



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STUDENT Events

Concert Rehearsals at Dee Why PS

20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th Nov
Dress Rehearsal 4th Dec

Bush Christmas Incursion 29th November

Student Report sent home Wed 13th December

Last day for students T4 Fri 15th December

Class SH Excursion Variety Kids Christmas Party Tue 21st Nov

PARENT/CARER Events

Senior School Graduation 19th November 2017

Sensory Room Official Opening

Friday 24th November
4-5pm
Families welcome

2017 Presentation Day
Wednesday 6th December
2017

P&C Meeting

30th Nov 9.30am

Technology Update

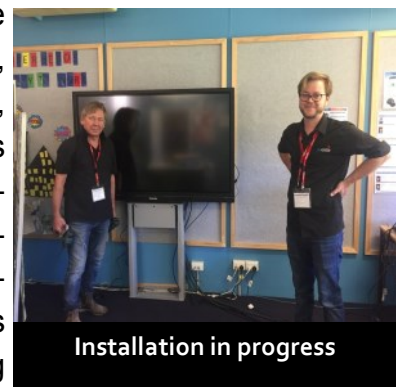
This week we received delivery and installation of 3 new interactive whiteboards (IWBs). As you know every class here at Fisher Road School has an interactive whiteboard, a teaching tool that supports learning. As our IWBs across the school are slowly requiring repair many of them are being deemed non-replaceable. Early this term we were fortunate to be able use our school Deductible Gift Recipient fund to purchase 3 new IWBs for a discounted price. This week Class NS, Class RP and Class SB all watched in excitement as their new boards were installed. This piece of technology allows our students to utilise all of the skills that they are working towards mastering within their personalised learning plans (PLPs). Students practice turn taking, cause and effect response, waiting, listening, following directions, choice making and social interactions through this highly valuable teaching resource. Thank you to the P&C for your support in the school's purchase of this valuable technology. Community organisations who value the quality teaching and learning here at Fisher Road donate into this gift fund and we are proud to be able to support our students with the latest technology systems, improving student learning across our school.



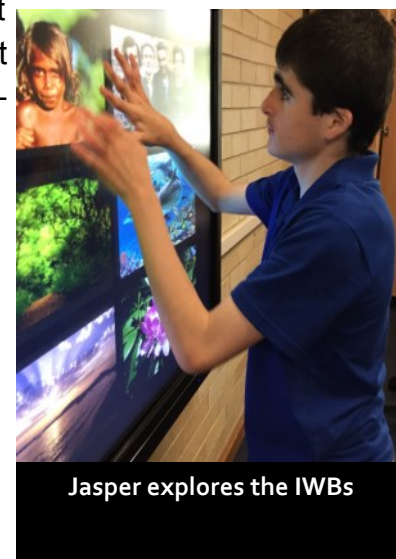
Our AP Matt supervising our delivery



Charlii loves the new IWB



Installation in progress



Jasper explores the IWBs

'Together we can'

Technology is just a tool.
In terms of getting the kids working together and
motivating them, the teacher is the most important

Bill Gates



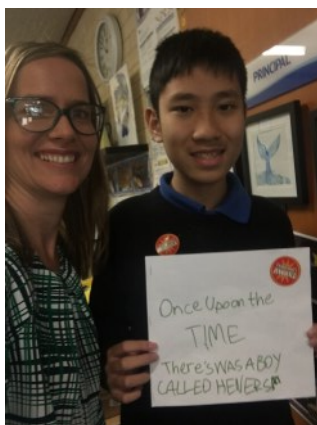
*At Fisher Road School we believe that
engaging students in meaningful , inclusive
and functional educational programs and that
working in partnership with our school
community, maximises student learning
across all environments.*

*All students are challenged to reach their full
potential”*

School Plan 2015—2017

Highlights this newsletter

include observing the teamwork of Class JK as they garden together, listening to Andy explain where he is going during a Class SB excursion, reading a story written by Henry in Class SB and being a part of the Dance trial. This dance trial involved a selection of students across the whole school grooving to the sounds and direction from 'Got Game', a PDHPE company specialising in providing programs encouraging activity and movement. Gwyneth, Kyle, and Rafaela enjoyed moving to the music whilst Jacob, Ella and Nathan showed off their best dance moves to the group. Offering this as an extra-curricular activity next year is something we are looking into for those students and families who are interested in this program.



