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Principal's Pen

Term Two is now just passed the half way mark. We have had a remarkably great start to the term with the staff all working hard to ensure that our students are making up the curriculum content that has been missed due to Covid 19. I do therefore urge you to ensure that your children are attending school unless they are sick. We are slowly coming out of the Covid 19 restrictions in Western Australia and the Phase 3 Operating Guidelines have just been released to schools. (A copy is available on the Website and the App).

From next week commencing Monday 8 June, parents and caregivers are allowed on school grounds up to a maximum of 100 at any one time. The Administration Area, due to its size will be restricted to four people at any one time. Social distancing for adults is still in force. We will be restricting access to the classrooms for adults and respectfully ask that parents ensure that the appropriate distances are respected in the School Grounds and the Administration Area. Teachers will not be available for meetings before school but are available after school if you wish to make an appointment by email.

The morning and afternoon drop off and pick up of our students has worked very well thanks to my amazing staff. Our students have expressed their enjoyment of having us welcome them at the gate and the effects have been very positive with a noticeable increase in our student's independence and a considerable decrease in the students experiencing separation issues. We have therefore decided to continue standing at the gates to welcome students and parents and to assemble students in the alcove of Delphin block for those parents who would still like to continue dropping their children at the gate.

Entrance will still be from the Admin gate between the Art Room and the Office for all students from Year One to Six. The Pre-Primary gate will be open for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students. Teachers will meet and welcome the students at the classroom door. We do need to continue to ensure that the cleaning is maintained to a very high standard so we will be restricting the use of the play equipment before and after school.

Transition to Kindergarten will recommence next week with a play and stay session from 8:45 to 10:20am. This will enable the children to familiarise themselves once again with school. At this session parents will be informed about the revised program going forward for the rest of this term and second semester.

Reading books have been sent home this week, although most children have been reading their own books and recording them in their diary. The Year Five and Six camps have been given the green light so those respective parents will be receiving letters home in the near future with more details. Carnivals and Interschool Carnivals are also now permitted but with restrictions on the number of people attending.

All of these changes are ensuring that we are gradually getting back to normal which is a great reason for celebration. I really believe we are so lucky to be living in one of the safest places in the world.

Regards, Elizabeth Wildish

**SCHOOL GATES
OPEN**

**8am - 8.30am &
2.45pm - 3.00pm**

**SCHOOL ENTRY IS
FROM THE FRONT
GATES (BETWEEN
ART ROOM & ADMIN)
AND THE PRE-PRIMARY
GATES.**

Around the School

Dates for your Diary Term 2, 2020

7	8	9	10	11	12	13/14
8	15	16	17	18	19	20/21
9	22	23	24	25	26	27/28
10 JUL	29	30	1	2	3 WAVE	4/5



HOURS OF OPERATION



Administration:

8.00am - 3.30pm

School Start Time:

8.30am

School Finish Time:

2.45pm

Please ensure any student collection messages are phoned through to Administration by **2pm** at the latest.
Thank you.

School/Recommencing Thursday 11 June. Students only to bring banking folders to Admin from 8-8.30am each Thursday.
Banking

What's Happening

Kindy

The Kindy students are enjoying being back to school, seeing their friends and learning about Australian animals.



Pre-Primary

We have been exploring materials in Science. We decided that the brick house in The Three Little Pigs was a much better choice of material for a house. In Art we continue to investigate the beautiful colours of Autumn. We are very proud of our beautiful trees. We celebrated Reconciliation Week by making Aboriginal flags, Aboriginal art and we decorated hand prints to demonstrate how we are all 'in this together'.



What's Happening

Year One

The Year One students have celebrated National Reconciliation Week by making biscuits decorated like the Aboriginal flag. We also made a sea of hands display to help build positive and respectful relationships between all Australians and Torres Strait Islanders. In Literacy we have been concentrating on reading strategies and The Sequence of Events. We have read several books - The Smartest Giant in Town, How the Birds got their Colours, We're Going on a Bear Hunt and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have enjoyed retelling the story and the sequence of events.



Year Two

The Year Two students have been learning to tell the time to the hour, half past the hour, quarter to the hour and quarter past the hour. They have been revisiting three digit numbers and have blown their teachers away with how good they are getting. They have also been writing some pretty impressive narratives using sizzling starts, onomatopoeia, personification and alliteration. They absolutely love writing stories especially when they include dynamite and flying waffle UFOs!



Year Three

Wow, have we been busy! We have been looking at collecting and analysing classroom data and forming column graphs in Math, writing Retells in Literacy, looking at Reconciliation activities (we really enjoyed writing about why we think it is important to treat people with respect) and working in the garden. We are going to be cooking for the first time this term! We will be making dip, using parsley taken from our school garden.



