



## DATES TO REMEMBER

14 OCT	TERM 4 BEGINS
24 OCT	COWPASTURE CONCERT
29 OCT	RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION - K TO 2
5 NOV	KINDY 2020 ORIENTATION 4PM TO 5PM
12 NOV	KINDY 2020 ORIENTATION 9.15AM TO 11.00AM
19 NOV	KINDY 2020 ORIENTATION 9.15AM TO 11.00AM
3 DEC	YEAR 6 ORIENTATION JOHN ED/ ROBERT TOWNSON
4 DEC	YEAR 6 FAREWELL
11 DEC	PRESENTATION

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The canteen now has "crunch and sip" packs available for purchase before school for \$2.00. This consists of a piece of fruit and a bottle of water.

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## *From the Principal's desk*

As I write the last newsletter for the term I look back at what has been a very busy term for both students and staff. Earlier in the term both stage two and three enjoyed camps away, kindergarten went on their very first excursion, athletics carnival for Years 2-6, (unfortunately K-2 was postponed twice!), debating team successes, Opera House performance, public speaking, swim school, new classes, new staff and these are just some of our activities.

Last week I travelled to Moree in far west NSW to visit Moree PS. It was a very interesting experience to see not just the school but to see first hand the devastating effect the drought is having on a local community. Speaking with the principal I learnt of how the decrease in their cotton crop has had such a domino effect on all other local industries. Whilst we in Sydney welcomed the rain last week, not a drop fell in that area. I spent the day at the school and was able to visit some of their classrooms and talk with some of their teachers.

## Swim School

In Week 7, 60 students from Years 2-6 participated in the Learn to Swim School. Our students had a great time and it was wonderful to see the progress that they all made over the week. In a country like Australia where we have easy access to beaches and pools it is so important that all children learn to swim.

## Debating

Over the last two terms our two debating teams have participated in the Cowpasture Debating competition. Both teams finished with only two losses each which is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to both teams. At the Presentation Ceremony following the last debate received the Encouragement Medal for the Most Improved.



## Canteen

There are a number of students ordering from the canteen in the morning before class. Students need to do this before the bell goes or preferably bring a lunch bag already prepared at home. Parents are **NOT** to go to the canteen to order a students lunch. If you do not have a bag and think your child cannot do it themselves, there will be bags to fill in at the office.

*Christine Easter*  
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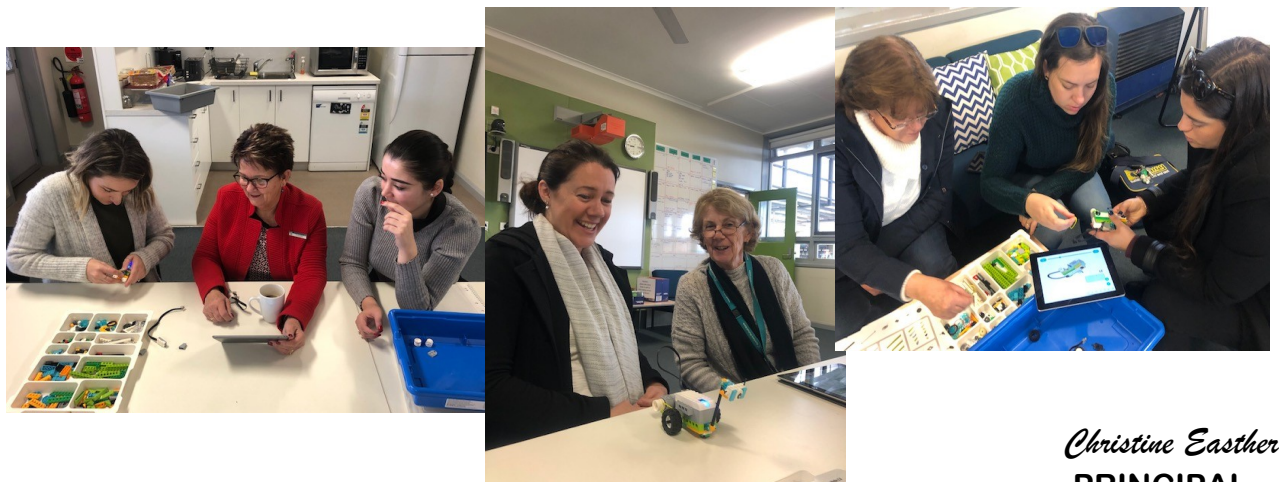
## Fathers Day Breakfast

