

Fisher Road School Newsletter 2022

Term 1 Week 11



Dates To Remember

7th April Junior Easter Hat Parade

8th April Last Day School

27th April School Resumes

17 May Key Word Sign Workshop

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It was fabulous to see so many parents at the information evening. Staff and Parents went for a school tour before heading to their child's classroom to hear about their school week. Fabulous to see our parents face to face again!

For any families that may have been impacted by the recent floods, Gov NSW/ Centrelink has a simple online Flood Recovery Payment application. Northern Beaches is deemed an impacted area. Damages covered include mould etc from rain. Apply online & you may be eligible for \$1000 per adult & \$400 per child.

A focus of this years school plan is to examine the long term continuity of students communication goals. In collaboration with our school based Speech Therapist we will be examining the best way to ensure that student communication goals are transitioned through the years.

The staff room is getting a face lift. We are installing a bigger kitchen, computer hub for staff to use when they are off class and a smaller meeting room. Work begins on Saturday the 2nd April.

Share our space is back! Please make use of our fabulous oval. Bring all the kids and neighbour's and use our space. Your children are familiar with the area and parents can relax a little knowing it is a safe, fenced area. The school grounds are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, excluding public holidays.

We are nearly at the end of Term 1. Thank you again for all your support and patience with the protocols around COVID. It has certainly been a juggle to be able to cover classes this term with COVID related absences and a shortage of casual teachers available.

Arianne McCombie



Share our Space!

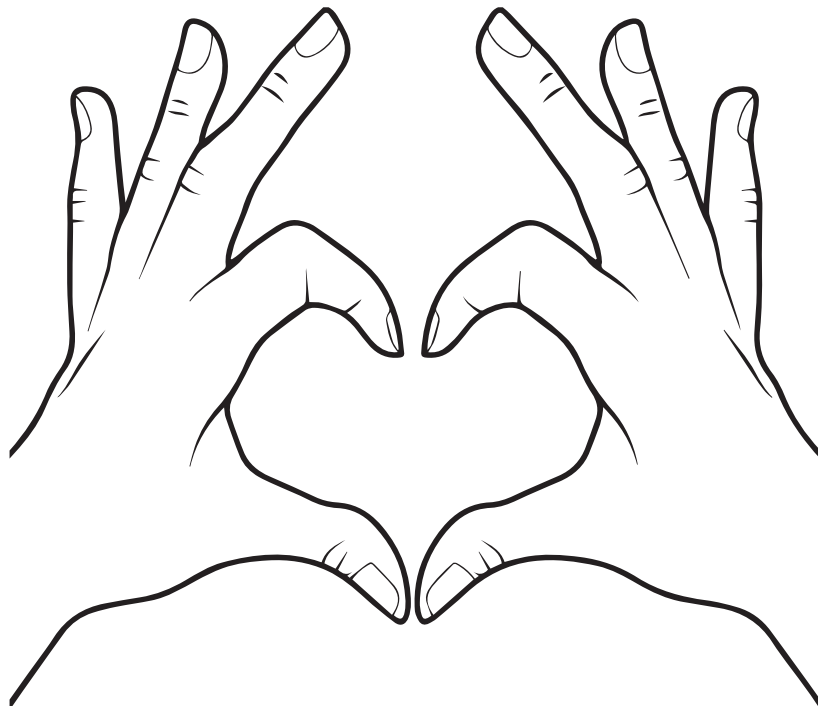
School playgrounds, basketball courts, ovals and gardens are open to the community these school holidays. Come and play at our place!

Find a school near you. Search "Share Our Space" at
education.nsw.gov.au



Key Word Sign Workshop

**Fisher Road School will be hosting a
fantastic Key
Word Sign Workshop to be run by Prue
Clubb
on 17th May 2022 at 9:30am
Limited spots are available so first in will
have a spot
Please email
arianne.mccombie@det.nsw.edu.au
to express your interest.**



Dear families,

Here is an exciting, creative activity for the upcoming holidays that you may want to check out...

Electronic Music Conference (EMC) has partnered with Accessible Arts, Tuned In Music Therapy, Ableton, Roland and Pioneer DJ to host 'Little Peeps, Big Beats' - electronic music therapy for children with disability and their parents/carers.

It's free for children and their parent/carer, with registration.