Bringing community together The next few weeks will highlight the wondrous events that feature at the end of our school year. This Sunday we acknowledge our Year 12 school leavers with our **Year 12 Graduation**. All senior students' families are invited to join us in congratulating and celebrating our school leavers as they finish up their school education and move into their adult life and all the adventures that this holds.

We also have upcoming our **Community Breakfast**. A morning put on by the staff acknowledging our community members who contribute to the quality teaching and learning programs for our students. Through volunteering, donating, supporting, inviting or

providing..... each representative adds an essential element of value to our school. Staff thank each attendee personally with delicious croissants, hot tea and coffee and plenty of warm accolades on behalf of our students and families.

Our **2017 Presentation Day** is held in Week 9 and I hope you have this date already locked into your diary. Another spectacular event that highlights a year of achievement and learning for our K-12 students. Our junior school concert features 'A Jungle Book' while our senior school perform 'High School Musical'. Our students and staff are busy in rehearsals, prop design, costumes and this event is sure to WOW !

You are also invited to an afternoon event that provides an opportunity to explore the new equipment that makes up our school **Sensory Room**. Please join us from 4-5pm on Friday 24th November for light refreshments, sensory room exploration and an opportunity to mingle with our families.

Student reports This year our student reports will be sent home on Wednesday of the final school week. Teachers are busy assessing student learning across PLP goals and class programs. The achievements of our students this year is outstanding and the feedback from families who are seeing the results of PLP goal accomplishment is incredibly rewarding. Thank you for working equally as hard on these functional life skills in your home environment.

We are currently reviewing the following policies and processes within our school Student attendance, Working with Children Check, Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People and Student Discipline in Government Schools. Supporting students with diverse and complex learning needs who also require intensive levels of support, we pride ourselves on being one of many NSW public schools who demonstrate high-quality practices across the learning, teaching and leading domains. We are a centre of expertise on the Northern Beaches and incredibly proud to provide rich educational programs for our students. If you have any concerns or require clarification on any school related matters, my door is always open to you and I am also a phone call away.

We value the working partnerships that we have with our families and community organisations as we focus on, and deliver, key programs that improve student learning outcomes.

Donna Blatchford School Principal

Increasing community engagement and participation

Today, Fisher Road School was fortunate enough to welcome a group of 12 eager volunteers from Deloitte Professional Services for their "Impact Day".

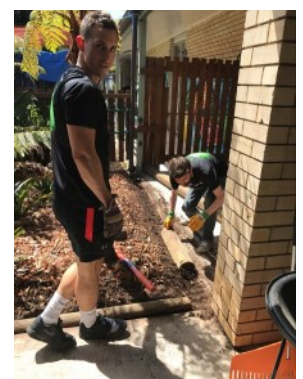
These wonderful people did an amazing job with various tasks around the school. One group of volunteers did some gardening and cleaning around our senior outside area to prepare for our Year 12 graduation this weekend.

Another group scrubbed and cleaned our sensory room in readiness for its grand opening next Friday, 24th November. This was a very messy job due to all of the recent construction and we are very grateful to Deloitte for their efforts.

The third group of volunteers put together some new flat pack furniture for the office and library to help modernise these areas of the school.

Fisher Road staff would like to extend a big thank you to the hard working volunteers from Deloitte for all of their hard work today, as their contributions help enhance the learning environment for our students. We look forward to welcoming them back again in the future.

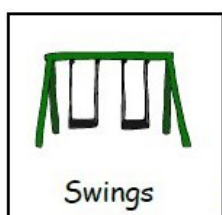
THANK YOU Deloitte.



