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"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before." -- [Bonnie Blair](#)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

BUMPER ISSUE!!!

Enjoy our class reports in this week's newsletter!!

Have a great week!!

Debby Meredith

PSSA Netball News

It was very exciting to see so many new faces trying out and being successful in making the PSSA netball teams this year.

Last Friday we had our first winter gala day and for many players their very first game.....although you would never have known it!!! With such talented players including April, Jamaine, Vesna, Paul, Riley and Leata playing like they had been playing the game for years!

We saw sensational goal shooting from Glorianna, Zelma, Ruby, Hope and our goal scoring sensation Riley.

Our defense was awesome with Tuifua, Dakota, Alexis and Leata stopping ball after ball.

As the day progressed we saw outstanding improvement from Jayme and Maream.

Both junior and senior teams finished the day undefeated. Their sportsmanship and effort was outstanding. Congratulations on a wonderful day girls and boys.

Special thank you to our umpire Elizabeth Dunn, who umpired all of the junior and senior games.

Player of the Match

Juniors

Game 1: April

Game 2: Dejuan

Game 3: Glorianna

Game 4: Zelma

Game 5: Alexsis

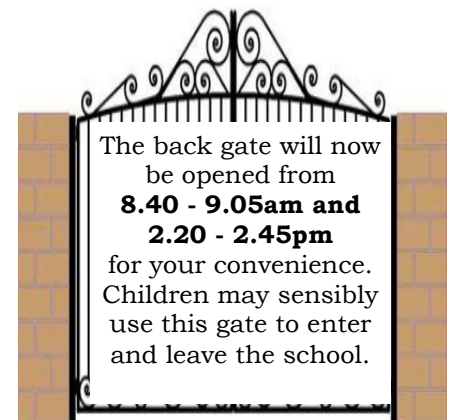
Seniors

Game 1: Vesna

Game 2: Hope

Game 3: Paul

Game 4: Hayley



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Mrs Bleeker

KH

KH has had a fantastic year so far. We are all settled into the routines of school – making lots of new friends and working hard. We have been learning our sounds and words and many children are getting very clever at writing words on their own. They amaze me every day with their knowledge and grasp of new concepts.

We have been involved with some great sporting endeavours, starting off with the swimming carnival. It was the first time infants children have been involved and they all really enjoyed it, with many of them becoming much braver with their water skills and having a great time splashing around.

They were able to show off their dancing prowess with the Dance to be Fit program last term which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Some of them had some very cool moves by the end of the program!

We have also had the cross country where everyone put in a huge effort to do their best.



at work



at play

I hope all the mums enjoyed their mother's day gifts. The children created some beautiful pieces and put a lot of thought and love into making them.

We had our first excursion for the year on Monday after we had to postpone it last term due to bad weather. The children were very excited and we had a fabulous day. They particularly enjoyed feeding the ducks and looking at the animals. I'm sure they all came home with lots of stories about our day.

After such a wonderful start we will be looking forward to all the wonderful experiences still to come our way throughout the rest of the year.



1/2B



The year so far.....

It has been an adventure for 1/2B this year. We have discovered how fun learning can be. We worked very hard, individually and also as a team in all Key Learning Areas. However, we would like to share with you the very special moments this term...

We learnt about procedural texts and its characteristics. This assisted us to read the recipes: How to Make Fairy Bread and How to Make Chocolate and Caramel Milkshakes, so we could make them. We learnt about Families Past and Present and as a class were challenged to share our stories. We then compiled them altogether in a book.

We dabbled with our creative side, showing the many skills and talents we have. If you haven't already seen 1/2B's art display outside our room, come and have a look!

Term 2...

1/2B have really launched the TEN program this term (Targeting Early Numeracy) and there has been substantial improvement with all students' number understanding. The main focus thus far has been learning about our 'friends of ten'. Students are really enjoying the engaging activities and have experienced how fun mathematics can be!

Students were fortunate to finally attend their excursion to Central Gardens, after it was cancelled in term 1 due to weather conditions. Students had a fantastic time and brought with them their beautiful manners. Students played with equipment in the park, saw some animals and had a relaxing lunch. They were all very happy and exhausted by the end of the day.

Overall, students in 1/2B are having great learning experiences and are working towards their individual goals.

