



June

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Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM MISS BERWICK

The end of term 2 has seen an amazing piece of art created along our driveway. This was organised by our environmental team to incorporate the many gardens around our school. During community consultation opportunities I would like to hear more ideas on how we can create an inviting learning environment across our school site. There are plans for many upgrades across our school, which include new play areas through a strategic approach put in place over the coming years. We have introduced many new activities at play times in recent weeks. It is pleasing to see our students engaging and having fun with others during these times in their day. I have enjoyed visiting each class this term and reading the story "How full is your bucket?". This book provides child talk about resilience and emotional wellbeing. It was a lovely opportunity for me to engage our students in quality talk and for them to see me not only as their principal but as a teacher. One aim I have as a principal is to teach in every class every term. This strengthens my knowledge and connection with our students as learners and young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for welcoming me to CPPS. It has certainly been a unique time in my leadership and in all our educational journeys. I wish you and your family a lovely July holiday.

MESSAGE FROM MR. BOURKE



What a weird and wonderful term it has been this term. It has been fantastic to get our school back to a sense of normality and our students have done an amazing job of settling back into the school environment. This week our Semester 1 reports will come home, as a modified report format from what we have used in the past. Whether you are going away this holiday or enjoying some time around the house as a family, please take care and enjoy what hopefully will be a far more relaxed break than the Term 1 break.

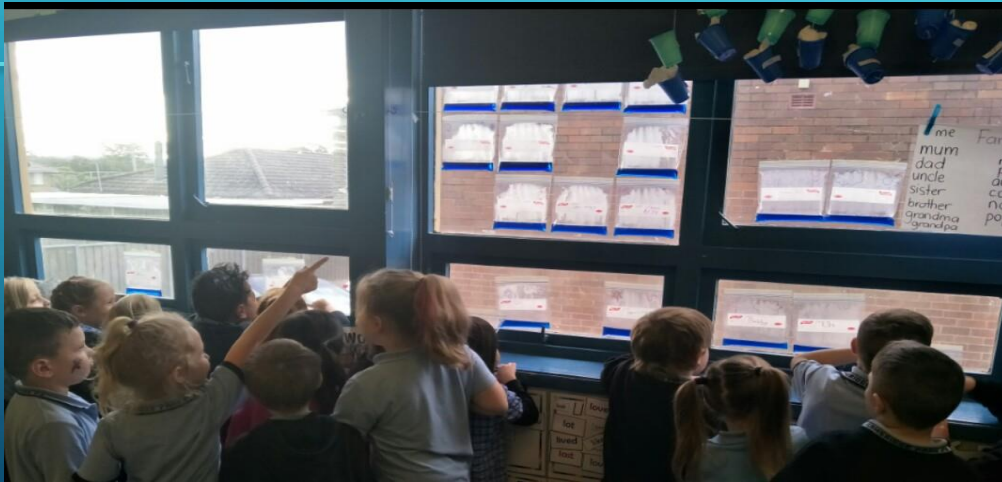


Kindergarten loved wearing their pyjamas to school. How silly!

KINDERGARTEN



We loved dressing up for sports mufti day.



Kindergarten engaged in a water cycle experiment during science and we made it rain!



We love our new native animal mural and have been doing lots of great writing.

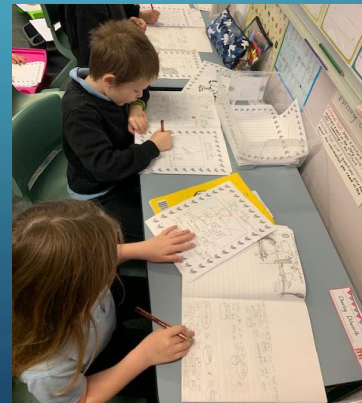
STAGE 1



In science, Stage 1 have been learning about living things. We planted seeds and have been observing and recording how much they have grown.



We have been reading many stories and engaging in shared experiences like gardening and our dress up days. We have used these activities as opportunities to write. We are learning to edit and publish our writing!



In Geography, we have been learning about the features of places, as well as celebrating the Aboriginal culture.





