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NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 3 10 /5/2023

Principal's Award for Excellence Trophy Term 1

Week 10 Possums -for their impressive work in STEMs, designing fences to protect the carrot patch from Jasper the Rabbit, based on the book Creepy Carrots. There are some photographs of their fences later in the newsletter.

Playgrounds- Work started on the basketball court today, with core drilling happening before school. The project is scheduled to start this term. We are looking at how we are going to be able to use our playgrounds, while this work takes place.

Our Gow st playground is waiting on some carpentry and some soft fall, then it will be completed! This week & next students will be voting on a name for the playground.

In previous years we have had a calm space for children who needed some quiet activities and an adult to guide play in the hall or in the courtyard outside Camp Australia. This term Mrs Mitchell has put together some equipment and set up the space in the music room and the courtyard outside Camp Australia for lunch time play. There are more details further on in newsletter.

Last week we had our **Preschool Accreditation**, which is an independent review of the preschool that happens every four years and yesterday we had our **External Validation** process which is the four yearly departmental review of our school. It was a busy start to the term and very intense for the staff participating.

As with all large evaluation processes there was also a lot of time putting together documents, submissions and evidence. The evaluation process is used to help form the directions of our next school plan. Thank you to all the staff who have contributed to this process. It helped us form clear directions for our next school plan.

Teachers are setting up Semester 1 reports on Sentral. They will be available towards the end of term. Reports and Naplan will be able to be accessed directly by parents through Sentral.

We acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora Nations, the traditional custodians of the land on which we play, learn and grow. We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.

2023 Term 2

10/5	P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
11/5	Soccer Comp- Sports Ministry
23/6	Decades Day- Social Ministry
24/5	Balmain Cross Country
26/5	Sorry Day
30/5-2/6	Stage 3 Canberra Camp
29/5-2/6	Reconciliation Week
6/6	School Photos-classes
7/6	Athletics Carnival
8/6	School Photos – preschool Quokkas & Wombats and groups
14/6	P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
15/6	SE Cross Country Carnival
16/6	P&C Big Night Out
30/6	Last Day of Term 2

School Photographs are happening in week 7. We wear our winter school uniform and black shoes for the photographs.

**P&C Meeting 7pm
Staffroom tonight
10/5/2023**

AFL K-2



Be Brave Incursion



When children experience change, bullying, loss and other stressful life events, it can have a huge impact on their behaviour and wellbeing. They may worry about themselves, their families and the world. Being Brave is a live show that gives students positive strategies to cope with emotions and adapt to change at school, at home and online. Fly is a young boy whose parents have separated.

He misses his dad desperately and tries to be brave by keeping his emotions 'bottled up'. He meets Isha, who has been forced to come to a new country. Celia is coming to terms with loss in her family. Nonna wants to connect safely with her family online, Tim is being bullied and Mikalia has to find a new dream. By connecting with the people in his community, Fly discovers the true meaning of being brave: sharing stories, showing feelings, keeping good memories and living life.

Researched and developed in consultation with teachers and psychologists, this live theatre in education program uses song, dance and storytelling to provide students with positive coping strategies.

Be Brave -in class follow up



being brave means standing up for others and your self.



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Calm Space



Week 2 saw the opening of our lunch time **Calm Space**, the Calm Space is an area in the playground where students can come and participate in quiet activities with their peers. The Calm Space is open at lunchtimes Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 welcome to spend time chilling out with their peers. Each day there is a variety of activities for the students to choose from including; drawing, reading, board games and small construction such as LEGO or Mobilo.

Some feedback from the students.

"I like coming here."

"I like the books in the Calm Space."

Some feedback from the staff supervising the Calm Space.

"There is a lovely feel to the area, the children play so well together and are happy."

"It's a popular space, the children enjoy spending time with their friends there. It's also a nice way for us to get to know children who are not in our class."

Creepy Carrots- Stem