Class JO

Jen and Carmel

As part of our PDHPE program, class JO access the Liberty swing once per week down on the school oval. This is a fabulous resource that the students have access to without going off site. Every Wednesday the students of our class make their way down to the swing and each have a turn. It is a wonderful sensory experience that is enjoyed by all. Being able to access the swing while still in their wheelchairs makes the activity accessible, quick to use and comfortable for the students.



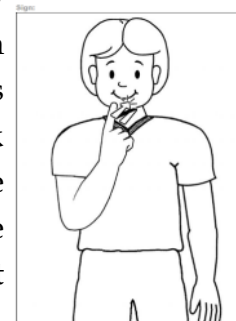
Class VR

Virginia, Donna and Wendy

Every Friday we have a 'fruit appreciation' session. During this time we talk about fruit; its colour, shape and any particular characteristics such as strawberries with the seeds on the outside. We peel and/or cut the fruit, sometimes we use an apple corer to make a hole in an apple for the students to look through or a thick straw to remove the centre pieces of a strawberry. We sometimes place different pieces of fruit on a wooden skewer and have students replicate the pattern.

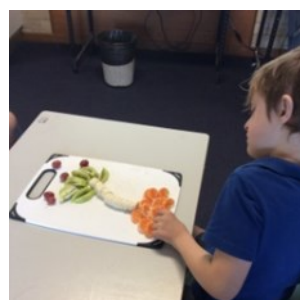


KWS "Fruit"



KWS "taste"

The students touch and smell the fruit and even reluctant eaters of fruit have been tempted to taste. This sensory session provides our students with many opportunities and everyone enjoyed last week when we incorporated some creative art by making a palm tree using banana, mandarin and kiwi fruit.



Class NS

Nick and Alena

In Class NS we have continued to practise our bike riding skills (KLAs: PDHPE and Geography)

Bike Riding



down on the back oval. The students really enjoy this activity and some of them have made great improvements over the course of the year. At Fisher Road we are lucky to have a variety of standard and modified bikes to suit all ages, heights and skills. Daniel and Ben in my class are especially deserving of praise for the progress that they have made in bike riding over the year. Great work!



Class CW

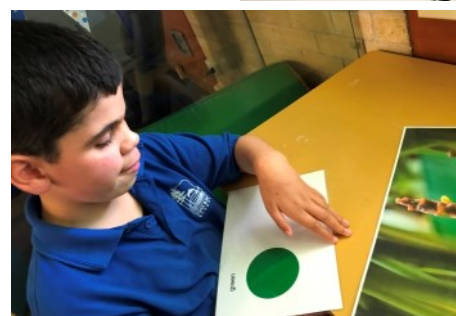
Caroline and

Jenny

This week we are learning about the colour **GREEN** and associated objects such as green vegetables, trees and grass. There is a green corner in our room with a sensory wall and pictures of lush green environments, a green foam pit, and a green leaf canopy. Riley has enjoyed feeling the green grass and saying the word "green" and "frog" when looking at pictures. Arun likes looking and touching the visual symbol for green. Henry likes to sensory play with green jelly. Lachlan is happy to listen to stories about green and match visual symbols. Andrew and Charlie are learning the Key word sign for green.



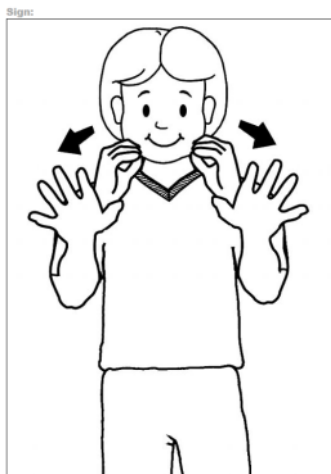
Green Board Maker symbol



Class SH

Sam, Kari and
Rosie

Imaginary play is always fun in Class SH. This week we chose and put on our party clothes and then went to a tea party. Billy the Robot enjoyed many cups of tea poured by Princess Rafaela. Mia couldn't decide if she wanted to be a Cowgirl or Princess so went as both! It was a great opportunity to interact with each other and use our communication skills. The pretend food was delicious!



