



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For **TERM 4 WEEK 8**

Starting **2 DEC 2019**

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- 2nd - Echidnas Assembly
- 2nd - Canopy for courtyard shade structure erected
- 3rd - After school - tech Club 3:15 - 4:15pm - final session
- 4th - Chess continues
- 4th - P&C Meeting 7pm in library
- 5th - Got Game - Gymnastics
- 6th - Korean Dance - recess

Coming up!

- 12th - School Art Show 6pm
- 13th - School Fun Day
- 13th - Year 6 - Darling Harbour
- 17th - Presentation Day - 9:15am sharp in the hall
- 17th - Y6 Farewell - Yiamas 6pm
- 18th - Final Day of Term 4



Kindy students working with foil boats in Science - testing Archimedes Principle!

Shade Structure

The poles are in place for the shade structure and the canopy will be fitted on Monday. In anticipation that this won't be finished before assembly time. Please enter the hall through the St Peters Street entrance if you plan on attending the Echidnas assembly on Monday.

Art Show Fundraiser 12 Dec - Please be there!

The Art Show is fast approaching and there have been many questions about what to expect on the night. The goal of the Show is to raise funds for a new interactive whiteboard in the school library, so please make sure you come along and show your support through spending as much as you can!

Kids and adults alike will have a heap of fun on the night. Kids can expect face painting, jumping castle and craft making. Adults can look forward to seeing art making from parents and grandparents from the St Peters PS community and finding out more about how these extremely talented individuals create their wares.

Each class has been creating art to be displayed. Every student has an individual artwork that will be available to purchase on the night, but if you can't make it to the Art Show a note will go home as a chance to buy any leftover artwork. The classes have also created larger, collaborative artworks that will be sold via silent auction. The auction will include other art that has been generously donated by the St Peters community. If you have anything you'd like to donate to the silent auction please let Miss Davies know via this link:

[I want to Donate Something for the Silent Auction](#)

Perhaps it might be an unwanted gift, something you have made that is special or you just want to donate or it could be a service a business you own or work for is willing to offer.

There will be lots food and drinks for kids and adults, so please bring a hungry tummy! A BBQ is being held in the courtyard serving a sausage sizzle and chicken skewers and there will be popcorn, cold chips, lollies, ice-blocks, water and juice (and cans of drink for the grownups). Wine and cheese will be available for adults to purchase and consume only in the School Hall as you peruse the local artmaking.

The Art Show Committee is looking forward to seeing you there!

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Our focus this week is being Safe, Respectful, Learners in Assemblies.



Making the boats

Week Ahead in Learning - Term 4 - Week 8

This Week in Koalas - Year K

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Reading: Students this week will continue focusing on literal and inferential comprehension. We will put into place learnt strategies to discuss the author's message in the books we read.</p> <p>Writing: Students will be writing imaginative texts this week. Students will be provided with stimulus this week. We will be putting into place all the skills we have learnt this year to produce texts that entertain our readers.</p> <p>Grammar and punctuation: Punctuation will be focused on this week. Students will discuss punctuation in the stories we read and also focus on correct punctuation when writing.</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics: All units for phonics will continue to be reviewed this week. Students will play a variety of games to test their phonemic knowledge.</p> <p>Speaking and Listening: Drama will once again involve a range of speaking and listening skills for students to master.</p>	<p>Science: This week students will begin studying Earth and Space with a new unit on Weather. Students will investigate how the weather changes daily and how weather patterns affect humans and their environment.</p> <p>Creative Arts: Drama will continue this week. Students will use their imagination to recreate familiar scenes.</p> <p>PDHPE: Students will continue studying safe living this week, with a review of water safety at the beach.</p>	<p>Tuesday: Library. Please bring in your library bags and books to return and borrow.</p> <p>Class sport. Please wear your house uniform.</p> <p>Thursday: Got Game. House uniforms to be worn</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number and Algebra: Students will review subtraction skills this week. We will review all strategies taught and look to use more efficient strategies to solve one and two digit subtraction problems.</p> <p>Measurement and Geometry: The Koalas will review time this week, looking at the days of the week and identifying what was yesterday and what day is tomorrow. We will also review area by describing and comparing the area of two different shapes.</p>		

