



## DATES TO REMEMBER

31 OCT	ART EXHIBITION
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

### *From the Principal's desk*

Already we are looking towards the end of the year! The term started off very busy with many activities filling up our calendar. I would like to welcome the new students and their families who have joined us this term. We hope that you soon feel part of the Leppington community.

Our students have started the term keen and interested to continue their learning. Already I have had a number of students from each grade visit me to show me their writing or to read to me. I am always very excited to see how our kindergartens in particular are progressing. Last week one of the kinders told me, "We're in training to be authors and mathematicians! "

Over the holidays the council completed curb, guttering and footpaths outside the school and to further down Rickard Rd. These improvements will certainly make it easier for parents to drop or pick up their children. The Kiss and Ride zone continues to work amazingly. The majority of parents are now taking advantage of the convenience of this area.

### **Fred Hollows Award**

In Week 1 I attended the ceremony for the Fred Hollows Humanity Award with Hessed Tanielu and our school captain Lauren Yeatman. The awards were presented by Gabi Hollows. Hessed was nominated for her outstanding commitment not to just her own academic progress but her continuous support, enthusiasm and commitment to supporting other students in their learning, particularly students with limited English.



She also gives her support to new families by welcoming them and helping them to soon feel a part of our school. Hessed was a worthy recipient of one of these awards and was named as one of the Highly Commended Award Winners.

*Congratulations Hessed. We are very proud of you!*

*Christine Easter*  
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## Cowpasture Community of Schools Concert

Last Thursday night more than sixty students from Kinder to Year 6 performed at CCOS concert as part of Aboriginal Dance Group, Choir, Combined Choir, Senior Dance or Junior Dance. It was an amazing concert and I'm sure that those parents who attended will agree that our groups were fantastic! Our students and their teachers have worked for months rehearsing and perfecting their performances. Not only were our performances fantastic but so was the behaviour of our students while they were in the holding room. These performing groups and events such as concerts happen through the commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of our teachers who give their timely so freely to provide these extra opportunities for our students that add to their education and leave them with everlasting memories. Thank you to our teachers that were involved with these groups– Mrs Corvini, Mrs Sandona, Mrs Brookes, Miss Pieri, Miss Dunlop and Miss Sly. Thank you also to Miss Conway who also helped out.



### **Enrolments 2019**

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. We would like to know our expected enrolment for next year so as to plan in advance.

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

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## NAPLAN Results

Our NAPLAN results for 2019 were available from the end of term 3. It was exciting to see the improvements across all areas that our students have achieved. A few highlights included:

### Year 3

- ◆ 50% students achieved in top 2 skill bands for writing— increase from 25% from 2018
- ◆ 49% students achieved in top 2 skill bands in reading— increase from 28% in 2018

### Year 5

- ◆ 72% students achieved at or above expected growth in Numeracy— increase of 6% from 2018
- ◆ 59% students achieved at or above expected growth in writing— above state average

## Grandparents Day

Next Monday we are holding Grandparents Day. This is an opportunity for grandparents and of course parents and carers to visit our school, have a look in our classrooms and join their grandchildren in some fun activities and games. This should be lots of fun! Please come and join us. It would be great to see lots of grandparents, parents and carers there. A flyer was sent home last week.

## Artscape 2019

Our art exhibition, *Artscape 2019* will be held from Thursday to next Wednesday. Our students have been busy during the year working hard on their artworks to be ready for our art exhibition. Kinder Blue were busy last week putting the finishing touches to their paintings. Don't you just love how they kept their clothes clean by wearing their yellow raincoats!!

This is our bi-annual exhibition when student artworks will be on display for you to visit. Our art works will be displayed in classrooms, under the COLA, in the library, on verandas and in fact all over the school. It will be open before and after school for families to spend time wandering around to look at them. Bring a picnic afternoon tea to enjoy in our grounds and spend some time appreciating and admiring the talents of our students.



## News from 1 Red

1 Red love the maths game Chicken Scramble when all the counters are thrown into the centre and everyone grabs some. The idea is for each child to demonstrate an efficient way to count their counters and explain why they used that strategy. After every child has explained their counting method discussion takes place deciding what is the most efficient way to count numerous objects.

They are learning to work cooperatively in small groups of 4 to solve a task. Each group was given spaghetti, marshmallows and sticky tape. They were given a set amount of time to erect the tallest tower with everyone in the group working together, to plan and discuss as supplies were limited. They discovered how important it was to build a solid base and to reinforce the structure. Marshmallows not used could of course be equally divided between the group as a reward. Ms D was really impressed with the team work.



**Skipping Program**

This term our students have been participating in a skipping program for sport each Friday. The program has created lots of interest for each class and it has been great to see and listen to their enthusiasm each Friday. In fact the skipping ropes are now out on other days so they can practice!

**Year 6 Excursion—ABC Studio**

Recently Year 6 from went on an excursion to do a studio tour of ABC TV and radio in the city. Firstly we walked to the train station in Leppington and then we went on the train to Town Hall. We walked to Darling Harbour to have lunch and had a Slurpee from McDonalds. We then we walked all the way to the ABC STUDIOS. We went inside and it was so huge and there were two people that were showing us around. We were split into two groups, one with Mr Evans and the other went with Miss Conway. The experience in the studio was amazing, the smallest studio we saw was studio 23 where they film the news. The biggest studio we saw was studio 21 it was so cool and had lights all over the ceiling which were worth \$4 million. After an hour we all came together and had a talk, we then walked back to the station for the train trip home. We had a great day and learnt a lot that we can use in our next news broadcasts. **Jireh Lopesi**

**Mufti Day 15/11/19**

There will be a Mufti Day on the 15th of November. Instead of a gold coin, we ask that students bring a bag of lollies which will be used for prizes on fun day which is happening on 29 November.

**Dunk the Teacher**

Dunk the teacher is a new event that will occur at the end of fun day. 7 teachers (Miss Conway, Miss Suntsov, Miss Khosho, Mrs Sandona, Mrs Brookes, Mrs Zanetic and Mr Evans) have put themselves forward to be possibly dunked. Who gets dunked is determined by student voting. Students can vote for a teacher to get dunked by paying 20c/vote. Year 6 students will be setting up a voting booth near the canteen each lunch and Recess up to fun day.

**Little Learners**

Next week is the beginning of our Little learners program for kindergarten 2020. This year we are trialing a twilight session for the first week from

We are hoping that this will enable working parents to attend at least one session. New parents to the school either this year or for next year are also invited. In this session there will be information regarding school programs and a tour of the school. Please pass on this information to any new parents that might be interested.

We would love to see as many new parents as possible.

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