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KWS—"Party"



Professional Learning

Since our last newsletter staff have continued to engage in professional learning with focus on collegial discussions as part of the junior and senior section meetings. Engaging with colleagues is a necessary component of improving practice. These meetings enable staff to discuss differentiation to teaching, successful teaching strategies, curriculum assessment, reporting, learning programs, supporting challenging behaviour and various other important areas that make our school the centre of expertise that it is.


We also spent a session evaluating programs and initiatives of our School Plan 2015-2017. Programs included Communication, Work Education, PLPs, Behaviour Support, PBEL and School Image. Being able to identify the key components of evaluation has really highlighted the impact that these programs have had on our students, staff, families and community. We identified the evidence that told us how well we did and the difference that we made. This will further guide us as we move into drafting our School Plan 2018-2020. Again, I will be consulting with our P&C in this area at our next meeting on the 30th November and I look forward to seeing you there.



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 Fisher Road School

Together we can

new school magnets

School messages

Student Contributions

Just a reminder that subject specific contributions including work education programs, cooking and music are due for Semester 2. Invoices are being sent out to families as a reminder next week.

School Uniform—Shop

As you are planning 2018, please keep in mind our second hand uniform shop located in the school foyer. Please speak to us if you would like to arrange a time to look through the items of clothing we have. All items \$5 each. Alternatively if you are unable to get to school please include money and write a note to the classroom teacher via communication book who can send home specific sizes for you.

Your friendly office staff,



Fran

**School Administration
Manager
(SAM)**



Donna.G

**School Administration
Officer
(SAO—Relieving)**

Community Notices

International Day of People with Disability

Embracing inclusion, access and awareness
on the Northern Beaches



Come and Try Wheelchair NRL

Sun 3 Dec, 1.30 - 4.00pm

NRL Wheelchair is hosting a demonstration day for everyone to come and try wheelchair rugby league. People with and without a disability are invited to take a seat in the rugby wheelchairs and challenge themselves on the court for a fun and entertaining game.

An NRL Wheelchair competition will be starting in early 2018 so this is a great opportunity to try before you play for real!

Northern Beaches PCYC
Free, No bookings required
Further information at nrlwheelchair.com.au



Class RP

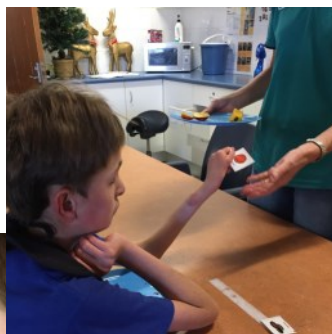
Staff: Rebecca, Sue & Ebony

Our class is very lucky to be the first to have a brand new IWB installed. DJ Jasper enjoys selecting music on it – his favourite picks: Justin Bieber and One Direction!



James has been terrific this term at showing us what he would like using our class Communication Board'. Here James requests 'Food' and then sits at the table like a little gentleman to eat.

Look closely and you might see our Christmas tree is up! Yes we know it's early, but it gives us time to fill it with our own class-made decorations!!



P&C



Information for parents and children with

Vision Impairment

www.vifamilynetwork.org.au



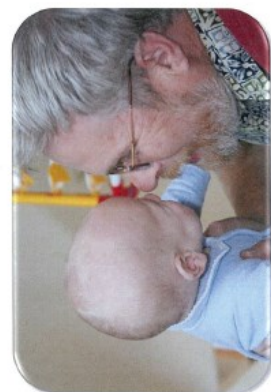
Sign up to the Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register



Find out about events and projects



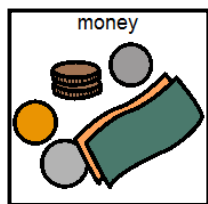
Access online resources from Australian low vision service providers