This Week in Echidnas - Year K/1

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Reading: Students will be encouraged to read fluently and use their sound/letter knowledge along with using contextual clues to decode unknown words.</p> <p>Writing: This week students will write a persuasive text linked to science as a whole class, then individually, and also digitally.</p> <p>Grammar and Punctuation: Students will I this week</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics: Students will continue to revise all phonemes and learn spelling linked with phonemic work</p> <p>Speaking and Listening: Students will continue to participate in active listening games.</p>	<p>Science: Students will start their study of Earth and Space (Kindergarten) where they will learn about weather, weather charts and symbols.. In Material World (Year 1) students will predict, observe and record changes that happen with chocolate when it is heated. Study of digital technologies continues by looking at their use in everyday life and the components that may make up a digital system</p> <p>PDHPE: In class sport students will learn a variety of activities including badminton and hockey. Students will continue to study safe living: water safety. In Got Game students will learn gymnastics.</p> <p>CAPA: Students will work on their Presentation Day performance.</p>	<p>Monday: Music and assembly: Echidnas are On Stage today!!</p> <p>Tuesday: Scripture and Ethics Class Sport- students to wear sports shirt</p> <p>Wednesday: Library today . Please remind your child to return their book inside their library bag.</p> <p>Thursday: Got Game today. All students to wear their sports shirt.</p> <p>Korean today.</p> <p>Friday: merit assembly</p> <p>Home Reading: Remind your child to pack their Home Reading every day.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number and Algebra: This week maths challenge continues with multiplication five times tables and subtraction. Students will learn about multiplication and division, firstly by making groups of the same number and then recording this.</p> <p>Measurement and Geometry: Students will continue to learn about two-dimensional space and make pictures using two-dimensional shapes and revise quadrilaterals.</p>		

This Week in Korean

Please note that Korean Dance Group practising will now be at recess on Friday.

Koalas	Echidnas	Bilbies	Wombats	Goannas	Dingoes
<p>Koalas and Echidnas will continue the 5 senses and body parts in Korean. We will play a guessing game using the keywords, 'guess, touch, hands, and with'.</p>		<p>Bilbies and Wombats will complete our mini book of materials. We will practise reading the book in pairs and to each other.</p>		<p>Goannas will make a simple thermometer. We will learn the names of materials that we need to make one. We will watch the teacher demonstrate an experiment with one to observe the temperature go up or down.</p>	<p>Dingoes will create a booklet to describe an ordinary school day of a South Korean student. We will learn the names of school subjects and activities.</p>

This Week in Music

Koalas	Echidnas	Bilbies	Wombats	Goannas	Dingoes
<p>Koalas will be listening and responding to fast and slow /loud and soft and high and low musical examples. We will choreograph and design a mini performance with these musical elements in mind while we sing some fun songs!</p>	<p>Bilbies and Echidnas will continue rehearsing for their end of year performance "I Like Books" . We will memorise the lyrics and choreograph movement and dance using our books as props. We will explore ways of making our performance very expressive!</p>		<p>Wombats are rehearsing their song for their assembly performance "Doodling" We are looking at ways of turning the song into an expressive and engaging performance using props and some funky dance moves as we follow the beat!</p>	<p>Goannas will begin a new piece "Skat Cat Swing" featuring question and answer phrases. We will also be introducing the concept of quavers</p>	<p>Dingoes will continue to workshop their performance of the Dr Seuss poem "Oh! The Place You'll Go!". They will be making decisions about staging, use of space and designing the appearance of their performance as they memorize and rehearse the spoken word text with an awareness of rhythm and flow of tempo. We will rehearse cooperatively as a performance troupe, making sure the tempo flows without interruption.</p>