STAGE 2

- Stage 2 have been very busy since returning to school. Catching up with our friends and getting to know each other through sport and dance. The students have been working extra hard in all areas. One area we have enjoyed is our math lessons where they have been designing and making robots. Some of the robots are really fantastic. We have also been participating in 'mindfulness' sessions which our stage 2 students really enjoy. These sessions come from the Australian based program called "Smiling Minds" which Mrs. Van has been trained in this year.

STAGE 3

This past month, we have continued to work enthusiastically in our Stage 3 classrooms. We have recommenced our math groups and gotten right back into the swing of things. We are designing our ideal playground using natural and man-made materials in Science and we are learning about our country's early Aboriginal history with Mr. Howlett.

However, I think that we all agree that the most exciting thing to have happened recently was the arrival of our 2020 year six shirts. They look GREAT!!



SUPPORT UNIT



The Fairy Penguins have been practicing their hand washing and teeth brushing skills for PDHPE and digging for rocks and minerals for science



The Quokkas are reading the story James and the Giant Peach. We made a giant peach and raised it into sky using balloons. We then made a 6.4m great white shark as part of our book study.



SUPPORT UNIT continued

The Cassowaries and Sugar Gliders are loving the new furniture and equipment Miss Berwick purchased for their classrooms!



PRESCHOOL

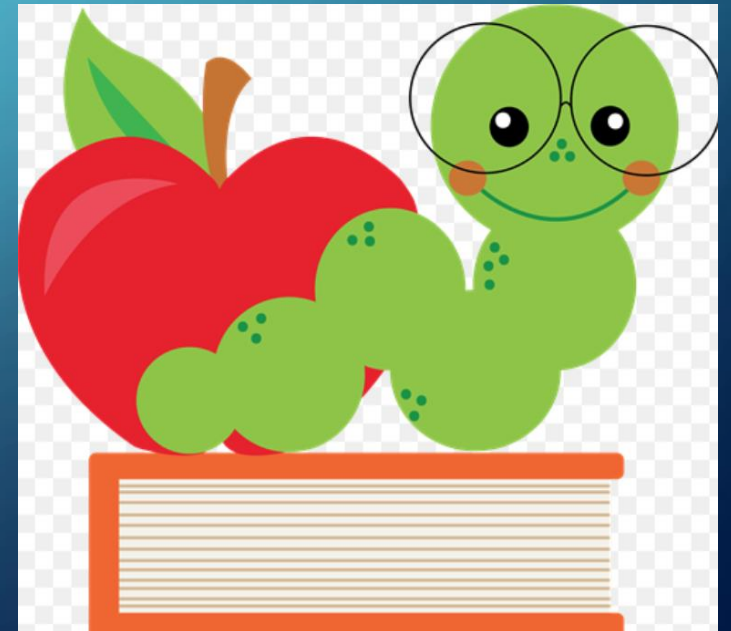
The students in the Joeys and the Frogs have been working hard this month to re-establish the relationships they have with their peers. All our students have been interested in Bugs, this month and have had the opportunity to explore the world of minibeasts at our investigation station. The Joeys and Frogs all participated in our evacuation drill last week. We hope all our children have a great break and we look forward to seeing them back happy and healthy in Term 3.



SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

This week our Semester 1 reports will come home, as a modified report format from what we have used in the past. The report for this semester is not graded A-E. Teachers have outlined the skills each student has displayed evidence of, both at school and at home during the learning from home period.

We welcome our families to message your child's teacher via DoJo or contact our office to make a time to chat over the phone regarding your child's learning journey. At this time we are unable to host interviews with our families.



EDUCATION WEEK 2020

2020 Virtual Bring Your School Home Day

This year as part of our Education Week activities we are needing to alter the format of our Bring Your Family to School Day. Due to the inability to have visitors in our school we are holding a **VIRTUAL** Bring Your School to Home Day. Families can view our exceptional learning opportunities within our classrooms online at their own convenience. The website will be made available from Thursday 6 August 2020. More information will be coming home soon!