Year Four

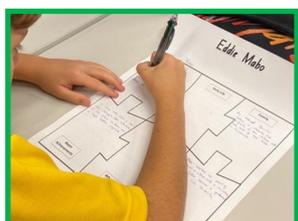
Our students have returned and we are diving right back into the curriculum! We have had the first kitchen session this week making hummus and are all excited to continue the kitchen lessons. We also learnt about Reconciliation Week, why it is important to work together and what you can do at school to make sure everybody is treated equally and fairly. Next week we begin our first Term Two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project creating a Key Note presentation on saving endangered ecosystems.

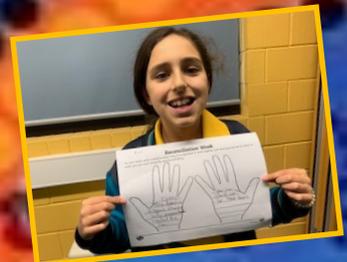
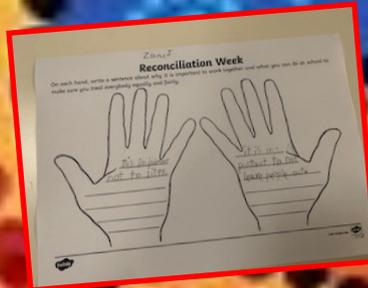
Year Five

The Year Five students have been learning how to use multiplication algorithms and are really enjoying the challenges that Miss Canning is giving them. We are even having a go at year six level work! In Literacy, the students have wrote and typed informative texts and have continued with their novel studies. We have also started back in the kitchen and enjoyed making pizza sauce. Yum!

Year Six

In Literacy, we have been continuing our VCOP writing and expanding the idea of a 'character'. We have learnt that our characters must have different personality and physical traits to make our writing more interesting to read. In Numeracy, we have been subtracting decimal fractions to the hundredths and started a new project on factors. During HASS, we learnt about Reconciliation Week and did a research activity on Eddie Mabo.

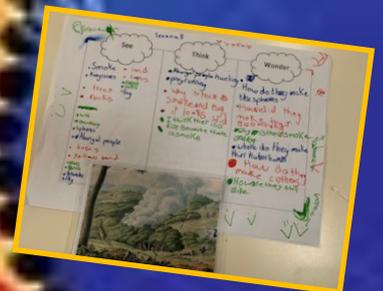
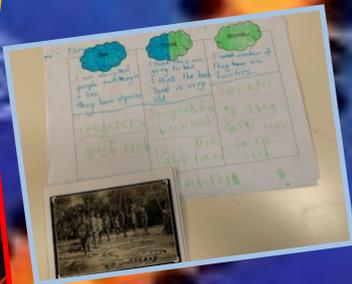
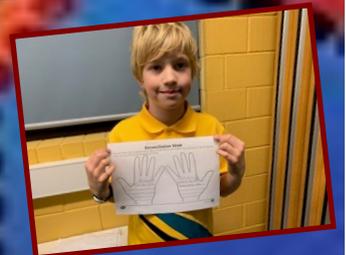
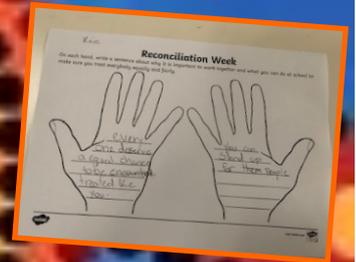




What Is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated each year from **27th May to 3rd June.**

It is a time to celebrate and build on positive and respectful relationships and connections between Australians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

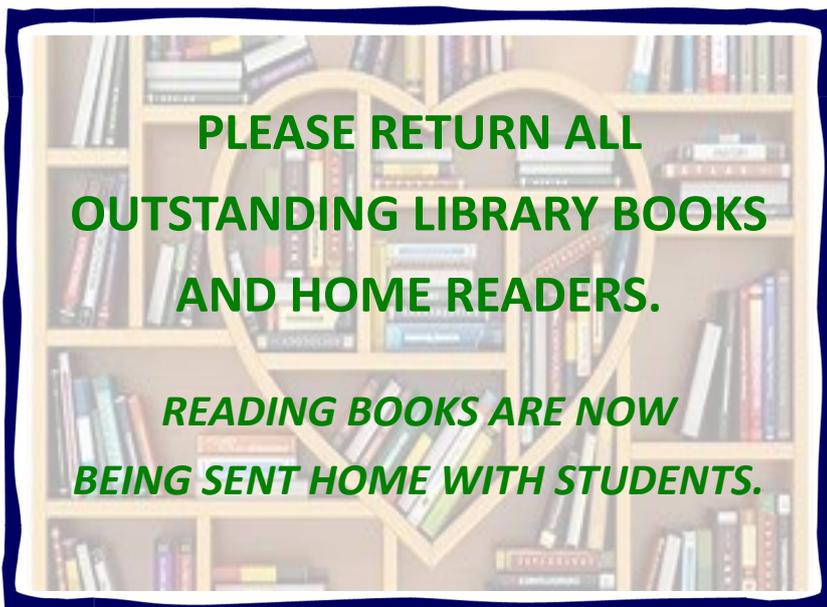




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