2/3K

Literacy



This term we are focusing our writing on the factual text type explanation and procedure. Thank you to Miss Lewis, Miss Bell and Mrs Mays who have been able to assist during our Reading Groups.

Mathematics

We are continuing to develop number skills including addition, subtraction, multiplication and place value. Students will learn to measure length as well as telling the time.



HSJE

We are learning about "Are You Being Served?" In this unit, students will look at goods and services that can be found in their community.

*Children can borrow a book for **Home Reading** to read with an adult.*

***Homework** is sent out each Monday to be returned each Friday for correction. Remember to hand in homework to achieve a personal best award.*



***Library:** Tuesday 11:20am – 12:00pm (Come with your library bag to borrow books.)*

Our Excursion!!

On Monday infant classes went on an excursion to Central Gardens, Merrylands. They saw wallabies, emus and colourful birds in enclosures. The



students excitedly fed the ducks in front of the waterfall and fountains. They enjoyed playing games on the spacious grassy area and play equipment area. All the students had a fantastic day!



3/4T

This week 3/4T took part in exciting activities and sequence of lessons learning about position using compass directions. Students were involved in drawing and labelling a compass. They listed and described objects in the classroom and out in the playground that are positioned at each compass point. For example: North, South, East and West. Students were able to identify, describe and discuss the main objects at each of these locations.

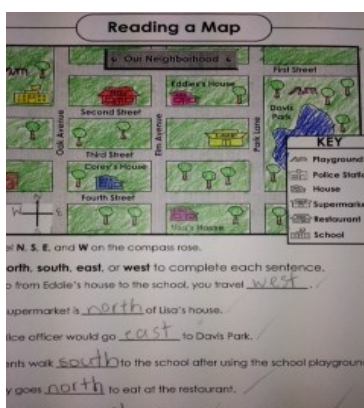
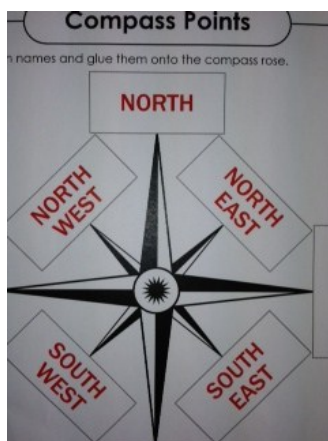
Below are some of the activities students in 3/4T were involved in..

Reading a Map- Lakeside Campground.

Our Neighbourhood

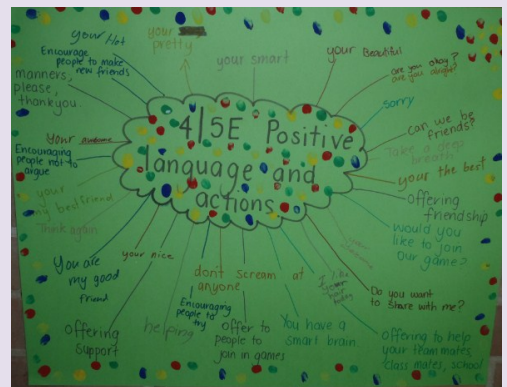
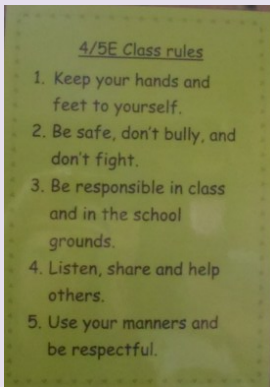
The Royal Castle floor plan

3/4T was also involved in many creative art lessons and one fantastic activity was the melting crayons experience. Students are in the process of producing an excellent artwork finale as a whole class.



4/5E

Term one has been very busy for 4/5E. The students have really hit the ground running in their new classroom. The students established the class rules, roles, responsibilities and rights. The students developed these with the support of their teacher Mrs Elliott and developed some really thoughtful and meaningful ideas! The students have also been working on positive language and actions that can be used at in the classroom and the school.



4/5E are the recycling champions of Guise Public School. During the term we have learnt a lot about recycling. The class sent invitations out to the other classes at Guise Public School, the office team and the principal to join us in being recycling champions. The students really enjoyed delivering the invitations and the new recycling bins to everyone at the school. The class found others ways to reuse recycled materials as well, by making junk model art. All of the materials used were recycled except for a bit of sticky tape. Some of the items used included; paper, cardboard, toilet rolls, paper bags, bottles, plastic bags and recycled paper. The class made the models out of recycled materials to save our environment in our local community and to reduce waste.

