

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3

Week 9

17th September—Year 10 & 11 Vaccinations

Term 4

Week 5

18th November Graduation

Week 6

19th November Community breakfast

Week 9

12 December Presentation Day



Dance sport sensation

2018



DanceSport is what used to be referred to as competitive Ballroom Dancing. This glamorous and exciting leisure activity has been renamed to suit its modern image as a demanding sport. Its characteristics consist of physical strength, agility, coordination, stami-

na, high level of fitness, discipline, teamwork, grace, style and musical interpretation. It is now recognised by the International Olympic Committee as a sport and is expected to eventually be included in the Olympic program. It was featured in the closing ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. DanceSport provides opportunity for developing athletic discipline of body and mind and as well as artistic creativity through musical interpretation, costume design and choreographic programming. Class SB have been lucky

> enough to be involved with Elanora Heights Primary School for the past 15 weeks, practicing this awesome sport with them. The top 40 students from that school where then chosen to move through to the next round and perform at Homebush last night. Russell and Chantelle from Fisher Road were lucky enough to be chosen to go with them!! Arianne and myself had the most fabulous afternoon and night at Homebush with them. We were so proud of how well they performed, listened to instructions and behaved for the long event. They performed The Cha-Cha, The Salsa, The Tango and The

Jive, all high energy dances that left them exhausted!!

We thank Elanora Heights for this amazing opportunity and thank Chantelle and Russell for being such awesome Fisher Road Stars! Sally Burt



School news

Share our space

Our school is a vital part of our community, and we want you to use it. During these upcoming holidays participating schools across NSW will be opening up their play areas for your enjoyment. Fisher Road school oval will be open between 8 and 5pm from the 1st October until the 12th. Also over the Summer holidays from 24th December until the 25th January.

A security guard will be in place to monitor safety and security, and gates will be locked at closing time each evening.

As always, if you need to report a security issue at the school, you can call security 24 hours on 1300 880 021. For more information on this program, please visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au or contact us on 1300 482 651

Sue Larkey Website

Fabulous article about eye contact on the Sue Larkey website. She has some strategies and ideas for parents.. Its worth as read.

https://suelarkey.com.au/eye-contact-vs-eye-gaze/

World festival of Magic

Free tickets are available for the World festival of Magic at the convention centre Darling Harbour, Sat 4th November at 2018. Please write in your child's book if you would like some tickets and how many.

Welcome to Dylan

Dylan has started in Class TH this term. He has settled in beautifully and is a fabulous role model in the class. A warm welcome to Fisher Road Dylan.



Teachers Aide Recognition Week

Last week the teaching staff recognised all the tireless dedication of our SLSO staff, office staff and GA. They were showered with breakfasts, flowers, chocolates and gifts. I would like to add my thanks because without them we would not be able to offer the quality learning programs that we do. Thank you



Fresh Fruit

Woolworths have been very generous to Fisher Road School and donate trays of beautiful fresh fruit every Monday or Tuesday. Classes have been using the fruit in their cooking programs and staff have been buying the fruit. The money is being saved up to buy equipment for the playgrounds. We have decided to offer the fruit to parents. If you would like a bag of fresh fruit sent home on a Tuesday, please send in \$5 and a reusable, labelled shopping bag. Seniors will be packing the fruit as part of the work skills program. The money will be put back into the school and will be highlighted in the school newsletter.

Please help the school by purchasing fruit.





Class TA Tess and Jenny



Every Tuesday, TA has been busy making chocolate



chip pancakes and fruit ice cream for our cooking program. During this time, we

focus on each student's emerging skills in group interaction. We do this by encouraging all stu-



dents to; take turns, request assistance from others, use eye contact, follow one step instructions, sit together and use polite verbal language or key word signs. We also work to promote safe practices in the kitchen, so that students understand how they can keep their bodies safe in the kitchen.

During this cooking process we have been utilizing the class's interest in loud machines by using an electric whisk to combine the pancake mix and an ice cream machine to puree the fruit. Although some students are interested in the noise these machines make, many of the students were anxious about using them. With verbal encouragement, hand over hand assistance and continuous exposure over a few weeks, most students came to enjoy the sensation of using the machines. This semester we hope to encourage all students to be resilient in the face of new tastes and experiences by learning to take safe risks in a structured environment.





Class VR

Virginia & Shayne

Class VR enjoyed selecting colours to use for our Father's Day presents. We needed to choose the colour of paint and the colour and pattern of paper to complete the phone and key



caddys for our Dads. Once the colours were chosen we got to work painting the wooden surfaces as a number of coats were needed and each coat had to dry before we painted it again. It was an ongoing project for over a week but our students (and staff) enjoyed seeing the finished product slowly coming together. We used our spray painted artwork to decorate gift bags and a card to send the gifts home in.