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Class TH

Staff: Trish, John & Justine



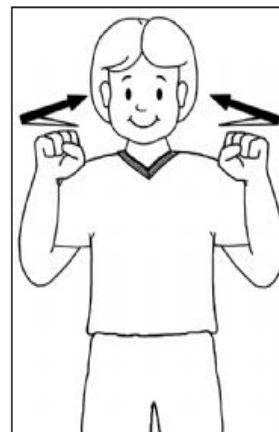
Class TH have been responsible for running the school canteen this year. Jake has played a major role in preparing food and serving customers. James has also assisted with food preparation, and setting up of the counter top. Dylan and Lachlan have been able to practise using functional money skills when purchasing an item. Jonathan has participated by counting the profit with the assistance of a visual scaffold. This has been a engaging program for all of Class TH.



Class JK

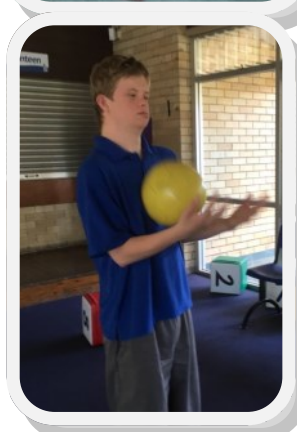
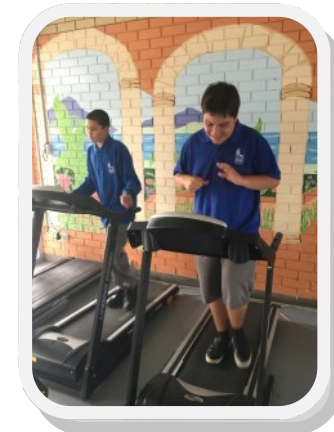
Staff: Fran, Kari

We love our fitness in class JK! Each Thursday our class heads to the Fisher Road Gym, otherwise known as the glass area. The students rotate between the treadmill,



KWS "exercise"

and the elliptical machine. We have recently introduced boxing which is not only good for fitness, but helpful for co ordination and a great physical activity that crosses the mid-line, using both sides of the brain. Some of our students also good swimming which is always a much loved activity.



Class SB Staff: Sally & Sue W

Class SB have loved being a part of the senior café this year. Our students have been consolidating their money handling skills, (paying, requesting change and managing their own wallets) that we use when out shopping and bowling. We have also seen them expanding their palette's as they try new foods. Thanks so much for cooking for us Class JK!



KWS "sign"



Class MP

Staff: Maria and Sue R

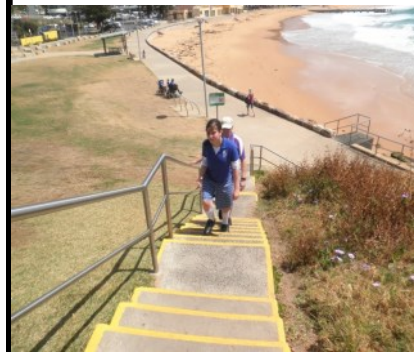


Class MP has so much to celebrate. We would like to share the achievements of our three hard working young ladies in our class.



Gwyneth, who has been working hard with her toileting program, is now independently toileting herself as the need arises. Maia, who enjoys water activities, can swim

underwater without worrying about water getting into her mouth and eyes. Lastly, Laragh has been consistently active in all our walks in the



community. She initiates to find somewhere to rest if she gets tired.

Connor and Nathaniel are also slowly achieving success in their

own rights. We will highlight their achievements in the next issue.