During the term we also have been learning about cultures and identities. The students have researched different cultures and gathered some really interesting information.

The year 5 students worked really hard towards their NAPLAN and should be commended for their positive attitude and "have a try" approach.

Overall the students in 4/5E have worked really well towards achieving their numeracy and literacy goals. They have been working well as a team that they have nearly earned the class goal of a "movie and popcorn" afternoon.



5G has had a fantastic start to the year! It was sad to see some of our classmates move to the new 4/5E class and we miss them very much however they are also very lucky to have Mrs Elliot because she is also a wonderful and caring teacher.

During Term 1 we were learning about being “Waterwise” and looked at the Water Cycle in great detail. We discovered that we can all help to protect our precious water by being waterwise at home and at school. We had a fantastic excursion to Minnamurra Falls at Jamberoo with 5/6B. Mrs Grovenor had a headache in the bus from all of the noisy children but we know she still had a great time. It was a long walk up to the waterfall and we thought we would never make it, but eventually we did and it was well worth it. Mrs King came along as a parent helper and she did a great job in helping us stay on the path and discover new things to see in the rainforest.

In Term 2 we are Pushing Boundaries and Taking Risks to learn new things. We have researched some famous Australians and other famous people that have pushed those boundaries to achieve great things and who have contributed to making our world a better place to live. We are learning that pushing our own boundaries will take us out of our comfort zone and that this is important in order for us to grow and be the best we can be.

This term we also had our NAPLAN testing over 3 days. We answered so many questions in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Maths. Some questions were tricky and some were easy. We hope we do well!

We have just started some workshops called “Respectful Relationships” and it has been lots of fun so far. We play a lot of games but we also learn about how important it is to respect ourselves and others and to keep ourselves safe inside and outside of school. We have really been looking forward to these workshops every Friday!

In our class we can earn Tokens that we can trade in for some great prizes! We love working out which prizes to choose. A lot of us like choosing “Be the teacher for a lesson” and we have had some great art lessons taught to us by our classmates. To earn a token for the day we need to have great behaviour, participation in lessons, answer questions and show good listening skills.

Thoughts from 5G -

5G is a great class to be in because we have lots of fun together and we support each other and we participate in fun activities and class work (William)

My favourite subject in Year 5 is Maths because I enjoy doing it and like helping others to improve (David)

The best thing about being in Year 5 is that everyone is nice and we learn something new everyday and people encourage us to do it (Roxy)



My best day in Year 5 was when we made our hot air balloons (Isaac)

5G is a great class to be in because Mrs Grovenor gives us the same amount of love and we learn lots with Mrs Grovenor (Haylie)



This semester has been extremely busy for the students of 6B. Our leaders were involved in the National Leaders Day held in Darling Harbour. This was an outstanding day with students being given the opportunity to listen to guest speakers across the codes of sport, business and law enforcement. The class also had the wonderful opportunity to visit Minnamurra Falls. This excursion was not only a fantastic experience for the students, it also enabled them to make a connection to the



Waterwise unit they had been studying in class. It was beautiful to see the way all the students supported each other on this very long walk up into the rainforest. Hearing their laughter and seeing their enjoyment was a highlight for me. Many students (and their teacher) slept well that night!

The Respectful Relationship sessions continued this term and allowed students the opportunity to develop a stronger self worth and the ability to not only look for the positives within themselves but also within others. It promoted students use of positive language, setting goals and striving to meet their full potential.

With High School close upon us the students have begun the unit 'Up Close and Personal'. This unit looks at making a positive transition to high school and provides a forum for students to discuss any concerns they may have. Students have written some excellent pieces of writing ranging from historical recounts, personal recounts, information reports and explanations. The class has also continued to work on poetry with Mrs Crump every Wednesday.



This term in Maths we have begun the implementation of the TOWN - Taking off with Numeracy program. The program has directly targeted the needs of all students with a primary focus on Number. Throughout this semester we have also been very lucky to have a Practicing teacher - Miss Chang working in our room. Miss Chang has worked with students in the strands of Measurement and Space.

Students have also continued to write and receive letters from their Daystar Foundation buddies. This program is proving to be extremely positive with students not only developing their writing skills but also experiencing the delight of receiving their very own letter every few weeks.

Mrs Bleeker