Registration and info here:

<https://www.maas.museum/event/little-peeps-big-beats-ages-4-14>. Tuned In Music Therapy run the music therapy program at our school so you can trust that you'll receive a great experience with Anita and her team.

Parents and carers check out Simplifying Solar initiative

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/climate-emergency-and-sustainability/solar-and-energy/simplifying-solar>

There is also a Solar Conversations service –

Northern Beaches Council are trying to encourage all residents to consider solar for their rooftops so they also can reduce their carbon emissions and enjoy savings on their energy bill.

Introducing our School Captains for 2022

Year 12

Gwyneth Morgan & Andrew Johnstone- Dickson

Year 6

George Arnison

Our Class Prefects for 2022

SB- Metok

JK- Rafaela

MP- Heath

CL- Jonathon

SL- Samuel

CJ- Dylan

TH- Mia

KA- Whitney

KF-Lachlan E

LT- Aidan







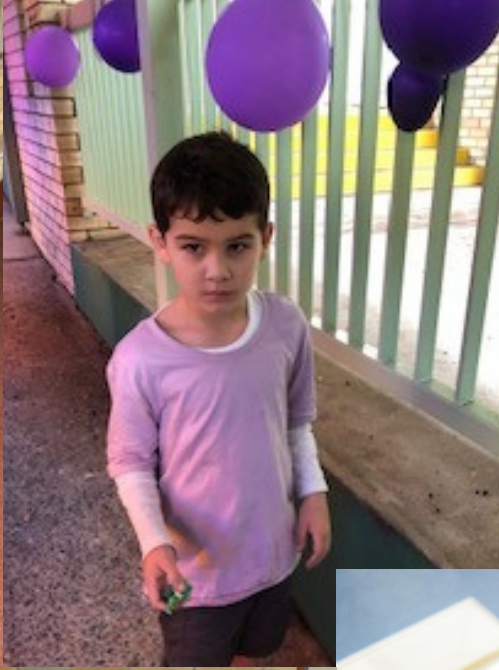


News from the office

**A Reminder that all medication
must be given to the Drivers
and then given to staff
on the gate**

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MEDICATION
INTO
STUDENTS BAGS
Thankyou**

Purple Day













School Disco





Fisher Road P & C needs you!

