



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For **TERM 4 WEEK 2**

Starting **22 OCT 2018**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### October

- 22nd - Goannas Assembly
- 23rd - Scripture/Ethics continues
- 23rd - Chess continues
- 24th - Got Game - Gymnastics
- 24th - RAW Art Commences
- 26th - Canteen Commences

#### November

- 1st - Kindergarten Orientation and parent information session 1
- 5th - Koalas Assembly
- 8th - Kindergarten Orientation and parent information session 2
- 19th - Echidnas Assembly

#### December

- 3rd - Wombats Assembly
- 14th - Fun Day
- 14th - Year 6 - Excursion
- 18th - Presentation Day
- 18th - Year 6 Farewell 6pm-8pm

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### PB FOR L FOCUS

**Our focus this week is being Safe, Respectful, Learners in the play areas**



### ASSEMBLIES

Our fortnightly assemblies start this week with the Goannas providing an item and the House Captains leading the proceedings. All parents are welcome to attend the assemblies at this point before the end of school. We will also take this opportunity to welcome the news Helping Hands coordinator Claire Donohue to the school. She will be taking over from Adam who we congratulate on his promotion to a bigger centre at Newton school.

### CANTEEN

Canteen returns again this coming Friday 26 October. As usual, orders should be made before school in the Canteen.

### RAW ART

RAW Art will be starting this week and currently we are collecting fees for the program. Please ensure that you send in your payment notes and either make the payment online or place the money in an envelope and place it in the notes box on the left side as you go into the school office. After this week the program will take a 2 week hiatus to allow kindergarten orientation to operate.

### COURTYARD GATE

A few weeks ago we advised that the gate into the courtyard would be replaced with one that is timed to open at drop off and pick up times. This gate is being fitted this Tuesday (weather permitting). Following its fitting and programming, the gate will allow entry to the school through this route in the morning and afternoon to families and their children. The gate can also be used as an exit route at any time and so it will have a high handle to allow adults to open and exit. We will advise as this route becomes available.

### SWIM SCHEME

Regretfully the school has had to cancel the Swim Scheme for this year. We were originally booked for weeks 7 and 8 of term but due to a department mix up we had our booking moved to weeks 9 and 10. This would have clashed significantly with some end of year activities and would be restricted to 7 days rather than the 10 from the original program. This coupled with the fact that we only had 60% of the children we needed to make the program costs reasonable has meant that we have decided to cancel the program. We will try again next year.

# THE WEEK AHEAD IN LEARNING FOR TERM 4 - WEEK 2

## This Week in Koalas - Year K

English	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>Reading: In reading this week Koalas will be focusing on the book Sharing a Shell</p> <p>Phonics: We introduced our new phonemes for the first half of the term: ck, ng, qu, x last week. Our target phoneme this week will be 'ng'. We will also continue to revise all focus phonemes learnt this year.</p> <p>Sight words: This week we learn: there, what, where, why, who</p> <p>Writing: This term our writing focus will be on persuasive texts. Koalas will be looking at the purpose and structure of persuasive texts and creating some of their own. Handwriting: students will focus on writing numbers of consistent size, shape and direction.</p> <p>Talk time: This week's topic is 'It is important to follow rules in games'</p> <p>Students need to think about what they like about playing games and tell the class why having rules make games more fun.</p>	<p>Class sport has moved back to Tuesdays and we will focus on fundamental movement skills.</p> <p>PDHPE: This term the Koalas will be focusing on personal safety looking at water, sun and road safety.</p> <p>Got Game is on Thursdays and this term will focus on gymnastics</p> <p>Creative arts RAW Art commences this week. We will also be doing some drama activities.</p> <p>Science: This term we will look at made environments through a unit called Material World.</p>	<p>Home Reading: Home reading continues this term as per previous terms. Please continue encouraging Home Reading. Remind your child to bring their folder in each day so books can be changed.</p> <p>Library is on Wednesday, so please remember to return library books and bring in your library bag on the day.</p> <p>Talk Time (news): will continue this term. Please see the Talk Time program for details.</p> <p>RAW Art: This commences on Thursday. Please return all notes ASAP. If your child does not have a paint shirt at school please send one on Thursday.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Whole number: Koalas focus this week on comparing and ordering numbers and groups of objects.</p> <p>Measurement and geometry: The focus this week will be on comparing and recording the area of objects informally</p> <p>Statistics and probability: The Koalas will be learning to interpret information in a graph to be able to answer simple questions.</p>		