This Week in Bilbies Year 1

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Reading: The Bilbies will have a focus on expression when reading</p> <p>Writing: Students will start a poetry writing unit</p> <p>Grammar and Punctuation: antonyms</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics: The Bilbies will revise all phonemes learned this year</p> <p>Speaking and Listening: Students will engage in active listening activities</p>	<p>Personal Development and Health: This week the Bilbies will continue talking about Road Safety, focusing on car parks</p> <p>Physical Education: Students will be focusing on the skills of gymnastics in GOT Game.</p> <p>Science: The Bilbies will be learning about 'The Material World' this term. This week they will continue investigating how materials change when they are heated and cooled.</p> <p>Visual Art: The Bilbies will contribute to our collaborative painting for the Art Show</p>	<p>Monday: homework goes home.</p> <p>Tuesday: K-2 sport, students please wear sports uniform</p> <p>Wednesday: Final library visit for 2019</p> <p>Thursday: GOT Game, students please wear sports uniform</p> <p>Friday: homework due</p> <p>Home Reading: please remind your child to bring their home reader folder daily and read as often as possible.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number and Algebra: Students will be revising multiplication and division, with a focus on skip counting by twos, fives and tens</p> <p>Measurement and Geometry: Students will be learning about volume and capacity. Students will measure and compare the capacities of pairs of objects using uniform informal units.</p>		

This Week in Wombats - Year K/1

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Reading and Comprehension: Due to finding non-fiction texts a little trickier than fiction, the Wombats will continue to explore them this week. They will be answering specific comprehension questions on them that will help practise text navigation.</p> <p>Writing: Wombats have planned their play scripts and are now typing them up and practising them to perform as a Readers' Theatre in front of the class.</p> <p>Grammar & punctuation: Concepts will be revised through specific questions relating to their reading group text</p> <p>Speaking & Listening: Speaking and listening will be incorporated into science and also their contributions to reading group discussions.</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics: The target is the phoneme /ou/ - u oo oul</p>	<p>Personal Development and Health: the unit this term is 'Safe Living'. The focus will continue to be on water safety.</p> <p>Physical Education: Students will be focusing on gymnastic skills</p> <p>Science: This term Wombats will be exploring a science topic 'Material World'. This week will be their seventh lesson where they will be exploring cooling different materials. They will determine if there is change and then if this change can then be reversed.</p> <p>Drama: Students will be using the drama skills they have been learning to act out a play based on the book 'Funny Bones'.</p>	<p>Monday: Homework and spelling go home. Music.</p> <p>Tuesday: Returns only to library today. Class sport is also on today. Students are to wear their sports uniform.</p> <p>Thursday: Korean and Got Game today. All students to wear their sports uniform.</p> <p>Friday: Homework and home reading logs due.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>Number and Algebra: Wombats will be coming back to whole number and addition and subtraction skills. They will be exposed to some concepts they will be learning in Year 3.</p> <p>Measurement and Geometry: Students will continue to focus on position. They will identify the position of key features on a map and follow positional language.</p>		

This Week in Goannas - Year 3/4

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Literacy groups continue this week with rotational activities based on spelling, reading and responding to texts, oral reading, punctuation activities and handwriting/typing. We will continue reading The World's Worst Teachers and completing comprehension and vocabulary based activities. We are still learning about and writing different forms of poetry. This week we will focus on autobiographical, colour, rhyming couplet and tanka poems</p>	<p>Creative Arts: Students will be continuing to rehearse their plays to perform in front of the class on Friday. We started planning our artworks for the art show last week and will be working hard to get them finished this week.</p> <p>PD, H: We will continue to work on our unit of Safe Living looking at road safety.</p> <p>Geography: To end the term we are going to research and learn about celebrations around the world</p> <p>Science: We will be looking at the properties of materials and how those properties influence their use.</p>	<p>Tuesday: class sport is on today. Students are to wear their sports uniform.</p> <p>Wednesday: library is on today. Please remember your library books and bags.</p> <p>Thursday: Got Game and Korean. Students are to wear their sports uniform.</p> <p>Friday: merit certificate assembly</p> <p>Homework: sent home on Friday and due to be returned the following Thursday.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>This week the Goannas will focus on whole number and addition and subtraction. In whole number they will be using place value to partition numbers of up to five digits and recognising this as 'expanded notation' and they will partition numbers of up to five digits in non-standard forms. In addition and subtraction the students will calculate equivalent amounts of money using different denominations and perform simple calculations with money, including finding change, and round to the nearest five cents-calculate mentally to give change.</p>		