For Sale

Foldable transport wheelchair by wellness plus \$100 ONO Brand new



Rascal WeGo 250—a compact powerchair \$1000 ONO



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All in good condition
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Class NS

It is with great sadness that we farewell from Fisher Road SSP two of our loved students. much Andy from Class NS and Charlie from Class TA. Andy and Charlie, who are brothers, will be moving up to the Central Coast with their parents to start an exciting new chapter in their lives.



During their short time with us they both enriched our lives and provided many happy moments that we will all remember for many years to come. However, our sadness at their departure is lessened by the knowledge that the great work that has been done by the staff here at Fisher Road SSP and the progress that both boys have made will be continued at their new school.

The staff and students of the Junior section of the school held a special farewell party for

Andy and Charlie on their last day. We had lots of fun activities like pass the parcel and pin the tail on the donkey, which everyone enjoyed. and lots of yummy party food.



Nick, Tess, Sue & Jenny





Class CW Tanya & Mandy

Class CW have been helping with the schools environmental



programs. With the three Rs in mind, 'Reduce Reuse Recycle', Zane has been vigilant in keeping the new worm farm in order watering it and collecting the nutrients for the garden. Jake has collected the soft plastics and Harrison has been harvesting in the vegie patch. Art class has involved creating backdrops for our senior concert. Thomas has helped find visuals for our inspiration posters whilst Michael and Kane enjoy listening to the 60's rock and roll music.





Class KF

Fran, Kari and Sue





Class



KF have been reading the book Brown Bear Brown Bear What do See? By Bill Martin Ir and Eric Carle.

We have been working on this book

across the curriculum covering Mathematic, English, Creative Arts and Science. We have been colouring, paint-



ing, cutting and pasting. Our students enjoyed listening, predicting and sequencing the story and through repetition of the story our language has

improved. We have also learnt colours and the names of different animals. It has been a great book to read at school. Maybe



you could read it at home too.

Class MP



Class MP together with the work skills group (Science-based) has been working on a Space Theme as part of their Science project, this term. Phoenix and Tyron used technology to gather information about the Solar System. They used goggle images to determine the colour of each planet, its size and distance from the sun. With the information on hand, Maia, Geoffrey, Phoenix and Tyron painted various sizes of styrofoam balls to represent each planet. Once finished we hang the planets up as part of our solar system mobile.

We also did hands-on activities together with our SHORE friends. Callum, Russell and Jarryd helped create a spaceship station, rockets and space cars using Nobilo. All the students gained valuable experience in working together as a team.











Class RP

Rebecca, Leisa, Alena & Wendy

September =
Spring!! And the
weather couldn't
be better for
morning tea and
fun activities at
the Cerebral Palsy
Alliance Centre in
Allambie - we've
already been
twice... inviting
our buddy class to
come along with us too.



The area is safe with lots to touch and explore. James enjoys a ride on a billy

cart and Laragh swingis so high!



September is also 'Steptember' where steps are being turned in-

to dollars to raise funds to support those

with Cerebral
Palsy, which is
definitely a
good cause to
be aware of and
contribute towards this
month.







Class TH

Trish, John & Justine

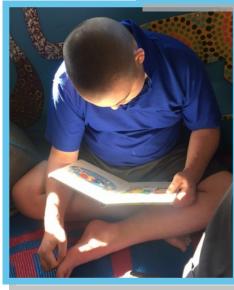
On a Monday morning, Class TH have a scheduled library session. During these sessions, the boys practice library protocol,



such as returning last weeks books, selecting a new book, lining up and waiting to have their new book issued. The boys will then take the time to sit in the library space to browse through books, as well as listen to stories being read. All the boys demonstrate an interest

in books. Lachlan always finds a book to focus on, Matthew and Jonny enjoys flicking through the big books, James and Dylan Halmarick enjoy listening to stories, while Dylan Lamb demonstrates competency in reading. It is fantastic to see such great literacy skills developing in Class TH.





Eco News at Fisher Road SSP

Fisher Road School is well regarded for its established environmental programs. For many years now the school has provided a place of excellence for the teaching of curriculum, culture and work programs with its extensive vegetable gardens, sensory gardens and composting systems on the school grounds. We have achieved various awards and grants over the past 10 years and so now it seems only 'natural' to extend our environmental program towards the issue of single use plastic in our school and community.