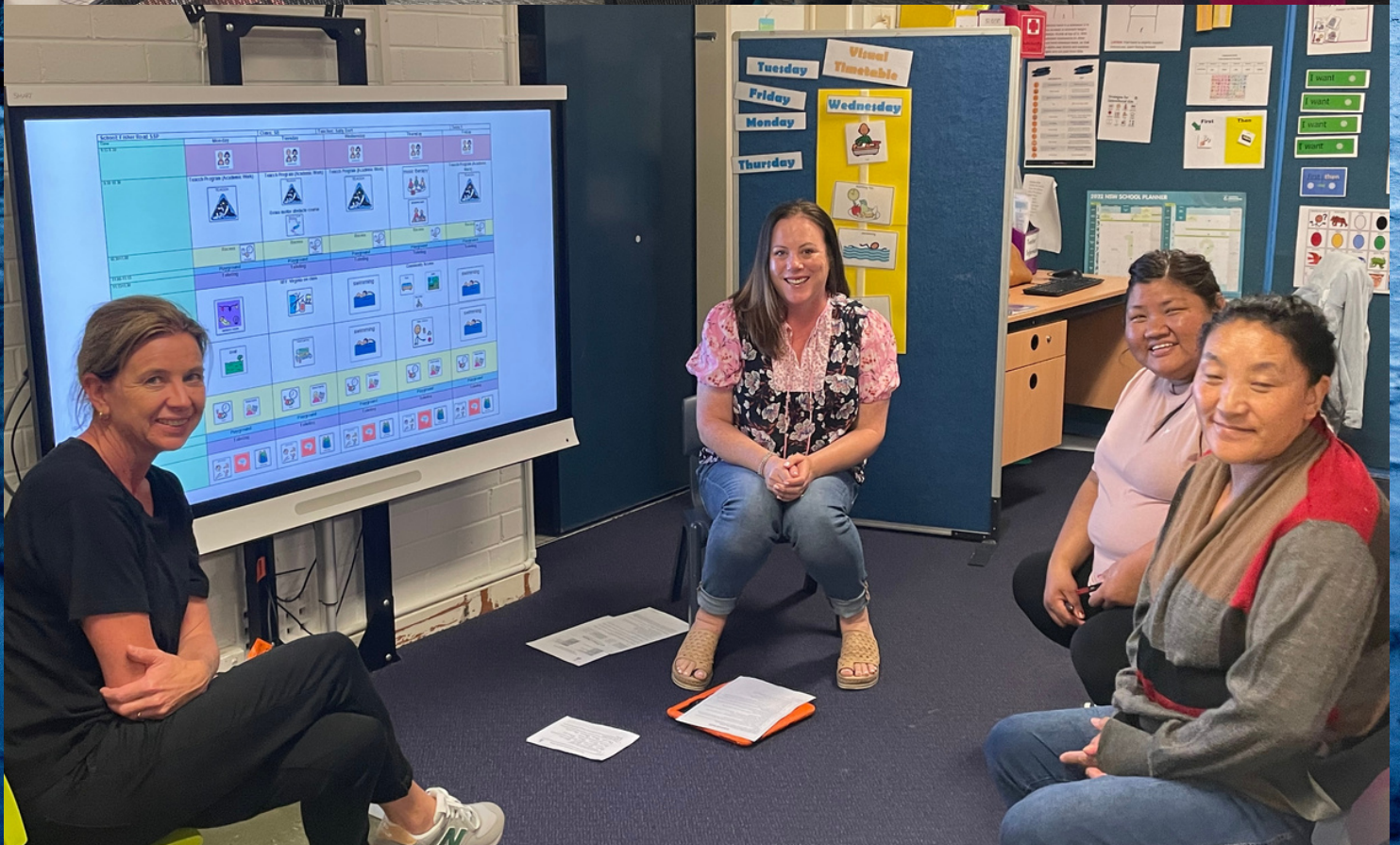
We would love to have some new parents join our P & C. Our current Secretary and President have been in the role for far longer than the term should be. It is not a big job. One meeting once a term to discuss whats happening at the school and possible fundraising ideas, like our school garage sale. Please consider coming to our annual general meeting on Wednesday the 18th May at 7pm.

