



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 2 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a very busy time at George Bass School leading in to our holiday break starting this Saturday. All classes have been practicing their items for the concert which will be held on Thursday. Our dress rehearsal was held last week, which gave our students the opportunity to practice their performance item and iron out any imperfections prior to the big event. We are all really looking forward to a big turnout from our community on the day. It is also pleasing to see that almost all of our VIP tickets have been sold prior to the concert. The opportunity to purchase these VIP tickets has helped to supplement the cost of holding this event.

Staff professional learning over the last few weeks has been in teams, and had the focus of school planning and collaborative teaching. This has given our teachers the opportunity to prepare their teaching programs collaboratively, with their fellow teachers and to work on aspects of school development to support our school plan. This is all a part of our committed teams after school hours regime.

I have had the pleasure of reading through all students reports over the last 2 weeks that our teachers have prepared to highlight student performance. It has been great to read about all of the progress our students make towards each of their academic and social goals. I hope that you are all equally proud of the efforts that our students put into school life and learning. I would encourage each family to find a way to celebrate this with their child, to show them how their efforts are appreciated and to build upon their love of learning.

The celebration of learning will continue at George Bass next term as we will be celebrating Education Week in week 3. This will include the opportunity for families to engage with student learning and with our programs. Stay tuned early next term for more information.

On a sadder note this Friday is the last day for one of our most revered and respected teachers Frances De-Bourbon. Frances has been a teacher at George Bass since our inception in 2014. Over this time she has taught a large number of our students, and has supported a larger number in the creative arts (through School Spectacular and our performance groups). She has also worked on our school executive over the last 2 years. Educators like Frances really enhance a school community, she has been a great support to our students and staff over her time with us and she will be sorely missed. I wish her all the best on her career move as an Assistant Principal at Broderick Gillawarna School.

I would like for everyone to have a safe July school holiday with friends and family and a reminder school resumes for students on Tuesday the 24th of July.



MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

As a part of Strategic Direction 3 which is dedicated to Community Partnerships, as a school we are trying to provide our student's with increased opportunities to access the community for a variety of different activities. This term, a number of our students have taken part in a soccer skills program which has been organised by the Bankstown Districts Football Association (BDAFA). It is taking part at Amour Park in Revesby, once a week. Unfortunately due to the rain the sessions have been postponed on more than one occasion however, the students who have been selected to go have had a wonderful time and represented our school wonderfully.



What's happening in the classroom?

Our staff and student's are busily working toward being ready for the Annual School Concert which is taking place this Thursday and which has a circus theme.

It was wonderful to watch the students rehearse their performances last week at their dress rehearsal and to watch the staff and students perform with such enthusiasm.

A great deal of effort has gone into each performance and we really look forward to seeing families attending the concert which is a wonderful celebration of student achievement as well as a great way to end such a busy term.

Good Luck Frances!



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursdays @ 9:45	School assembly
Tuesdays	School Banking
Wednesday 4 July	Colourful Run
Thursday 5 July @ 9:30am	Annual School Concert
Friday 6 July	End Term 2
Tuesday 24 July	Students return for Term 3
Week 3	Education Week
Friday 28 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 15 October	Students return Term 4



BUDHAWA CLASS

What an exciting second term in Budhawa! As well as continuing class programs within the school, students have started our community access program allowing the young ladies of Budhawa class to do what teenagers usually do which is just hang out in the community.

This term we have been visiting Auburn Botanical Gardens on a weekly basis. A few days prior to our outing as a class we look at the map of the gardens and discuss which area of the garden we want to visit that week. We have a vote and take data on which area is the most popular. Then we research the different things that we might come across in particular areas. The garden has a beautiful Japanese garden, a fantastic fauna enclosure and a wonderful access for all in the playground which includes a liberty swing. Budhawa class have really enjoyed being out and about.

