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Fisher Road School

Newsletter

2022

Term 3

Week 3

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

Aug 16- 7pm-NDIS Info Evening-Zoom Event

Aug 30- 9.30-School Community Morning Tea

Aug 31- 9.30am-Post School

Options Morning

Sept 5-9.30 -Education Week

Welcome back to Term 3.

We have a busy term ahead with Student Review meetings scheduled for each student. This is an opportunity for collaborative planning with teachers, parents, carers, and therapists to discuss where each student is at with their personalised learning goals and next steps for semester 2. All review meetings are on Zoom and teachers will be in contact with you for times.

To celebrate Education week, we are having classroom visits and a morning tea on Monday 5th September at 9:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the unique achievements of every student at Fisher Road School and acknowledge the awesome things that students do in NSW public education. We look forward to seeing you at school for the event.

A focus of this year's school plan is building partnerships. A school community morning tea is planned for Tuesday 30th August at 9:30am. This is a chance to have a chat, meet some new parents and possibly learn new strategies for home. Prue Clubb, our Fisher Road speech therapist will be going over visual support and scheduling techniques. A take home pack of resources will be available for each family.

Another information session not to be missed is the NDIS Info evening which will be led by Lisa Duffy, NDIS Support Manager on Tuesday 16th August at 7pm. Lisa will give an update of the significant changes around NDIS language, processes, and legislation.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to be relieving principal while Arianne is on leave over the next two weeks. There are lots of new jobs and responsibilities that I am learning, and I am enjoying the experience. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Thank you

Caroline White

Post School Parents Information Morning

**9.30am–10.30am, Wednesday,
August 31st, 2022**

Parents and carers of students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend the 'Post School Parents Information Morning at Fisher Road School. Sue Tomasetti, the Student Transition Officer, will offer her knowledge of Post School Options and her invaluable experience. Parents of ex-students will share their experiences. We will have representatives from Fighting Chance, Aruma, Sunnyfield, Catholic Care and Northside who will provide information about their services. There will be opportunities at the meeting for questions and open discussions about issues relating to Post School Options.

Other important information will be handed out including the Post School Parents Information Booklet and dates for the Post School Options bus tour.

PBL

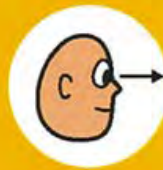
Positive Behaviour for Learning



This term students are learning:

The I Learn Behaviour Expectations

I Learn



by looking



by listening



by doing my best

Staff use explicit teaching strategies to teach the PBL behaviour expectations. Student engagement and personal best is encouraged.

- **PBL certificates: I Learn – given for positive behaviours.**
- **I Learn – stamps and stickers**
- **Choose an instant reward from the PBL box**

CLASS SL

Welcome to term 3 already! Where has the year gone? It was wonderful to see the boys' smiling faces after the holidays.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone Integration at Cromer Public School until around Week 6 due to rising Covid cases across the city, over the holidays. We are looking forward to it being reinstated as we really enjoy our trips over there to meet and play with new and old friends.

We have made a few minor changes to our timetable this semester. Instead of doing 'Engine room' - athletic activities, in the morning, we are now attempting Cosmic Yoga one day and Freeze Dance every alternate day. These exercises give us the chance to move, which in-turn, helps us regulate our bodies and emotions and it puts us in a great frame of mind for learning.

We have also completed our semester 1 studies about dinosaurs and have begun our new topic - The Four Seasons. We started last week with winter and will progress to spring, followed by autumn and summer. To complement our studies, our Food Technology session will focus on foods we are most likely to enjoy depending on the season. So, this semester, we will be making noodles as part of our study about winter, strawberry cupcakes as part of our study about spring, apple crumble as part of our study about autumn and fruit kebabs as part of our study about summer.

A very big happy birthday to Riley, who turns 11 very soon. We hope you enjoy your day with family and friends.