School Garage Sale

**Save your goods for our
School Garage Sale
Date to be advised**



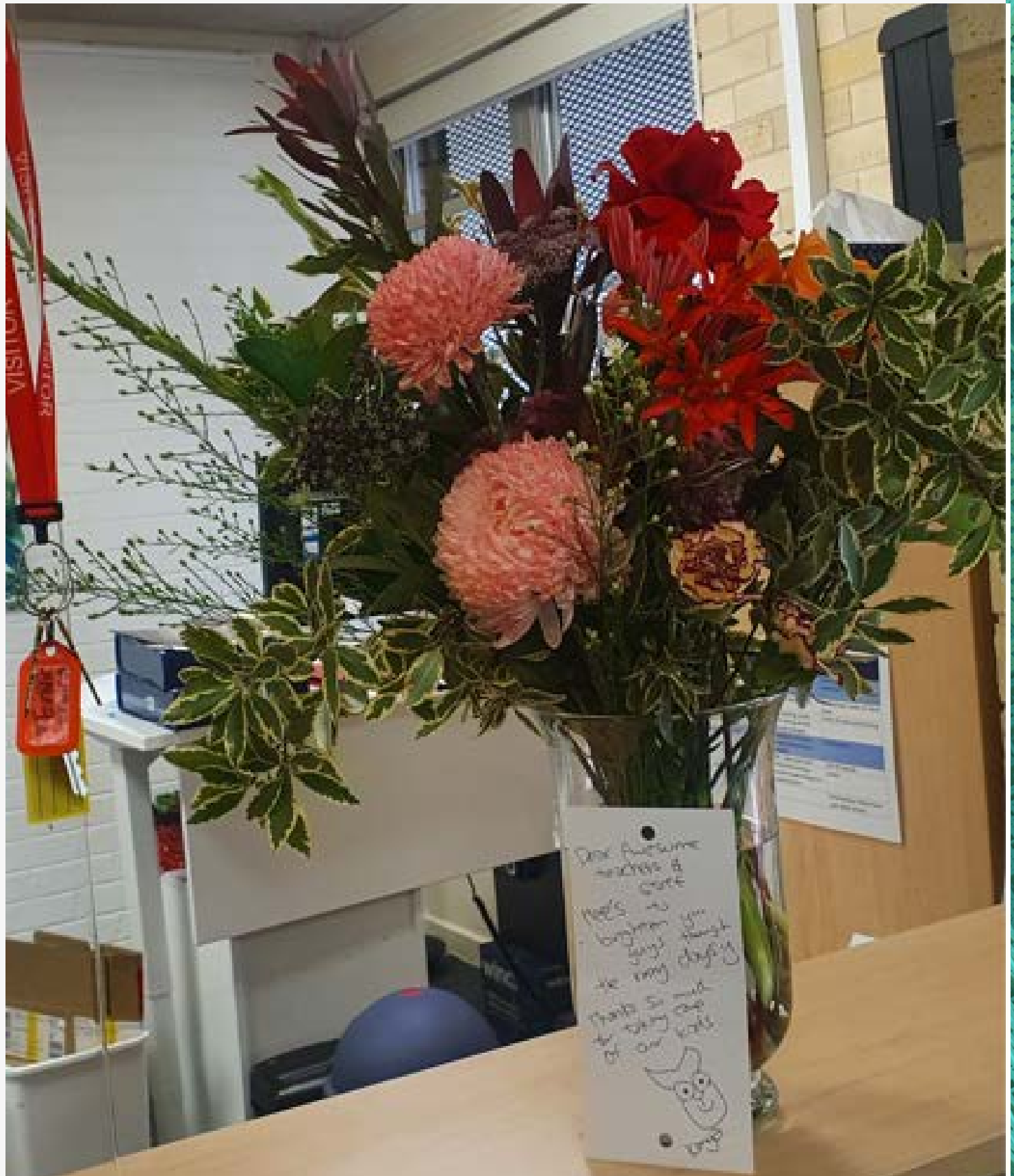
Parent Teacher Evening 2022





News from the office

Thank you to Kanga's family for the beautiful flowers that they have sent to the Fisher Road School Staff



News from the office



to the
Tzu Chi Foundation
for donating
Bakers Delight goodies to
Fisher Road School

Staff 2022

Fran



Arianne



Donna



Virginia



Julie



Caroline



Matt



Fran



Megan



Chris



Maria



Staff 2022

Carmel



Alena



Anat



Ebony



John



Sue



Mandy



Lauren



Sue



Sue



Jenny



Justine



Leisa



Nanaako



Staff 2022

Sam



Jen



Trish



Lainie



Sally



Laura



Ashley



Kari



Sandy



Tahlia



After School Care at Fisher Road School




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- Monday - Friday
- 3pm - 6pm (NSW school terms)

Based in a relaxed and inclusive setting at Fisher Road School in the Northern Beaches. The Learning Tree is an after-school care program for young people with disability aged 7 - 17.

The Learning Tree incorporates health, fitness, Skills for Life and recreational activities.


Participants will be supported to:

- Use their voice and foster self-belief
- Take part in new experiences
- Learn new skills
- Lead and mentor peers

