



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Over the course of this term we have had a number of great student and staff success stories which really highlight what we do, and why we do it at George Bass School. I would like to dedicate my message this week to some of the great success we have had this far.

I have been really blown away by the progress of all of our Kindergarten students this year. Each student has really improved in their ability to communicate and to work as part of the school routine. It is great to see Basil, Bassam, Sam, Rayhan and Jibriel all improve so much in their first semester at school.

I have been really pleased with the progress of our senior team and their work programs. Each week the Milkbar and Juice Bar students do a great job working throughout the school, building on their independence, their communication and their vocational skills. I personally enjoy my order being taken by Nada, Sumayyah, Meriam, Abeer or Shaimaa each week for Juice Bar and seeing them improve in their independence each week. It was a pleasure to be able to present Sumayyah with the Principal's Award at assembly this week based on this hard work.

I would really like to acknowledge the effort that our whole school community is putting in to our school assemblies at the moment. This week was a real highlight for me as students were exceptional throughout the whole assembly in their attention and engagement to the whole event. Our senior school captain, Nada did a great job in presenting the awards and Jacinta's Acknowledgement of Country was well done, while Ricky does a great job each time he is asked. Wali class's performance was truly exceptional. It was great to see the students each performing their part, well done to Layelle, Martin and Khajik.

All programs are testament to our fantastic educators who run them, and their commitment to their profession. This is something that can be seen throughout the school.

I would also like to thank Helen, Amanda and Michelle for their support of the school, over what has been an extremely busy few weeks. Often they are asked to respond to requests in support of our staff and our families and do so in a fantastically supportive manner.

Finally, next Tuesday is the last day for the year for Courtney Sheehan as she begins her maternity leave. She is such a gifted and committed teacher who we wish all the best on her next adventure with her growing family. We are already looking forward to having her back soon.

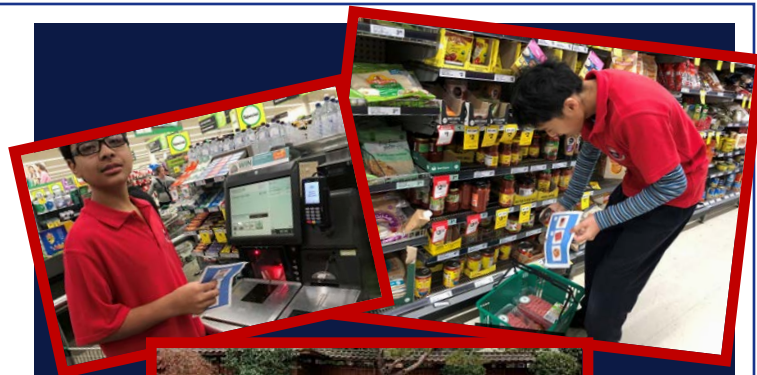


MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

Our strategic directions are moving forward and we are well into the new 3 year cycle. With all the extra-curricular activities that have been happening lately, there has been a particular focus on strategic direction 3 which is to provide enhanced opportunities for community participation, collaboration and engagement in student learning.

Already this term students have been entertained by Opera Australia at school, and participated in an Athletics Come & Try Day in Campbelltown. This gave a primary and senior team the opportunity to try a variety of track and field events and have a go using a racing wheelchair. We are looking forward to sending a team to the all-abilities netball gala next week in Liverpool.



What's happening in the classroom?

This week we stepped outside of the classroom to take a look at the senior community access programs being run in Bidjawang and Budhawa Classes this Term. Each Monday Bidjawang class visit Bass Hill Plaza to do the shopping for the Milkbar program and each Friday Budhawa class visit Auburn Botanical Gardens for lunch and stop by the Return and Earn drop off point in Fairfield to recycle materials and earn some money for the school. These community access programs are an invaluable opportunity for students to develop the skills required to be an active member of the community and are enjoyed immensely by everyone involved. It is fantastic to see our senior students representing George Bass School with pride out and about in our local community!



