory version of our morning circle for the girls, followed by some oral attention activities where students are required to identify the visual of a sound played by myself or Karen. So far, the 'laughter' one has been the most popular amongst Kula students.

In English, we have been reading the storybook of *We're going on a Bear Hunt*, and re-enacting the story using props such as tote trays filled with lettuce (grass), water (the river), edible mud (mud), some talcum powder and a fan to replicate the snowstorm, and tent for the bear cave, before answering reading comprehension questions. In mathematics we are learning about geometry and how we are surrounded by geometrical shapes in our everyday lives (round plates, rectangular egg cartons and milk cartons, heart-shaped chocolate boxes, triangular clothes hanger).

Katia and Karen



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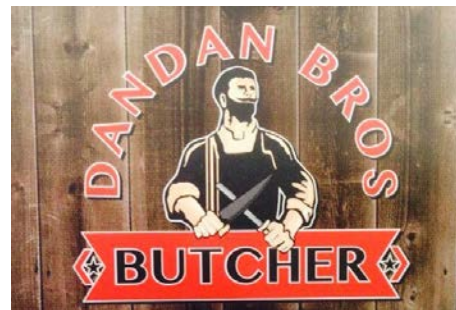
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