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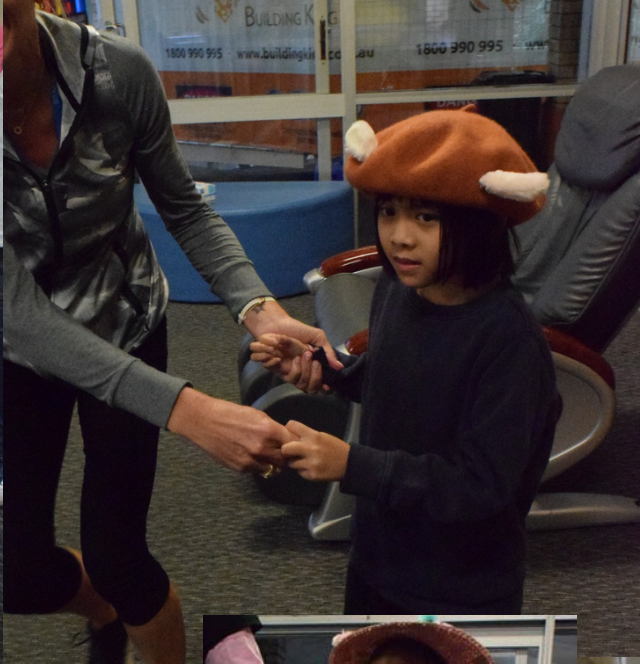
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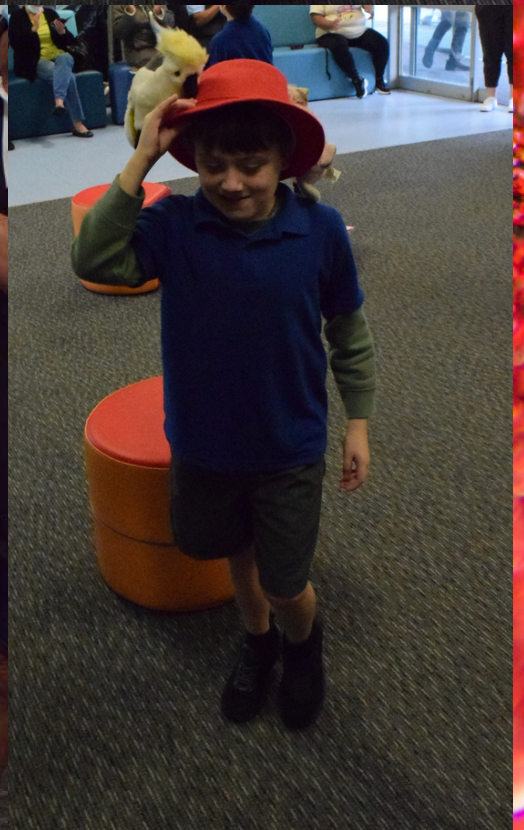
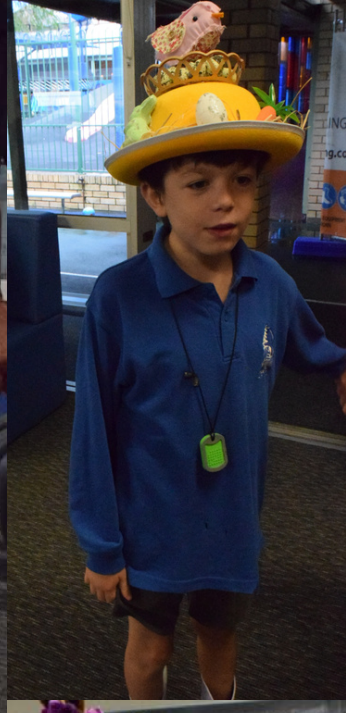
Easter Bunny comes to Fisher Road School





Easter Hat Parade





CLASS SL

At the end of a busy, long term, everyone is tired but happy in Class SL. We completed our four sailing trips with a final sail on Wednesday. The wind was up so the boats were tacking and jiving through the waves. Riley is keen to get out there, everytime. Edgar and Sam, while reluctant initially, began to warm up to it. James had a go but enjoyed it more when the waves weren't quite so high. We managed to catch the end of Purple day when we got back to school, with some purple slime and balloons.

We also made an inaugural trip to Cromer Public School for Integration, where we caught up with our ex-FRS students, Billy and Tiago. Their class joined ours over a wet play for games and morning tea. The boys loved seeing their old buddies and there were a few ball games out in the Kindy area with them, when the rain stopped.