This year Fisher Road School has achieved the following:

- 1. Litter Free Oceans member Fisher SSP is an active member of this new litter campaign run be Taronga Zoo. Posters around the school remind school and community members to use alternatives to single use plastics. The Litter Free Oceans Toolkit is an excellent resource for staff.
- 2. Staff are using Keep Cups instead of buying coffee in disposable cups Thanks to Fighting Chance for starting us off we are now stopping many disposable cups going to landfill.
- 3. Return and Earn scheme Staff are now recycling cans, bottles and cartons at the Return and Earn scheme (website) and raising money for the school.
- 4. Started a new worm farm in seniors lunch area. Thanks to Northern Beaches Council for our new farm this will assist with teaching, work skills, waste disposal costs and provides free fertiliser for the garden.
- 5. Senior students are making bees wax wraps for use in the cafe program (an alternative to using cling wrap) and insect hotels for the garden to attract stingless native bees.
- 6. Soft plastics are being collected and taken to RedCycle bins at Woolworths and Coles in our shopping program.
- 7. An Eco-Schools grant application has been submitted to enable the seniors to make reusable 'boomerang bags' in the work skills program. We called it One for the Fish as one fish saved from eating micro plastic is one happy fish.
- 8. Harvesting a multitude of herbs and vegies for cafe program. Fisher Road SSP caring for our environment every day.





Class SB

Sally & Ebony



Class SB has continued to work super hard with their reading programs. We have been enjoying many new and interesting readers from the Fast Forward program. These are highly motivating readers and cover a variety of topics from Skateboarding to Food from around the World. These engage all students in Class SB and they aim to increase reading ability and confidence by appealing to the student's interest level. I am very proud of the way our students have embraced these books and the accompanying worksheets. We also engage the students in many oral comprehension questions, expanding meaning and receptive language skills.





Class JK

Staff: Julie & Carmel

We have been very busy with lots of activities in class JK over the last few weeks. Painting our father's Day gifts was lots of fun, as is our weekly liberty swing session. Everyone has been working hard towards their technology goals and this is a big focus in the class. Dallas really enjoys the tapit



touch screen and loves listening to the sounds and music when she uses cause and effect programs. Marcus and Tiella-Dakota have been activating cause and effect apps on the iPad and Kareena has been learning to use a head switch to access the iPad. They all really like the app "Big bang patterns". Charlii has been doing a wonderful job with "choose it maker" and simple jigsaw puzzles on the iPad and the smartboard. We even had Kanga from class NS join one of our technology sessions. What a hard working class! Well





done everyone!



ARCO

"Racism can take many forms, such as jokes or comments that cause offense or hurt, sometimes unintentioinally; name-calling or verbal abuse; harassment or intimidation, or commentary in the media or online that inflames hostility towards certain group". (Australian Human Rights Commission)

As the nominated Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO), I am here to assist parents, staff and students who have complaints regarding racism and facilitate the complaints handling process. I will provide advice to the complainant



on the complaints handling procedure and support the complainant in the process.

If at anytime you have concern on issues relating to racism, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

Maria Porter

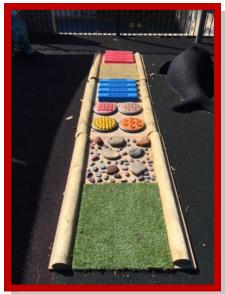
Exciting News

Grace City church have offered their time and energy again these holidays. They are a hard working-bunch of people wanting to help our school. A sensory walk has been designed and, led by Jamie, a builder, they will be building in the next school holi-

days!!

Senior Students woodworking program

This term we have started a woodworking program on Friday afternoons for some of the senior students. So far we have made a sensory walk for the junior playground, a wooden ramp for the junior playground that the junior students love to ride their bikes over. Also a wooden bench seat for the senior playground. The students are enjoying being part of this program and are proud to show off their work.





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I have been told that my child needs an AAC system?

Augmentative and Alternative Communication – What is it?

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Why hasn't anyone ever talked to me about this?

> We tried and AAC falled – should I try again? How oan I make It work well?

I can help my child have something to say.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Workshop for Parents at EarlyEd



Early intervention for children with disability

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) can be used to help children who have difficulties with speaking to communicate. Your child's speech pathologist may suggest an AAC system if your child's speech is slow to develop or non-existent or to enhance existing speech. It includes a range of methods such as visuals, signs and computer technologies.

EarlyEd's AAC workshop is ideal for families to learn:

- How to support your child to communicate if they are having real difficulties learning to talk?
- When and where to start with an AAC system?
- How to know what AAC system to use?

This will be a practical session that will introduce you to different AAC systems including PODD, Proloquo2go and Key Word Sign and answer your individual questions.

Event Details

Friday 16 November, 10am-12pm at Forestville Senior Citizens Centre, 3 Starkey Street, Forestville

The cost of the workshop is \$115. Families can also book an optional individual session (\$182.74) before or after the workshop to tailor to the individual needs of your child and family.

Cost can be covered using NDIS, HCWA/Better Start, Medicare, Private Health Insurance or private funding.

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