



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 2 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staff development day at the beginning of this term focused on our teaching staff's ability to support our students in a number of aspects of school life. MAPA training, designed to support our students through challenges and challenging behavior was held on this day and training provided by the cerebral palsy alliance in safe physical management practices that best support students also occurred.

Our Year 11 parents met with Jeanine Deanou and Pamela Carter during Week 1 of this term to discuss transition planning. This was an informative session which helped form a picture of how our parents can support their children moving into post-school life. Transition sessions occur each year to support our year 11 and 12 students and families prepare for post school life.

Our School Spectacular team again hosted a BBQ at Villawood Bunnings on Sunday the 20th of May. Huge thanks to the large number of staff who came down on the day to support the event, our students and our school. Due to this hard work close to \$1500 was raised to support our student's participation in the creative arts.

Our ANZAC day assembly was held on Thursday the 3rd of May. It was again a huge success, and we were extremely grateful to have Mr. Kevin Mahoney from the Bass Hill RSL come and be present for our ceremony. Credit to our students on the day for the fantastic wreaths they made to commemorate the occasion.

On Friday the 11th of this month we were lucky enough to have Opera Australia come for a surprise visit to George Bass School to perform the Magic Flute. We are extremely lucky to have this occur and for them to give us this 50 minute presentation in the school hall. Our students were all engaged throughout the event, as they really enjoyed the music, props and theatrical production.

A huge thanks to the P&C for their support in holding the mother's day stall on Thursday of Week 2. Our students all enjoy having the chance to be able to select a gift to give to their mum. Credit goes to our P&C who always ensure that each child who wants to purchase a gift has the opportunity to do so. I hope all of our mothers enjoyed their day and the gift purchased by their child.

George Bass School has changed networks, recently moving across to Chipping Norton Network at the beginning of this term. Warren Finn is our new Director Public schools NSW who is based at Riverwood Office. Warren has already visited the school twice this term, and comes with a strong reputation of supporting schools.



MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

On Tuesday, we invited Bankstown Sports Club and Revesby Workers Club representatives as well as our dedicated and passionate P&C to show case our brand new playground.

Without the financial support of both of these clubs, through the Club Grants program, we would not be able to provide our students with some of the equipment that we are lucky to have at George Bass School.

We wanted to acknowledge and thank both clubs and the P and C for their efforts in supporting our school to successfully receive grants each year to better our school and to support our wonderful students.

The grants from 2016 and 2017 allowed us to purchase some amazing playground equipment in the senior playground as well as some much needed sun shade to cover the equipment.

We thank them all wholeheartedly.



What's happening in the classroom?

On Thursdays, one of our senior classes runs a 'Juice Bar' program in the cooking room which supports the students to develop some of the necessary work and independence skills that they will need when leaving school. I was able to observe first hand today just how independent these students are at taking orders, making the juices and delivering them to the staff room for staff to enjoy during their lunch break. I also want to congratulate the staff and students in Budhawa class for running such a successful program.



George Bass School Choir

This term the choir will be learning the song



This is Me

from the movie *The Greatest Showman*.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursdays @ 09:45	School assembly
Tuesdays	School banking
Wednesday 13 June	Move-a-thon
Week of 25 June	NAIDOC WEEK
Wednesday 27 June	Planetarium incursion
Thursday 5 July	Annual school concert
Friday 6 July	Last day Term 2
Tuesday 24 July	Students return for Term 3

KARUK CLASS

Students in Karuk class have been working hard on independence skills, communication and sharing equipment and space. Rafay and Robert are using their iPads as communication devices which has opened up a new world for them and they are doing really well with it.

Ricky and Lachlan are working hard to earn reward tokens, and are starting to do some project work and complete tasks as a team.

Yusuf enjoys cooking and has been following instructions and engaging in a 1:1 cooking session in the kitchen where he prepares simple snacks and drinks.