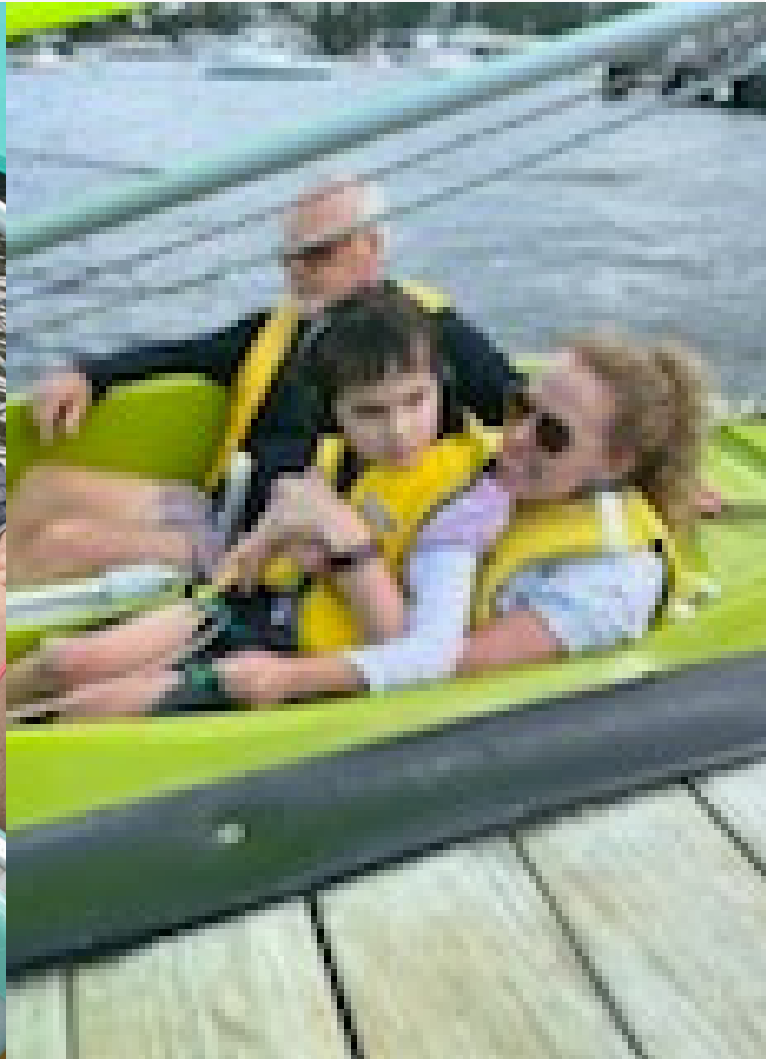
We have been busy making dinosaur pancakes in food tech and we can name many of our favourite dinosaurs. We have also been playing with the Bots in Science and Tech. - using the iPad to command the Bots to go left, right, straight or backwards. That was super exciting.

Have a safe and happy Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 2

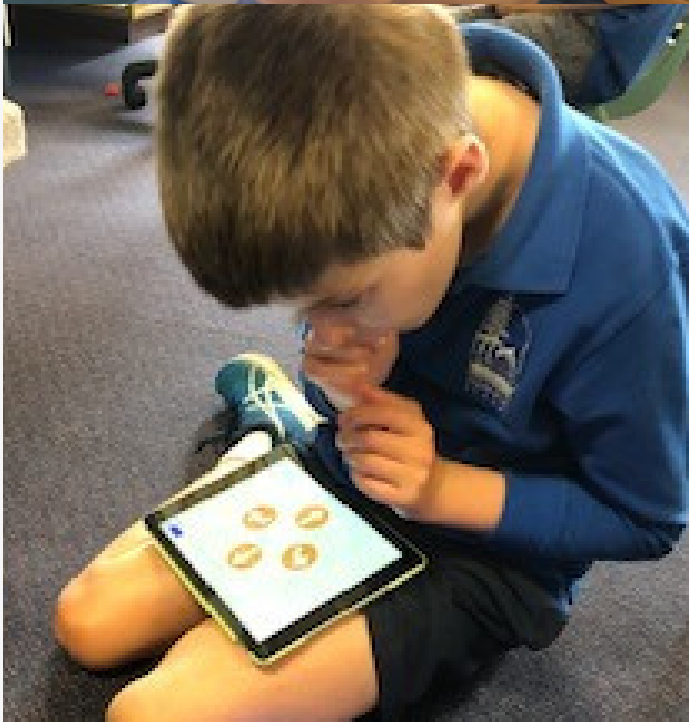
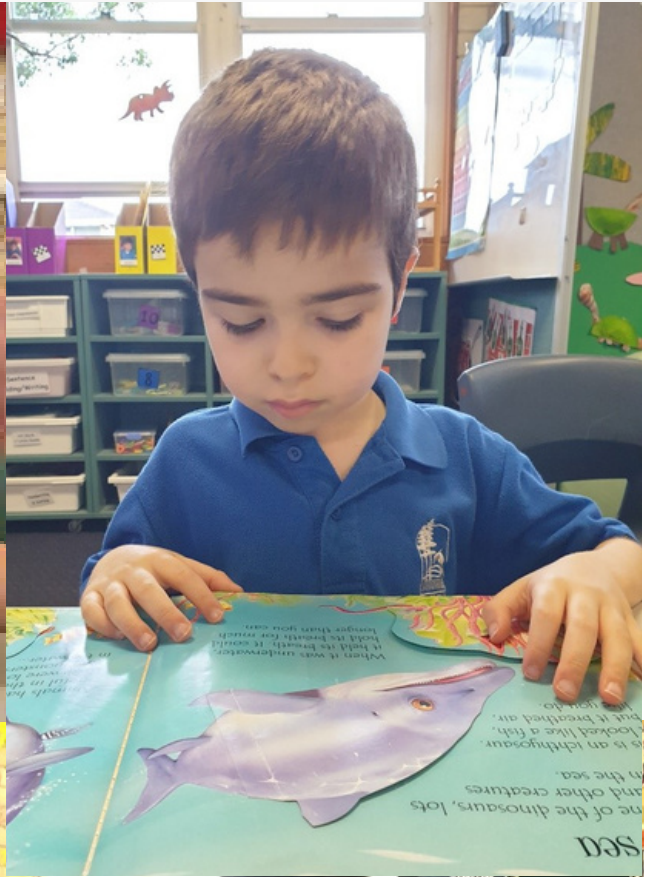
Sandy, Sue and Nanako