Sandy, Sue & Nanaako



CLASS KA

Ready, set, go Term 3! Class KA students were very happy to be back at school after the holidays and we are all looking forward to another great semester of learning, fun and relationship building. This semester our science theme will be 'Living and Non living things' and we look forward to having some animal visitors to our classroom and exploring life cycles. 'All about me', will see us exploring how we have grown and changed and lead into lessons on puberty. 'Life skills' are an important part of our week. The students are learning skills such as, unpacking the dishwasher, doing a load of washing and hanging it out to dry, folding tea towels and pairing socks, setting the table and how to make and strip a bed. Cooking a yummy lunch is also an important part of the life skills session and the fraction skills some students are working on in class will be used practically as they measure out the necessary ingredients. We look forward to sharing more as the term progresses.

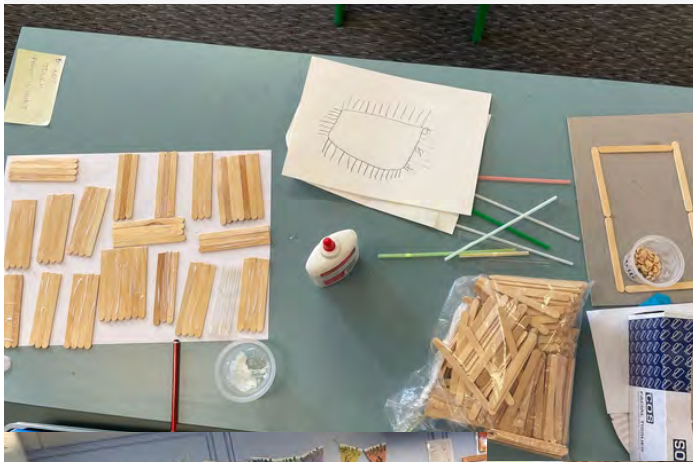
Kari, Ashley, Anat & Nanaako



CLASS KA

Whitney's Chicken Project

I wanted to design a chicken pen. I made a plan. I drew a rectangle. I figured out the size. It was 23 paddlepop sticks long on each side. It was 14 sticks wide on one side. The last side had 4 sticks, 8 straws for the gate, and then 4 sticks. It was a rectangle. The roof was made from some cardboard. I cut the ends of the sticks off flat. I put glue on the side of the sticks. I stuck it tight down. In the cup I put some water. I used the pieces I cut off as chook food. I made the gate from straws. The roof sat on top.



CLASS CJ

The first few weeks of this term we have been focusing on our individual programs. All our students are generally quite happy to engage in some hard work. Gwyneth does make us chuckle a lot when she presents her 'My Way' card, advising us she no longer wishes to participate. Jasper is back enjoying his swim sessions after an absence last term. Dylan is increasing his patience and time with the workboxes. Lachie is very happy to work any time if he can visit the sensory room after. Aleksandra is using various communication channels and is particularly enjoying her PODD book for impromptu classroom chats.

We have a very 'big' birthday coming up this weekend as Dylan & Gwynie celebrate 18 years. We are looking forward to a special class outing to Wheeler Park where we can all join in with the festivities. So HAPPY BIRTHDAY DYLAN! HAPPY BIRTHDAY GWYNETH!

Chris, Jen & Lauren



CLASS LT

Welcome back to Term 3. This semester we will be exploring the world of science and conducting some exciting experiments. We also hope to continue our weekly bushwalk in the sunshine! Our Engine Room continues to be a fun way to start the day and get into the zone for learning. The boys all love challenging themselves to balance on the bosu ball, jump over the hurdles and use the battle ropes. Exercise is thirsty work, so we all sit down afterwards for a drink of water and a healthy snack for crunch and sip. The favourite foods so far have been carrots, cucumber, green apple and plain crackers. Yum!

Lainie, Tahlia, Carmel & Sue 😊



CLASS SB

We have had a great start to Term 3. We have all come back to school relaxed and ready to learn. We are super excited to be starting our picnic in the park. We went yesterday and had a great time. The favourite activity was definitely climbing!! It was a beautiful sunny day and we just loved playing in the warm winter sunshine. The students were all well behaved and everyone walked back to the bus beautifully when it was time to go. We are super excited to make this a weekly activity.

