



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Term 3 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The George Bass Parents and Citizens Association has kindly donated some new display boards that have been installed into the school entrance next to the pool. One of the notice boards will be used by the P&C to display information for parents and community members and one will be used by the school to keep our community up to date with school events. It will be great for us to have additional ways to communicate with everyone and we are grateful to the P&C for their contribution.

Swim School for a selected number of our students has been a success over the last two weeks. Many of our students have made some great progress in their swimming skills and safety. Unfortunately due to some issues with a pool closure we did not get to complete the program over the last two days. This may have an impact on swimming lessons also as we attempt to have the pool rectified as soon as possible.

Can I ask that all parents and families be extra vigilant when entering or exiting the school each morning and afternoon. On occasions some of our students find exiting the school a little difficult and we have had students and other children near the areas where cars are moving. If this happens pay attention to directions from our staff to either stop moving or delay your departure to ensure everyone's safety. Thanks for your cooperation.

Over this term we have had an unprecedented number of illnesses to both students and staff members. I would like to thank our parents who have been so flexible and understanding with keeping their children at home if they are unwell and picking them up when called by the school. This helps to stop the spread of any illness. We also appreciate that there have needed to be a large number of staff changes in each and every day to cope with the number of staff that we have had absent. This can on occasion have an impact on classes and students no matter how much we try to minimise this. If you have any questions or concerns when your child's teacher is absent as always, please don't hesitate to contact the school to discuss these.



MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

George Bass School Choir Performance

Our school was very lucky to receive an invitation to perform at Bunnings Villawood 2017 Spring Fair. It was the perfect opportunity to extend our community links and to give our students the opportunity to participate in this wonderful annual community event.

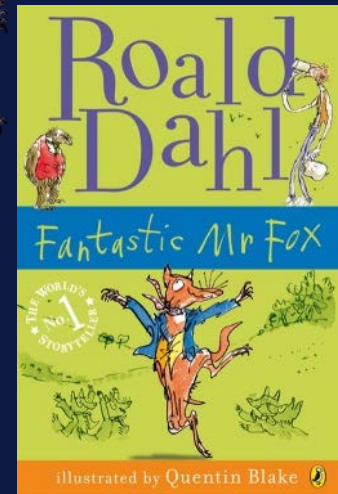
We really wanted to showcase the brand new George Bass Choir and this was the perfect opportunity to do so.

I would like to thank all of the parents who took their children to the performance and made the event so successful for our students as active members of our local community. The performance was very well received and enjoyed by all staff, students, parents and community members who attended.



What's happening in the classroom?

As part of the Accelerated Literacy Program, senior students are this Term studying the well known Roald Dahl text, 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. I have participated in lessons across a number of senior classes whilst these lessons have been implemented and was not only reminded of my childhood when I enjoyed reading Roald Dahl books, but thoroughly enjoyed watching students participate in lessons and interact with the story themselves. The students in Bangu class were able to give me a recount of the story and enjoyed seeing the story interpreted in film when watching the movie snippets linked to each chapter.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 1:45pm	School assembly
Thur 31 August	Father's Day stall
Sun 3 September	Father's Day
Wed 6 September	1:30pm P&C meeting
Fri 22 September	Move-a-thon
	Last day of term 3
Mon 9 October	Students return for Term 4

MOGRA CLASS

Term 3 has is looking like an exceptionally busy term at George Bass School. There have been a few changes to Mogra Class this term, as Wendy was welcomed to our teaching team. Wendy covers Mogra class Monday and Tuesday. We are now a full class of 6 enthusiastic students and 3 hardworking staff members.

Mogra ended term 2 with a blast as we joined our fellow Junior classes on a visit to Sydney Aquarium. Some of our favourite animals were the sharks, colourful fish and the penguins.