CLASS SL



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CLASS CJ

It received a brief mention last newsletter but with the recent completion it's worth a BIG mention. CJ outdoor deck has arrived. Our furnishing is taking place gradually. The students are enjoying the fresh air with the opportunity to have lunch outside. Alexandra especially is making the most of our sensory play on the deck, in particular water play. Our classroom space has almost doubled and we couldn't be happier. Let's hope the rain behaves. Speaking of water, our swim sessions are one of CJ's favourite programs with visits to the pool twice weekly. Gwyneth & Dylan are super confident in the water and improving each week. Lachie also is happy to stay in the water all day if he could. Community access visits are underway at last with a trip to Rowland Reserve each week and the opportunity to indulge in some hot chips whilst there.....well what more can we say! And Jasper just loves the bus outings. He sports a giant grin on his face from beginning to end. It's a delight to see. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding term ahead.

Chris, Jen & Lauren.



CLASS KA

10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1....Blast OFF!

During Science this term Class KA have been exploring our Solar System.

Each week we are learning about the features of each planet such as how big they are, what their surface is like, how hot/cold they are and how long they take to orbit around the Sun.

Did you know that if the Sun was the size of a basketball, our planet Earth is only as big as a pinhead?

The students help create an information poster about each planet with PECs symbols and are creating their own scrapbook.

Using different techniques each week, the students have also enjoyed creating artworks representing each planet.

We look forward to exploring more of our Solar System this Semester.

Kari, Ashley & Anat



CLASS KF & MT



Classes KF and MT have been busy in our school garden this term. We are very excited to be working in partnership with an organization called PlantingSeeds. PlantingSeeds has created a habitat regeneration program, to support biodiversity and encourage sustainability within our ecosystem. At school we are supporting the regeneration of habitats - by establishing key pollinating spaces and pollinator habitats in and around our school garden

The B&B's (Bed and Breakfasts for Birds, Bees, Butterflies and Biodiversity), provide much needed rest and revival for pollinators who are experiencing alarming population declines. Each Bed and Breakfast includes a selection of native pollinating plants and a pollinator habitat. This habitat at our school includes a native stingless bee hive and an insect hotel.

Our students have taken data on the number of different species of insects we have in our school garden. In the coming weeks we will be planting more native plants pollinating plants. We will then redo our data collection to see if we have attracted more pollinators to our garden.

Fran, Alena, Matt and Jenny

CLASS KF & MT



CLASS LT

This term class LT has been busy investigating the solar system. We have watched educational videos exploring, discussed key features, and created our own individual artworks for each planet. Everyone has loved the various art activities, including making big class artworks to put up around the classroom, as well as seeing their progress in their theme books.

Our class has all absolutely loved music therapy this term. Anita is great at getting everyone involved with symbols, drums, ukuleles, guitars, tamborines, the list goes on. It has been a great opportunity for students to express themselves, self-regulate, and immerse themselves in the auditory and sensory experience.