Wheel - A-thon Annual Fundraiser

This year as part of our Education Week activities we will be hosting our usual A-thon fundraiser, this year our theme is a Wheel-A-thon. Children will be invited to bring their bike or scooter with helmet and take part in a ride around our school on their allocated day within the week of the 3rd– 7th August. The cost to participate is \$10 per child or for a family of 3 or more children the cost is capped at \$25. This includes participation in the Wheel A Thon, a sausage on a roll at lunch, Disco and Zooper Dooper. Unfortunately, we cannot invite our families to attend this event. More information coming soon!



Donation of scooters and helmets

We are seeking donations of pre-loved and working scooters and helmets to support our Wheel A Thon day. Your donations will support children who may not have a scooter to join in the fun of our Wheel A Thon. After our Wheel A Thon we hope money raised will go towards creating a scooter/fitness track in our school. Please bring all donations to our office.





COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Consultation Meeting via Zoom

Our next Community Consultation meeting will take place via Zoom on Friday 31 July at 9:30am. A link will be shared on DoJo before the event.

- Update on Playgroup and Smith Family Learning Club

Currently we are still under restrictions on who can be on the school premises and for how long, due to these restrictions we are not able to continue with playgroup or Learning Club at this time. As soon as this changes we will let you know.



As we returned to school after COVID our teachers hosted Friday Fun Day each fortnight to have some fun and enjoy returning to school with our students. We have had so much fun that we want to continue this idea into term 3.

The day is an optional mufti with a theme. We will advertise the theme on our DOJO and Facebook platforms.

Friday Week 2: General Mufti

Friday Week 4: Funky Sock Mufti

Friday Week 6: Fluro Mufti

Friday Week 8: Inside Out Mufti (wear clothes inside out!)

Friday week 10: What I want to be when I grow up mufti day

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	20/7 Staff Development Day	21/7 P-6 students Return	22/7	23/7 100 Days of Kindergarten	24/7
2	27/7	28/7	29/7 2-6 Athletics Fun Day	30/7	31/7 Mufti Fun Day
3	3/8 Wheel a Thon/Disco	4/8 Wheel a Thon/Disco	5/8 Wheel a Thon/Disco	6/8 Virtual Bring your School to Home Day Wheel a Thon/Disco	7/8 Wheel a Thon/Disco
4	10/8	11/8 Year 1 Staging Stories - VC	12/8	13/8	14/8 Funky Socks Mufti Day
5	17/8	18/8	19/8	20/8 Life Education	21/8 Life Education
6	24/8 Life Education	25/8 Life Education	26/8 Life Education	27/8 Life Education	28/8 Life Education Fluro Mufti Day
7	31/8	1/9	2/9 Father's Day Stall Support Unit Camp	3/9 Support Unit Camp	4/9
8	7/9	8/9	9/9	10/9	11/9 Inside out Mufti Day
9	14/9 Swim School	15/9 Swim School	16/9 Swim School	17/9 Swim School	18/9 Swim School
10	21/9 Swim School Stage 3 Camp - Canberra	22/9 Swim School Stage 3 Camp - Canberra	23/9 Swim School Stage 3 Camp - Canberra	24/9 Swim School	25/9 What I want to be when I grow up mufti day Swim School Last day Term 3

Anaphylaxis and Us

As mentioned in previous newsletters we have several children and staff members at our school who are anaphylactic. If you are sending food to school to be shared with other children eg: birthday cakes or cakes for sale, please be very careful to read the ingredients and ensure that they do not contain peanuts, tree nuts and nut products. Some of our children are also allergic to eggs and milk.

Please also send in the packet ingredients so that we can check them for ourselves.

Other ways to support us to keep everyone safe are:

1. Talk to your children about allergies and how serious they can be for some people so they must not ever share their food with other children. Its not mean to not share food its keeping people safe.
2. Discuss how important it is to wash hands before and after eating so that food allergens don't get transferred onto other people or their food.

Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe.

For your convenience when your child is absent from school please complete the note below and return to your child's teacher

ABSENCE EXPLANATION NOTE

STUDENT'S NAME CLASS.....

DATES OF ABSENCE

REASON.....

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PARENT/CAREGIVER'S NAME

SIGNED DATE