Sally, Justine & Nanaako



CLASS TH

We have a new theme this term which is 'Under The Sea'. This theme has been integrated across key learning areas. In creative arts Rafaela and Logan enjoyed getting their hands messy with painting an ocean. Alfie and George had fun helping make the class octopus. We have also been on a short excursion to North Narrabeen Beach to look at the waves and walk on the sand. Lastly, they all love playing instruments and rocking away to different songs about the ocean. Stay tuned for more updates as the term progresses.

Trish & Sue



CLASS VR

As the sun was shining on Monday, Class VR were able to visit the school vegetable garden to check to see if there was anything growing which could be used for our Tuesday cooking lesson.

We found some very healthy looking spinach and some snow peas which were asking to be picked. Luca, Kanga and Mia happily ate the snow peas and seemed to enjoy the crunch as they chewed them up. Carmel picked a few extra snow peas to take back to class for the students to munch on at lunchtime.

During Cooking on Tuesday, Mandy chopped the spinach finely and sprinkled it on top of our pizzas, the green looked very appetizing against the red of the tomatoes and capsicum and Kanga, Luca and Mia ate it up. Celine was happy to touch and smell the ingredients and she watched as the others devoured the cooked pizzas.

To conclude our cooking lesson, the students glued the names of the ingredients they used in their pizzas onto sentence starters and took this information home so parents were aware of what had 'tasted yummy' or 'smelt so good'. Cooking is a very valuable teaching tool; the language, the sensory and visual experiences, the following of instructions and assistance to spread and sprinkle ingredients plus the opportunity to eat items they have seen growing in the garden all add up to an enjoyable learning experience.

Virginia, Mandy and Carmel.



CLASS CL

Welcome back to term 3! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Term 3 is all about 'going on a safari'! The classroom will be transformed with an array of artworks completed by the students that showcase safari animals! Students will even get the chance to make their own binoculars and go on a safari tour. Proloquo2go will also be incorporated into further activities this term where they will learn to navigate to various areas such as general chat like 'good morning'. Students will also be learning emotions and how to click on feelings using proloquo2go such as 'happy, angry, tired' to express how they are feeling. Class CL is looking forward to another term where students can build and develop their skills!

Laura, Caroline and Ebony



CLASS MP

Two weeks away from school seemed to be too long for us all in Class MP. We all missed the camaraderie that each and everyone contributes to build that strong bond between us. The smile and laughter we saw and heard from Isla, Heath, Caleb and Jude when they entered that Junior gate said it all about their feelings of seeing familiar faces. The freedom to run around in our open playground and play with friends and follow a routine were some reasons these students loved being in this environment.

Now we are back into swimming, going for a drive and playing at the park, using musical instruments at music therapy, getting our hands dirty during arts and crafts, sitting down and doing TEACCH program, listening and following instructions in morning circle, learning self-care skills such as dressing and using cutlery and other incidental learning that comes our way.

Maria, Sam & John



CLASS KF & MT

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing holiday. This term we will continue on with our swimming session each Tuesday. Swimming provides our students with many different learning opportunities. Some students use our swimming sessions as part of their sensory diet, helping them to attend, learn and behave better whilst others take the opportunity to use the pool to improve their swimming fitness. A few of our boys are learning to shower and dress independently, such an important part of becoming an independent young adult. Best of all, it is always lovely to see the boys enjoying their time together in our wonderful school swimming pool.

Fran, Alena, Matt and Jenny

TEACCH Swimming Schedule



Birthday News

Happy Birthday Ruby



Birthday News

Happy Birthday Riley



Birthday News

Happy Birthday Gwyneth



Birthday News

Happy Birthday Dylan



Exciting Competition

Name Our Dolphin



Student/family:

We are looking for a name for our PBL Dolphin

Can you help to suggest a name?



My name is: _____

Each suggestion gets a dolphin squeeze toy!