Lainie, Tahlia, Carmel & Sue ☺



CLASS LT



CLASS SB

Class SB is super excited to have Music Therapy back at school. We loved our first session back. Our class has been exploring action songs. Action songs are songs or nursery rhymes with sing-song phrases and movements. Benefits to children participating in action songs include enhancing creative language, vocabulary, improve your child's hand-eye coordination and motor skills. Our favourites are Wheels On The Bus, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around and The Hokey Pokey. You can find many of these songs on YouTube so you can sing and action along at home!

Sally, Justine and Nanaako



CLASS TH

Class TH have been having lots of fun discussing the seasons and although this summer has not had typical weather; we have talked about going to the beach and what we can do and wear at the beach. We made sandcastles using sand from our sand pit which was a real hit with our students. We discussed what we wear to the beach and compared it to what we would wear in the cooler months, using dress-ups to demonstrate this was another favorite activity.

We created a theme board in the classroom to display the artwork we have created around summer and the beach. Using various sensory and art materials we have made lentil starfish, cardboard turtles, coloured fish, jellyfish and a sandy beach with various shells. Kanga, Celine and Mia enjoyed painting, pasting and gluing and Luca has enjoyed touching the different materials used. They have all enjoyed reading books, sorting visuals of summer and winter items and watching short clips about the different animals. We look forward to continuing our seasons theme throughout the year.

Trish, Virginia & Mandy



CLASS JK

We have been making some fabulous work around the theme of Jungle Animals with connections to Key Learning Areas in the NESA curriculum. Our wonderful jungle decorations have inspired us to make Hippos in Visual Arts. We used cardboard rolls, grey paper, and hippo faces that we individualised with pencils drawings. We enjoyed shared sensory reading including *Jungle Drums* by Graeme Base and *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andres. We continued our learning about jungle animals and watched a video called *All About Hippos*. We learnt Hippos have a big mouth, large teeth and thick skin. We love Hippos!



Julie & Sue



CLASS CL

Wow term 1 has really flown by so quickly! It has been a great pleasure in teaching class CL every Tuesday how to cook pancakes with various toppings like chocolate chips, blueberries and strawberries. All students have really enjoyed getting involved with pouring, egg cracking and mixing of ingredients. Although sometimes it can be a mess, it has been rewarding to see students learn the independence of cooking! Students often had a turn at using the spatula to flip the pancakes, which is not only great involvement but also focusing on strengthening fine motor skills. The CL team are looking forward to next semester and continuing our cooking journey but maybe something a little bit different... Perhaps mini pizzas!

Caroline, Laura & Ebony



CLASS MP

Going on a community access to the park is an activity that we always look forward to. Isla, Jude, Caleb and Heath excitedly take themselves to where the school bus is parked, independently hop on the bus and find themselves a place to sit.

Using equipment at the park provides opportunities for our students to learn and explore. Getting on and off a swing requires balance and Heath and Isla have shown they could do it. Both also learned to move their legs to keep the motion. Jude on the other hand, prefers to use the slippery dip. He likes the fast movement of going down the slide. Caleb is always the curious student who likes to challenge himself. He likes to climb the 'spiderweb' climbing net, confidently stepping from one rope to another so he could reach the top.

Isla, Jude, Caleb and Heath have shown more confidence and enjoyment every time we visit a park. So if ever you find a quiet and interesting playground around, do let us know and we'll give it a test run.

Maria, Sam and John



Birthday News

Happy 17th Birthday Lachie E



Birthday News


Happy 7th Birthday Sai



Birthday News

Happy 11th Birthday Jude





Every child
is a different
kind of flower.

All together
they make
this world
a beautiful
garden.



Unique
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TO BE
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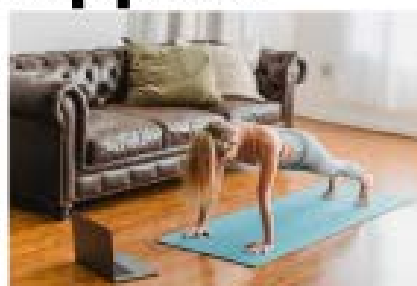
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- Ferry rides
- Taronga Zoo
- Picnic/park days
- Reptile Park
- BBQ/park days

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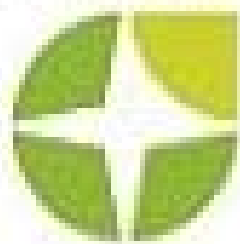
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