## This Week in Echidnas - Year K/1

English	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>Guided Reading Groups daily.</p> <p>K: Focus phonemes: 'ng' and 'qu' and continue revising all phonemes.</p> <p>Sight Words Weeks 1 &amp; 2: birthday party made by home there what where why who. Year 1: Focus phonemes: long 'e' &amp; long 'a' sound using 'ea' (dream; break)</p> <p>Sight Words: people live brother house where</p> <p>Handwriting: Term 4 focus is ensuring capital letters and lowercase letters are correct placement and size in continuous text writing. Writing: Students writing focus in Term 4 is writing both simple and compound sentences effectively and with correct punctuation. Students will respond to various texts and write from personal experience. The grammar focus is verbs and developing vocabulary to use more specific verbs. Students will investigate writing as explanation through their Science learning.</p> <p>Speaking and Listening Talk Time topic: 'Rules in games makes the game more fun!'</p>	<p>PDHPE:</p> <p>Sport: Students will develop locomotor skills, spatial awareness and cooperation through participating in minor games.</p> <p>Got Game (Gymnastics) is on Thursday.</p> <p>Students will learn about personal safety this term - water, sun and road safety.</p> <p>Science</p> <p>K: Material World - This term students will investigate objects in their environment and the variety of materials that make these objects.</p> <p>Yr 1: Water Works - This term students will investigate the water cycle, from its source, to its use and its conservation.</p> <p>Creative Arts</p> <p>Wks 2-5: Students will develop their creative skills in art through the RaW Art program</p>	<p>Sports uniform days - Tuesday and Thursday (Got Game).</p> <p>Library - Wednesday. Please bring library bag with books to be returned.</p> <p>Home Reading continues every day.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number &amp; Algebra: Focus: Whole Number Students will make correspondences between collections and compare and order numbers and groups of objects. They will also make total amounts using different denominations.</p> <p>Measurement &amp; Geometry: Area: students will estimate, compare and record areas using concrete materials and by visualising.</p> <p>Statistics and Probability: Data: students will describe information using 'more than' and 'less than' and write a simple sentence to record data.</p>		

## This Week in Wombats Year 1/2

English	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>Year 1 will focus on 'sh/ ci' as in 'ship/ magician' while Year 2 will focus on 'ea' as in 'seat/ great'. Students will write a persuasive text about water safety and an explanation of rainfall. Our 'talk time' topic for week 2 is 'It is important to follow rules in games'. Students will give reasons for this to persuade an audience. They will write daily complex sentences with a focus on correct letter formation and sizing in handwriting. The class will learn how to use a summarising strategy in a nonfiction text and in guided reading focus on the use of expression by reading punctuation.</p>	<p>PDHPE: Got Game focuses on gymnastics skills</p> <p>In class sport we will be playing inclusive minor games.</p> <p>Students will learn about water safety</p> <p>RAW art starts this week.</p> <p>Students will perform drama related to famous artworks by adopting the roles of a person in a painting.</p> <p>Science: 'Waterworks' continues with learning about rainwater and groundwater. STEM: Students will continue on from their creation of a boat using TinkerCAD and a 3D printer in week 1, with creation of a house in week 2.</p>	<p>Monday: whole school assembly in the hall at 2:30pm</p> <p>Music with Ms Caponis</p> <p>Tuesday: Scripture and Ethics and class sport. Students are to wear their sports shirt.</p> <p>Wednesday: Library- remind your child to return their library book in their library bag</p> <p>Thursday: RAW Art session 1 and Got Game. Students are to wear their sports shirt.</p> <p>Friday: Mandarin with Ms Yang.</p> <p>Merit Award assembly at 2:50pm.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number and Algebra: Students continue their study of Australian currency via the class shop. The tables challenge will be 3x tables. Students will continue working on vertical algorithms with and without regrouping and problem solving.</p> <p>Measurement and Geometry: Students will study area where they will record informally comparisons of area using drawings, numerals and words and referring to the unit used</p> <p>Statistics and Probability: Students will create a graph from tally marks on sun safe practises</p>		