All of the students are making new friends in other classes during the new social group sessions where they are learning to share, take turns, interact positively and work as a team.

It's been a great start to Term 2 and we're all looking forward to learning new things in fun ways as the term progresses.



BURRU CLASS

Welcome back to Term 2! Burru has started the term off with a bang! We loved having Opera Australia come and entertain us and Mother's day gave us the opportunity to practise all those shopping skills we have been working on.

We have already kicked many goals this term with Wah Eh weight bearing in the water and Imad venturing up to the deep end and confidently swimming across the pool with a noodle.

Rayhan has been exploring sensory activities with increased enthusiasm and Alex navigates the playground with increased confidence and safety.

Jad has been completing a range of maths games independently and Amal enjoyed her smash cake for her birthday.

We have also welcomed Peter to our class and can't wait to see him achieve all his goals!

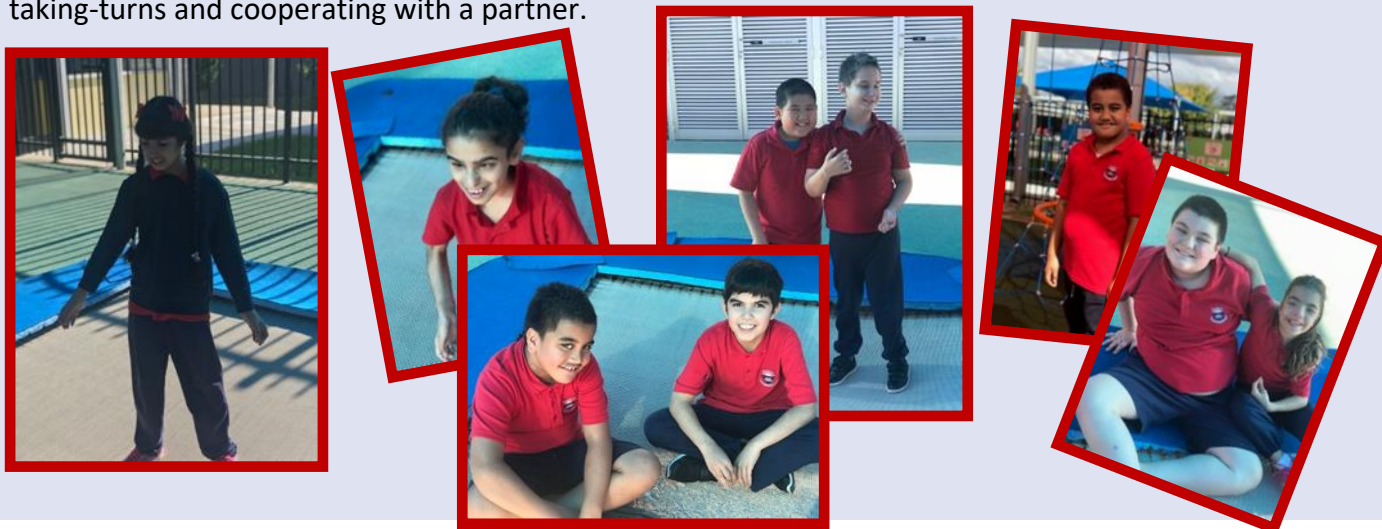


BURRA CLASS

We have returned from our first holiday, rested and ready to get back to our learning tasks each day. Our first assembly was to commemorate ANZAC Day and all classes made beautiful wreathes to show their respect.

Each Monday, Burra love visiting the library and jumping on the trampoline. We conclude our day looking through many books in our beautiful library space. It is a lovely relaxing time to spend together exploring new places and looking at different things through the wonderful world of books.

After spending time in the library, we then walk, as a class, to place our bags in our home-time areas. Then we are free to move to the trampoline. Everyone in Burra LOVES the trampoline and we get loads of exercise jumping on it. This time on the trampoline is also a great way to practise taking-turns and cooperating with a partner.



