

Newsletter



VISION STATEMENT
WORKING TOGETHER,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
WITH EVERY CHILD

BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

8th march	
Kookaburras	Sophie B
Kangaroos	Marlie C
Emus	Jessie C
Platypuses	Zoey G
15th March	
Kookaburras	Isla-Mae C
Kangaroos	Malikye W
Emus	Lachlan D
Platypuses	Mackenzie D

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thursday 7th March
Kristen Hardcastle
Thursday 14th March
Leah Chan

All permission notes
will only be available
from the Office for
you to sign

Thought of the Fortnight

Faith is taking
the first step
even when
you don't see
the whole
staircase.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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Term 1 Week 6

5th March 2019

WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS ON PHONICS. NEW TERMINOLOGY.

To revise what I mentioned last newsletter.

1. Phonemes: (Pronounced foneem.) This term refers to a single speech sound. We are going to teach children to blend words by asking them questions such as:

What phoneme does the word CAT start with?

What phoneme does the word CAT end with?

2. Grapheme: (Pronounced grafeem.) A grapheme is a letter or a number of letters that represent a sound (phoneme) in a word. Here is an example of a 1 letter grapheme: c a t. The sounds /k/ is represented by the letter 'c'.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY Year 2 were great citizens cleaning up rubbish at Stanford Park. They understand the importance of placing all rubbish in the bin and keeping our parks and playgrounds clean and safe. The other students did a great job ensuring our playground is nice and clean.



KIDS COUNCILLORS FOR TERM ONE

I would like to thank Miss Pollock who will conduct regular meetings with our eight Kid's Councillors. Each class has two representatives each Term. In the Kookaburra class they are **Ruby** and **Logan**. In the Kangaroo class they are **Buddy** and **Daytona**. The Emu class has **Harvey** and **Eden**. **Charlotte** and **Charlie** have been selected for the Platypus class. I know these children will do a wonderful job helping students in the playground and assisting in our fundraising for the charities we support.

SOUL CAFÉ COLLECTED MONEY RAISED TO FEED HOMELESS PEOPLE

Howard Mole from Soul Café attended our assembly last Thursday and Harvey and Daytona, presented \$160 that our students raised last year to provide essential items for a few people who are finding things difficult. Howard spoke of the work that Soul Café does in Newcastle to feed homeless people on a daily basis.



Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm	
7th March	Kookaburra class present work
14th March	Platypus class perform item
21st March	Emu class perform item
28th March	Kangaroo class perform item
4th April	Kookaburra class perform item
11th April	Awards only

PLAYGROUP FOR 0-5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

Playgroup is held every Tuesday from 9.00am to 11.00am during School Terms and is a Gold Coin Donation to attend



Our playgroup is an opportunity for young children and their Parents/Carers to:

- Meet new friends and other parents
- Be in a safe, relaxed and child friendly environment
- Engage in creative play
- Encourage the development of gross & fine motor skills
- Be a part of a School readiness program with independent play & group sessions

3 WAY INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 1 AND 2

Miss Wood is conducting 3 Way Interviews for her students on Tuesday 12th March and Miss Pollock is conducting her 3 Way Interviews on Wednesday 13th March. They are when goals are set for students and they last for fifteen minutes. The teachers will post an interview time sheet on their doors of their classroom tomorrow for you to indicate your preferred time slot.

BIKE DAY EXCURSION FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

This term in library the children are learning about road safety. As an educational excursion for students to demonstrate their knowledge of bike safety, we are going to have our biannual **Bike Education Day**. This year it will be held on **Friday 29th March**. It will be held at **Peace Park** where the children will be given the chance to bring their bikes and scooters and ride around the park. As we have done in previous years, the children and their bikes will need to be brought by **private transport** to the park and **collected the same way as well**. The children will need to be there by **9.30 am**. There will be a riding track and activities set up and run for the children on the day. Children must bring a helmet to wear during the day, if a child does not have their helmet, they will not be allowed to ride.



Children are to be dressed in full sports uniform and have their hats, lunches and recess with them. Covered in shoes (eg joggers) are to be worn. In case the day is hot, please make sure your child has adequate drinks with them. We will have a large water dispenser with us. They will also need to wear sunscreen. All children will need to be **collected from Peace Park at 2.30 p.m.**

In the event of rain, an announcement will be placed with the local radio stations 2HD and 2KO by 7.30am. **If our day has to be cancelled it will be postponed until the following week, Friday 5th April.**

The permission note for our whole school bike day is available at the office. There is no cost for this excursion. We would appreciate you completing and returning the note by **Friday 15th March**. Once we know whether your child has a trike, a 2 wheeler with training wheels, a 2 wheeler or a scooter, we will be able to put the children into groups. Please hand the note into the office.

P&C MEETING MONDAY 18TH MARCH 1:45pm IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

All parents are most welcome to attend.

CRICKET CLINIC HELD AT SCHOOL

We thank Wayne Cant, Wendy's husband, who was generous with his time to come to school for two sports days and teach cricket skills to our students. The photos attached demonstrate their engagement and interest.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB.