This Week in Dingoes Year 5/6

English	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>In writing, we will continue to explore poetry. This week, students will investigate structure, rhyme and rhythm, sound devices and figurative language found in poetry. The students will continue with their reading circles and complete a new reading role. Our reading group meeting will be on Thursday this week. The Dingoes didn't get to finish filming their TV commercials last week, so we will be continuing with these this week.</p>	<p>Creative Arts: The Dingoes are continuing to work on the Art Project and will finish screen printing the first and second layer of their stencils. We are using drama to create an advertising TV commercial that will persuade a teenage audience to be sun safe. Later this week, we will view the students TV commercials in class.</p> <p>PD, H: We will continue to explore our unit of Safe Living, looking at sun safety as we film and view each other's TV commercial.</p>	<p>Tuesday: Music. Class Sport (House Uniform)</p> <p>Wednesday: Library bags.</p> <p>Thursday: Got Game.</p> <p>Friday: Korean and Merit Certificate Assembly.</p>
Mathematics		
<p>This week the Dingoes will focus on patterns and algebra. They will continue, create, record and describe geometric and number patterns in words and determine the rule for geometric and number patterns in words and use the rule to calculate values.</p>		

Attendance

Could parents please be aware that bringing your child late to school is **not good** for their education. It is disruptive for their learning and more often than not, embarrassing for the children to persistently turn up late. At primary school it is the parent or carer role as an adult to ensure that your child(ren) get to school on time.

If you are persistently late to school it becomes an attendance concern. The school fully understands that it is sometimes difficult and lateness can sometimes occur. However, if it is ongoing and persistent, it is something that can be managed. We suggest, leaving earlier from your place of origin, getting up earlier and checking Google Maps, which is very accurate at predicting travel times. We also suggest taking advantage of the fact that the playground is supervised from 8:30am in the morning and Helping Hands offer before school care from 7am in the morning as well as a breakfast service.

Furthermore, the school is concerned at our general attendance figures for 2019 which show high numbers of days taken off when compared to other schools by students for reasons other than sick leave. There are also many numbers of days for unauthorised leave where no reason was given. Check the parent portal this week please to check this as these days will be reported on school reports handed out in week 9.

Use of the School Oval

Please be reminded that you are to actively supervise your children on the school oval after school. Students are not to wait for you on the oval or to be left on the oval. School staff will be conducting spot checks on the school oval the rest of this term to determine whether this is being maintained. Should we discover this is not the case, the school will have no choice but to have no use of the oval after 3:15pm as is the case with many schools. If you are unable to pick up your child, please use the Helping Hands service which is free to enrol in and has casual days available through the week.

Executive Directors Unit

Last Friday the Executive Directors unit led by Dr Sylvia Corish left the St Peters Public School site. Dr Corish is responsible for over 300 schools in the Metropolitan South area of Sydney. Her office has been here since term 3 2017 and has greatly added to our wonderful site. Indeed, Dr Corish is responsible for the wonderful refresh of the Aora Meeting room which was in very poor shape at the end of 2017. This revamp has turned this room into a wonderful asset for the school. Dr Corish is also responsible for the electronic gate which has significantly enhanced the safety of our car park and security at the site. They leave for the Sydney School of Languages in Petersham and their permanent office. The school deeply thanks her for her support of our school and wish her unit well at their new location.



12th December, 6-8PM
School hall and courtyard

Student and locally made art for sale • Silent auction • BBQ and snack foods • Face painting and activities for kids • Live art making



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