What an exciting morning we had that morning! It was wonderful to see so many families join us for breakfast and games time with their children. Looking around it was evident that everyone was having a great time. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle. I'm sure that there were some very happy fathers on Father's Day! Thank you to the P&C for your great Father's Day stall and thanks to all those families who supported their fundraising efforts. Proceeds from the stall and the raffle raised approximately \$1700 towards our focus for fundraising this year of technology.



## Learning for Teachers

Our teachers love to learn as well! Twice a term they enjoy breakfast at school as part of our new learning initiative, "Breakfast with a Tekkie" which is organized by our Tech team, Mr Evans, Miss Pieri and Miss Yilmaz. We all find it great fun to learn new skills in technology whilst eating breakfast. At our first breakfast we learnt how to build little robots and other models using Lego Wedo kits and then code them to move.



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## Lego Masters

Over the last two weeks many of our students from all year levels have been involved in a "Lego Masters" competition organised by the Tech team. The competition was organised to enable our students to demonstrate their skills in building and coding Lego models using the five Lego kits that were donated to our school earlier this year. Overall more than 60 students took part over a number of sessions. Here are some of the winning models. Jaiden Dinson, Jerry Dinson and Milan Scaria built the winning model.



## Pull On Your Socks Day

This week we held a fundraiser for the Jane McGrath Foundation. It was great to see so many students including staff wearing their pink or crazy socks. We raised \$265. Great effort boys and girls!

## Skipping Program

Next term from week 1-8 we are running a whole school skipping program commencing on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. The program is run by Dance Fever Multisports. The program is designed to meet the NSW PDHPE Syllabus outcomes with a focus on the introduction of fundamental movement skills through participation in skipping. Our students will learn about the positive health aspects of participating in physical activity in a supervised and safe environment. Each coach is accredited by Gymnastics NSW and qualified to teach in schools. This is a new initiative for our school and we hope that all students will participate.



## Medication at School

This is a reminder to parents that they are not to send students to school with any form of medication for them to administer themselves. All medication including Panadol or cough medicines is to be handed to the front office with a letter from a parent stating the required dosage and the time for administration. **Teachers are not responsible for administering medication.**

## Enrolments 2020

We are now accepting enrolments for students for next year. Please pass on this message to any friends or neighbours who might have children to start next year.

**Enrolment forms are available at the office.**

## Bus Safety

We now have a large number of students using the bus in the afternoon. Please talk to your child about staying safe when getting off the bus. I have received reports from the bus company that our students are getting off the bus and running in front of the bus. This is very dangerous and could result in a serious accident.

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## Library Books

Over the last weeks boxes and boxes of new books purchased from our Dymocks fundraiser have been arriving at school nearly every day!! This has been a very successful initiative and will result in a major injection of new books into our library. Of course the first task for Mrs Lunguly and Mrs Gaut has been to accession and cover them. As you can imagine, this is a mammoth task! So that we can get them onto shelves as quickly as possible we would love some help. If you can help by taking some home to cover please contact us. *This was just the first delivery!* What a busy term we have had in the library! The whole school community thoroughly enjoyed our Book Week celebrations. The books swap was a big success with many students going home with a new book to share with their families.

Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 2 have been studying books that were shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Awards for 2019. We were all very excited when the winners were announced. We have completed a variety of literacy and visual arts based activities in connection with these books.

Stage 3 have been busy learning to code using coffee script through the website Pencil Code.

The students have created



their own accounts and are learning a whole new language based around coding.

Have a safe and a very relaxing holiday. Our students have worked extremely hard this term.

Looking at our data this week we can see positive growth across all stages.

Congratulations boys and girls. We are very proud of your hard work this term.

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