IMPORTANT DATES

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| Thursdays @ 9:45 | School Assembly |
| Tuesdays | School Banking |
| Wednesday 13 June | Netball Gala Day |
| Wednesday 20 June | Colourful Colour Run |
| Wednesday 27 June | Planetarium Incursion |
| Thursday 5 July | Annual School Concert |

WALI CLASS

What a wonderful welcome back to school it has been for Wali class this term. Students have continued to demonstrate incredible determination and persistence during all programs throughout the school. They have enjoyed teaming up with their peers in other classes each week to participate in social groups. Students in Wali have made great progress in developing their communication skills through these activities.

There are many highlights throughout the week for students in Wali class. In particular; swimming, cooking, art and going to the library. Every Friday students in Wali look forward to taking part in George Bass Olympics. Layelle and Khajik did a fantastic job representing Wali class as they attended the athletics 'Come and Try' day. They showcased their athletic skills as they competed in running races, long jump, discus and shotput.

Wali is happy to welcome Yaseer to the class and look forward to sharing many learning experiences together.



BANGU CLASS

There is always activity happening in Bangu class. Ardwan and Zakk have been enjoying a wide variety of hands on learning experiences. Performing magic tricks with pencils and bags of water, making erupting volcanoes and discovering dinosaur bones.

Our next project is a magical underwater world based on the features of the Great Barrier Reef. We are also working on a top secret project for the annual school concert. The boys have been learning how to tell the time this semester. Now they are looking forward to a study of money and all the exciting things they can purchase.

Until next time,
Ardwan, Zakk, Adrian and Sarah





The George Bass Colourful Run

Wednesday
June 20th

11:20 am in
The Playground

Dress to impress!
Class Prizes

MOGRA CLASS

Mogra class have been very busy learning to read simple sentences in their alphabet readers. They are also learning to answer 'Who, What, Where and How' comprehension questions, related to the book they have been reading in class called 'Who Sank the Boat?' by Pamela Allen. During our reading lessons, Mogra class are very lucky to have two speech therapists come and help us with our learning. Some of us are using speech output devices such as Proloquo2Go and Touch Chat to talk about the book and answer questions.

In geography we have been learning about the seasons of the year. We are currently learning about Winter. We love pretending that we are going on a holiday to the snow, packing our bags and getting dressed to go skiing. Making snowballs, snowmen and hot chocolate is always the highlight of each lesson.

In creative arts we are participating in the drama unit called 'If the Cap Fits'. Through this unit we are learning to explore, identify and demonstrate different emotions through the use of props and improvisation. Each lesson we are introduced to a different emotion. It is our job to find a hat that makes us feel happy, sad, excited or calm. We then participate in various drama activities and watch our friends act out the different emotions using their own choice of hat.



P&C NEWS

- As part of supporting the learning of George Bass School students, the P&C have decided to fund the **Planetarium Incursion**. This means the students can enjoy the experience without any cost to families.
We hope the students have a really fun day on June 27
- 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

WIRRIGA CLASS

This semester in Wirriga we have been continuing to explore different concepts through our varied programs. In Accelerated Literacy we have been focusing on a new text entitled 'Dear Zoo'. Students have been really interested in learning about the animals and their different characteristics.

In geography this term, we have been learning about something a little closer to home in our unit 'Rooms in the House'. The boys have really enjoyed using role play to learn about what different rooms look like and what their function is.

We have also been enjoying lots of sensory time! Our favourite sensory activities so far have been our rainbow foam and our sensory duck pond!



NGUNUN CLASS

It's only Term 2 and Ngunun class have made such a huge improvement in their ability to work well with others.

We have continued to be excited about investigating hot and cold for our science unit. The students have enjoyed experiencing the states of matter and how a solid can turn into liquid.

In the geography unit of work on Australian places, we have been exploring nature. The students had a fantastic time learning about Australian places and Australia's location in the world as well as global connections. The students participated in a walk to the school orchard and enjoyed being out and about in nature.

We are looking forward to many more learning experiences this term.