## This Week in Goannas - Year 3/4

English	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>The spelling focus for this week is either silent 'k', 'silent 'b' or silent 'p'. Students will complete work in class using their words and homework is a crucial follow up to these activities.</p> <p>In writing, students will continue our work on characterisation. This week we are going to continue developing characters to use in imaginative writing. Students in pairs will write a short play demonstrating the personality of their character. Students will also participate in 'hot seat' to further develop their character. Later in the week we will move onto creating settings in narratives.</p> <p>Our grammar focus this week will be on adjectives. Students will use adjectives to assist their work in characterisation.</p>	<p>Science: Students are going to continue with our unit 'Beneath Our Feet'. Students will continue their investigation of what is under the Earth.</p> <p>Students will continue to develop their knowledge with TinkerCAD and begin our project on creating a Mathematics game for our younger students. Students will 3D print any game pieces or equipment needed for their game over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Geography project: Students are continuing to investigate sustainability and how people interact with environments.</p>	<p>Library: Tuesday. Can all students endeavor to bring their bags and books.</p> <p>Tuesday: Class sport. Can all students please wear their house uniforms.</p> <p>RAW Art: Will commence on Thursday. Can all notes please be returned ASAP. If students want to bring in art shirts please do so on Thursday.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Students will continue with our daily maths challenge. Students will continue to work on challenges with mixed operators.</p> <p>This week students will finish working with money and moved onto large number division and word problems involving division and working with decimals. Students will begin with calculating change after rounding to the nearest 5c. We will then work on a variety of strategies to multiply large numbers. Next, our work will focus on word problems involving division with and without the remainder. Finally year 4 students will work on converting fractions to decimals and year 3 will place decimals on a numberline.</p>		

## This Week in Dingoes Year 5/6

English	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>In writing the students are exploring procedural texts. This week they will be writing instructions on how to make their chosen Garden project recipes. Students have started working on their new reading group activities with new books and reading group roles. The meeting will be on Tuesdays most weeks.</p> <p>We will be starting this term a creative writing projects based around a ghost story which will lead to the dramatisation of those stories as a drama piece that the students will write. The emphasis here is on suspense and tension and the use of figurative writing techniques.</p>	<p>Science:</p> <p>Our focus this week in our electricity and sustainability unit is to investigate how electricity travels to our homes. We will also explore how people once lived without electricity and how it can positively impact on our lives.</p> <p>To further extend the sustainability component of our science unit, the Dingoes have started working on a 3D printing project that will encourage them to design an eco-friendly model home. The students will be working in TinkerCAD to create sustainable features of the eco-friendly home. They will then print and assemble the 3D design during the coming weeks.</p> <p>Garden Project:</p> <p>This term the students will be cooking healthy and delicious meals using the key ingredients sourced from the school garden. Once perfected, these meals will be available in our school canteen towards the end of the term. This week's goal is to design and create a menu that incorporates the student's selected recipes.</p>	<p>Monday: Assembly</p> <p>Tuesday: Scripture/Ethics - Reading Group Meeting and Library</p> <p>Thursday: RAW Art and Got Game</p>
Mathematics		
<p>This week we will be finishing off with a post test the work that we have been covering over the past few weeks as well as starting the next block of subjects that we will be covering over the next few weeks leading up to the middle of term.</p> <p>Our emphasis this week will be on time through its revision of 12h and 24 hour time. The effect of time zones, daylight saving and its use thereof in timetables. Ever wondered how to calculate the exact time of arrival in another country? The Dingoes will be working this out using just the time of departure and the length of the flight.</p>		

## This Week in Music

Koalas	Echidnas	Wombats	Goannas	Dingoes
We will listen to "Dance Macabre" by Camille Saint-Seans, and identify structural features such as repetition, rhythmic and tempo features as we explore ways to move to the score. We will also rehearse the chant "Miss White Had A Fright!" Seeing the many different "voices" we can discover and use to a frightening effect...			The Goannas will be conducting their final rehearsal for their Assembly performance of "Skat Cat Swing" on Monday.	Dingoes will be rehearsing two contrasting songs, preparing an audition tape & for school performances later this term. They will be focused on creating a smooth "legato" sound and shaping phrases musically.

## This Week in Mandarin

Koalas	Echidnas	Wombats	Goannas	Dingoes
This week we will revise the vocabulary learnt in Term 3. We will sing the Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes song in Chinese. We will also play Simon Says. We will work in pairs to work on the crazy hair activity and label the parts of the body.		This week we will learn a few verbs - look, walk and turn. We will learn to give directions by combining the position phrases we learnt from Term 3, e.g. look up/down/left/right, turn left/right and one step forwards/backwards/left/right. We play roll and read vocabulary games and finish off the mini book.		



# HOMEWORK

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