Another program students have been participating in this term is the Interschools Soccer program. A few lucky students from Budhawa class have been selected to attend the soccer workshop developing soccer skills just in time for the FIFA world cup!

BIDJAWONG CLASS

As we come to the end of term 2 for this year, Bidjawong class have been reflecting on all the new and exciting opportunities they have been a part of this semester. Students have shown fantastic skills in the kitchen as they participate in a weekly cooking program called Milkbar, providing staff and students of George Bass School with delicious hot lunches every Wednesday.

Students in Bidjawong class have shown commitment and enthusiasm in other senior programs such as Work Education and Community Access. As part of community access, students have been travelling to Woolworths at Bass Hill Plaza. Each week, students eagerly participate in purchasing the items needed for the Milkbar menu. Each student uses a visual shopping list and with the help from staff they locate the items in the supermarket. Students also scan, bag and pay for the items.

Term 2 has been a very busy one for Bidjawong class and it's just the way we like it! We look forward to what next term has to offer.



BUNDELUK CLASS

We have had a great second term and are enjoying each other's company. Our teachers Wendy and Paul have been there to help us as we continue to learn new things. For example 'what is a half?' 'what is a quarter?' and how to write it in our maths lessons. Also in science we are learning 'what is living?' and what isn't.

This term, in Literacy, we have been reading 'Wombat Stew' by Pamela Lofts & Marcia Vaughan and learning about Australian animals and where they live. We have been busy with our drama, swimming, geography and craft and in cooking we have made different foods like vegemite toast and have even had a go at wombat stew. Though we didn't eat that! In Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) we have been working hard to learn how to keep safe and what is safe and what is not safe.

We have been enjoying practicing for our mid-year concert and cannot wait to perform it. Our teachers are proud of the work we have done over the last semester and are looking forward to Term 3. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break.



P&C News

It's hard to believe we are half way through 2018 already. Wishing all our wonderful families a restful and relaxing holiday.

During Term 3 we will be holding our Fathers' Day stall further details to follow.

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 **10th of August 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

KOGUNDA CLASS

What a great term 2 so far! The students have settled back into routines well. Here's a snapshot of some of our favourite subjects for this term:

In English, we have been reading *'Where is the Green Sheep?'* by Mem Fox during Accelerated Literacy lessons and have been enjoying re-enacting the storyline by dressing-up as sheep, hiding under a blanket pretending to be asleep, and then scaring our classmates with a big loud 'BOO!' 😊 We then write sentences about what we've read by using colourful semantics. In maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. It has been fun having to pick the emptied out tea bag with the correct shape on it, lighting it up (under adult supervision only!) and watching it fly!

In science we are still working on a unit of work based on the theme of *Toys*. We have been looking at the concepts of 'static electricity' and had fun during our 'dancing ghost' lesson where we used a balloon which we rubbed on our hair to then make the ghost made out of tissue paper fly. In geography, we have been studying the seasons and activities we can do that relate to them. It was so much fun skiing in the classroom!

We are looking forward to sharing more of our work with you 😊



WUGGAJIN CLASS

And just like that, another term has flown by in Wuggajin Class. We have had a fantastic term working hard on our personal goals as well as learning lots of new things along the way.

Aleena has loved learning about big and small in maths, and Solomone is a super star with his counting. Ally and Ramez have made amazing progress this term with writing their name and Aiysha and Angel are confidently creating sentences with familiar verbs.

In drama lessons, we looked at 'Danny in the Toybox' and Tifiga and Batool showed their amazing acting skills to act out all the emotions in Danny's tantrum.

Our class has also been practising crossing the road at a local park where we get to play at the playground before crossing the road back to our bus.

Wuggajin was sad to say goodbye to, our teacher, Courteney, as she went on maternity leave but just as happy to welcome Bronwyn to help us learn.

We are looking forward to school holidays but before that, we can't wait to perform our special dance for our friends and family at the Annual School Concert on Thursday!.