Issue 2 is attached to the newsletter and needs to be returned by Friday 22nd March.

AUTHOR VISIT AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our school has been invited to listen to Matt Stanton, a talented children's author when he visits our area as part of the Newcastle Writers Festival. Kurri Library have been successful in their grant application to fund this program. All we need to do is pay bus costs of \$4 per student. *If you would like to order a signed copy of his book, please complete the order form on the back page and bring the money into the office by 2nd April.* **PERMISSION NOTES ARE AT THE OFFICE.**

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law. Thank you.

CHILDREN BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN HERE NEXT YEAR 2020.

Please come to the office and inform us if your child or a friend you know has a child that will be enrolling here next year to begin Kindergarten. We will begin our Transition to school program this term by holding a Teddy Bear Picnic here at school on Tuesday 2nd April from 12:30-1:30pm.

Anne Carr **Principal**

**Calendar of Events for Term One 2019**

Mondays all year from 4th February	Breakfast provided at the canteen served by Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club.
Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday from 5th February	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Fridays 8th and 15th March	Free K-2 program for students by Variety organisation entitled "Just Like You."
Monday 11th March	Back to Stanford Day for last years Year 2 students to visit us.
Tuesday 12th March	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Emu Class
Wednesday 13th March	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Platypus Class
Monday 18th March	P&C Meeting 2pm.
Saturday 23rd March	State Elections Polling booth here in the library
Friday 29th March	K-2 Bike Day excursion at Peace Park Cessnock
Tuesday 2nd April	Teddy Bear Picnic at School for Kinder students beginning in 2019
Tuesday 2nd April	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Kinder Kookaburras
Wednesday 3rd April	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents of K /1 Kangaroos.
Thursday 4th April	Excursion to Kurri Kurri Public School for talk by author Matt Stanton
Friday 5th April	Crazy Hair and Ice-cream Day.
Monday 8th April	Making Easter Hats in class- parents and grandparents invited to help.
Thursday 11th April	Class of the term party
Thursday 12th April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12th April	Fun Day activities /out of Uniform day, Final day of term.
School Holidays	Monday 15th April.-30th April. Teachers Professional Development day is Monday 29th April. Students return Tuesday 30th April.

WELCOME TO THE EMU CLASS FOR 2019. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR SELF PORTRAITS.



Our self portraits and why we are unique.

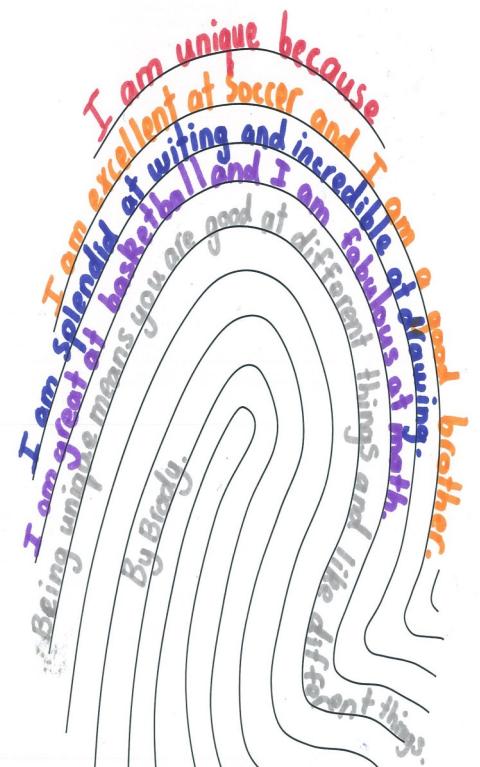
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STUDENT AWARDS

For Assembly 21st & 28th February 2019

Kookaburras**Taine H**Showing more confidence
coming to school**Kangaroos****Daytona S**Working hard to improve
her sentence writing**Platypus****Cam S**Excellent enthusiasm during
PE lessons**Emu****Lincoln B**Effort and enthusiasm in all
areas of school**Logan D**Being a leader and a role
model in our classroom**Malikye W**Being a great Year 1 role
model**Wyatt B**Fantastic effort during
writing time**Phoebe B**Enthusiasm in all areas of
school**QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK****Kookaburras****Amelia D****Jace W****Kangaroos****Lleyton P****Willow B****Platypus****Zoey G****Brody P****Emu****Maeve P****Jessie C****(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS****Kookaburras***Be Safe—Safe use of equipment***Amelia D****Kangaroos****Lleyton P****Platypus****Zoey G****Emu****Brody P***Right time, Right place***Jace W****Willow B****Maeve P****Jessie C****PRINCIPAL AWARDS****Molly H Lincoln B****HOME READING AWARDS****Bronze** (25 nights reading)**Anthony C****Silver** (50 nights reading)**Gold** (75 nights reading)**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)**Double Silver** (125 nights reading)**Double Gold** (150 nights reading)**Royal** (200 nights reading)**Double Royal** (250 nights reading)**Excellence** (300 nights reading)