We are learning lots of different things this term;
Science: Spot the difference
PDHPE: Healthy eating
Geography: learning about different places
CAPA: Music and dance from around the world

Mogra Class have also been working hard to create a short film which will be entered into the short film festival 'Film By The Sea' *watch out HOLLYWOOD* – we have some amazing talent in this room. Our film 'Kooking with Kindy' is a short cooking video showcasing the amazing chefs we have in our room

Cassandra, Wendy & Janet



KIRRAWE CLASS

During Term 3 and 4 Kirrawe are exploring the world around them through our units. The boys of Kirrawe have had a great time exploring their world through the various Key Learning Areas.

In science they have been looking at the chemical world, by conducting a number of exciting experiments such as making sherbet and creating their own lemon volcanoes! The exploding bag, using baking soda and vinegar, was also a huge hit!

In geography, they have been learning about the world they live in by exploring their own and the wider communities around the world. This week, we are learning about the difference between city and country.

Creative Arts has allowed the class to experience different kinds of art related to their environment, such as using clay to make pinch pots and using household waste objects to create 'Recycled Art'



WALI CLASS

Wali class would like to welcome Andre who joined us from Karuk class at the start of the term. Andre has settled in well to his new class and the other students are happy to have a new friend. The class has been focusing on social skills this term, including greeting people, being kind, using good manners, sharing, taking turns and sitting at the table to eat appropriately. Some of these skills are being learnt through having a class café where the students set the table, prepare simple snacks and serve their peers, while the rest of the class order their food, pay for it and wait at their table to be served.

Wali class are learning to work independently using individual workstations and are making excellent progress in this. Students work through 5 activities before spending time doing a preferred activity, which is a great incentive. In this way, they are learning to work through things in steps which assist them in completing a range of day-to-day tasks more independently.

The class is looking forward to seeing the fruits (or veggies) of their labour having started a gardening program this term. If successful, it is hoped that the produce can be used for cooking lessons. Once again it is great to see the students in Wali class having fun learning, particularly during Education Week when they got to spend time showing their families what they are working on at school.



George Bass Choir

The George Bass School Choir took to the stage on Saturday 19th August for their first public performance. The fledgling choir has only been established since the beginning of term and they have been busily practising 2 songs – *Here Comes the Sun* and *Count On Me*. Despite some stage fright from some of the students, they sang their 2 songs brilliantly, having already had two practise performances in school assemblies. A big thank you to the families that supported the choir – it was wonderful to see so many of you, and the George Bass School Choir definitely got the loudest cheers and applause out of all of the performance groups!



WIRRIGA CLASS

We can't believe it is already Term 3. This semester, Wirriga class have been busy working on their learning goals and social skills. The students have also been learning to work more independently by following a visual schedule to complete tasks, this has been really successful.

This semester there is a big focus on the use of technology in the classroom, with a majority of lessons incorporating technology in some aspect. The boys have been enjoying this and have been very engaged during lessons.

During Education Week this term, the students had a chance to dress up and role play different characters. We had a hippy, lifesaver, superheroes and a tap dancer. The boys had so much fun dressing up.

We're looking forward to seeing what the rest of the semester has in store.

Kim and Janelle.



P&C News

Thank you to George Bass School for hosting the **Parent/Puberty Workshop**. Parents have commented that the session was very informative.

Father's Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 31st August**. Don't forget to send some money (\$2, \$3 or \$5) to buy dad and/or grandpa a lovely gift via the communication book. Thanks for all the wonderful donations, they are greatly appreciated.

The **Notice boards** donated by the P&C have been installed on the pool wall in the parent pick up area. Hope to keep the community up to date.

Woolworths are currently running their **Earn & Learn** promotion. Please help us buy resources for our school by sending all stickers to school, or by dropping them in the box at Bass Hill Plaza, Thank you.

If you have any questions/concerns or suggestions please feel free to email them to gbspcc@hotmail.com

Next **P & C meeting** is on Wednesday the **6th of September at 1.30pm**, it would be great to see everyone there, all parents and carers are very welcome. 😊