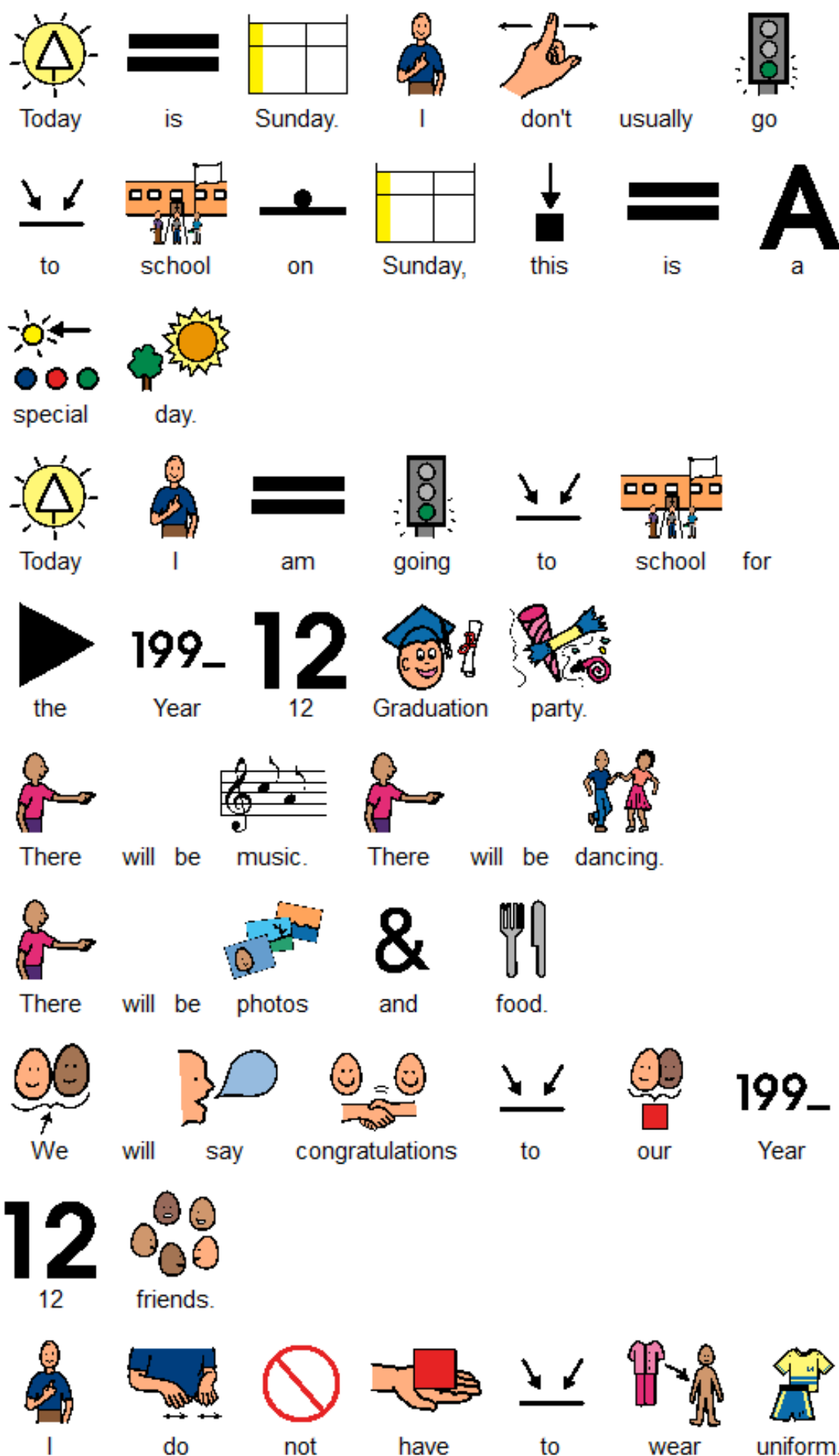
Cheers to Maia, Laragh, Gwyneth, Nathaniel and Connor for all their efforts.

Good

work.



Visuals to support student learning at home



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS P&C SUPPORTED EVENT

Sensory Room Spectacular

Dear families,

Showcasing our fabulous new learning space supporting students at
Fisher Road School.

We invite you to spend time exploring your senses, playing together, enjoying
light refreshments and mingling with other families.

*Friday 24th November
4 - 5pm*

cheese & fruit platters,
snacks for students and siblings,
refreshments provided