P&C NEWS

- Our annual Mother's Day Stall was held on Thursday the 10th of May and made a profit of \$329. A very big thank you to everyone that donated gifts, the fabulous mums that helped the students make their purchases, and we sincerely hope we have made our amazing mums smile.
- Lovely to see such a great turn out for the opening of the new playground and thanks to the staff for a yummy morning tea. Wonderful as always to see Dennis from Revesby Workers and to meet Shannon, Rebeca, Thomas & Kelly from Bankstown Sports Club. We really appreciate their generous donations to our school through the NSW Club Grants program.
- If you have any questions/concerns or suggestions please feel free to email them to gbspcc@hotmail.com
- Next P & C meeting is on Friday the 22nd of June at 9.30am, it would be great to see everyone there, all parents and carers are very welcome. ☺

Kind regards

George Bass School P&C Committee

KULA CLASS

Kula class have been working hard in all Key Learning Areas throughout the first term of 2018! We have been taking part in morning circle, where we are learning the days of the week, categorising who is at school and home as well as sharing news and stories from the weekend! We love listening to all the songs, especially the Days of the Week song by Storybots.

In maths we have been learning 1:1 correspondence by sharing items in even groups. We are doing this in cooking lessons, where students have shown keen interest in creating and tasting new and exciting foods. We are also working on numeral identification, which has students taking part in finger painting, dot art and sensory counting experiences!

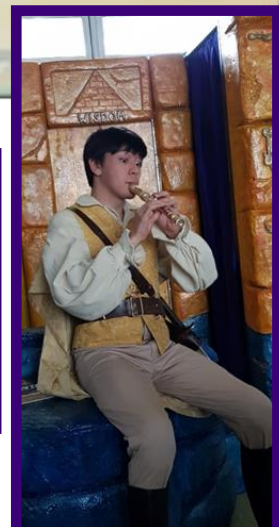
In Accelerated Literacy, we have been continuing to read *Brown Bear*, which we love! We have painted all the animals from the story and have these displayed all around the classroom. We love navigating the *Brown Bear* Interactive file, which has us creating sentences, constructing our own texts and listening to lots of fun songs.

Overall Kula have had a great start to the year! We love learning to become independent members of George Bass School.



O/A

Last Friday, George Bass School welcomed Opera Australia and their performance of *The Magic Flute*. It was a magical occasion and left some students mesmerised by the soaring vocals. We are extremely excited to have had the opportunity to host this event which supports the listening and appreciating strands of the music and drama content of the creative arts curriculum.



KUNG GUNG CLASS

The students of Kung Gung class have settled back into school after the holidays and have been learning lots of fun things as we explore our latest programs for Term 2.

In Accelerated Literacy, we have started to read 'Are we there yet?' by Alison Lester. We have enjoyed learning about all the wonderful places in Australia as we follow the family's journey as they travel around the country. This story also ties nicely into our geography unit, as we have started to explore how the Australian climate effects the environment and its people.

We enjoy our cooking lesson on Mondays, where we are exploring new foods and developing our fine motor skills as we assemble our yummy recipes. Some of the other things that we are learning include telling the time, safe and unsafe situations, drama as well as exploring hot and cold concepts in science.

We look forward to practising our item for the annual concert and look forward to performing for you all.



BBQ FUNDRAISER

Last Sunday, George Bass School held a barbeque at Villawood Bunnings to help raise funds to support our participation in the upcoming Schools Spectacular.

Dedicated staff were up bright and early on Sunday morning to volunteer at the barbeque. The day was very busy with many customers offering congratulations for our students' achievements at such a prestigious event.

The Performing Arts team would like to thank all the families that so generously donated drinks and money to purchase sausages. Your donations meant our only running costs were for the bread rolls. We would also like to thank the staff that helped with the preparations and came to assist during their own time, for the barbeque could not go ahead without them. We were able to raise just over \$1500 to support our students performing in the community.

