



Newsletter: 11 Thursday 4th August 2022

Vision:

Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best while developing their emotional, social and physical wellbeing, and through this make positive contributions to the community.

Term 3

It is nice to see a nearly full school again after a couple of weeks of Covid. I wanted to say thank you to everyone for managing so well over this period. It certainly was an interesting two weeks. We have a supply of RATs going home today with this newsletter. If you require any additional RATs we have more at school, just contact the office.

Over last term the students and staff have been working a new playground design. Below is a 3D plan of our new playground. Students were very keen to keep some aspects of our old playground in, while enjoying the idea of having new spaces to explore. It is anticipated that the new playground will be in prior to the end of this year (working around weather and stock supply).



We have a busy term coming up with Book Fair, Book Week, Science incursion, Netball excursion, Science week, Division Athletics and Aus Dance incursion. Please keep an eye out for permissions and information. The newsletter calendar will be updated, and information sent through Compass. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any information on the up coming events.

Exciting news for the IncrediGirls program. We have secured a \$5000 grant thanks to FRRR and the Gardiner Foundation. The grant will go towards developing a STEM space, resources and developing the IncrediGirls program.



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Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Awards:

P/1/2/3—* Ethan VanKuyk—showing the value of community

4/5/6—* Leila VanKuyk—for listening to feedback

*** Joe Melkie—for a settled start to Term 3**

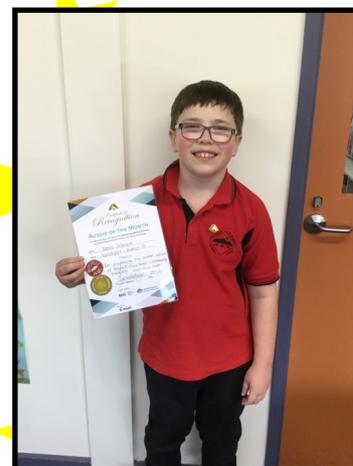
*** Nhiam Postestas—fantastic effort in all subject areas**

*** Nate Johnson—Aussie of the Month**

Congratulations to all the students who have earned reading awards



Congratulations to **Nate Johnson** who has received REC (School Values: Respect, Excellent & Community)



REMINDERS: * Book Fair 8th August to 16 August 2022





Prep, 1, 2, & 3

Whole school write up

As many of you are aware, over the past fortnight our school has been hit by COVID, with many students missing school due to this. As there were large numbers missing each day, the structure of lessons were modified during this period. While some classes remained the same, we structured other lessons to be based around collaborative activities and group work. A common focus for the adjusted lessons was the Commonwealth games. This allowed the students to practice their research skills by exploring different sporting events and looking at the competing countries. The students were able to find relevant information and use this to create writing pieces and informative posters.

Additionally, we held our own Commonwealth games inspired sporting events as a school. The events for the afternoon were; egg and spoon race, tennis ball throw, knock-out basketball, long jump, spiky ball bocce and a 400-metre dash. Everyone had a great time competing against their peers and having a go at all events. The winning countries for our mini commonwealth games were Canada winning gold, New Zealand taking home the silver and England winning the bronze. A special mention also to team Fiji who did not win a medal but were awarded the encouragement award for great sportsmanship and teamwork. All students had a fantastic afternoon and all taking home medals to congratulate each student on their participation.





Prep, 1, 2, & 3 cont'd

Responsible pet visit

On Wednesday the 27th of July, Berry from responsible pets came to visit our school. Berry brought along her furry friend Polly the dog. Berry and Polly taught us all about how to be a responsible pet owner. The program is designed by the state government to educate students on how to stay safe around dogs with the hope to reduce the risk of serious dog attacks.

Berry and Polly demonstrated a range of situations and the way to safely go about them, including how to pat a dog, feed a dog and what to do when an unknown dog approaches you. All students had the opportunity to practise the appropriate way to approach an unknown dog and ask the owner for a pat and how to safely pat the dog.



GRADE 4, 5 & 6 NEWS

On Wednesday the 24th of August our school will be running activities to celebrate book week. For the day, students are encouraged to dress up as a book character. The topic for this year's book week is 'Dreaming with eyes open'. We understand that this topic may be difficult to dress up for and strongly encourage families to interpret the topic however they please. Whilst it is welcome, there is no expectation for students to buy a costume for the day. Using resources that you already have at home or making your own costume is a great way to celebrate the day.





Upcoming Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T3 WEEK 4	1	2	3 Science incursion— coding and marble runs	4 BOOKFAIR Newsletter Day	5 BOOKFAIR
T3 WEEK 5	8 BOOKFAIR	9 AUS dance incursion BOOKFAIR School Council Meeting 6pm	10 BOOKFAIR	11 BOOKFAIR	12 BOOKFAIR
T3 WEEK 6	15 BOOKFAIR	16 BOOKFAIR	17	18 Newsletter Day	19
T3 WEEK 7	22 BOOK WEEK	23 BOOK WEEK	24 BOOK WEEK	25 BOOK WEEK	26 BOOK WEEK
T3 WEEK 8	29	30	31	1 Newsletter Day	2

FISHY STORIES WRITING CHALLENGE 2022

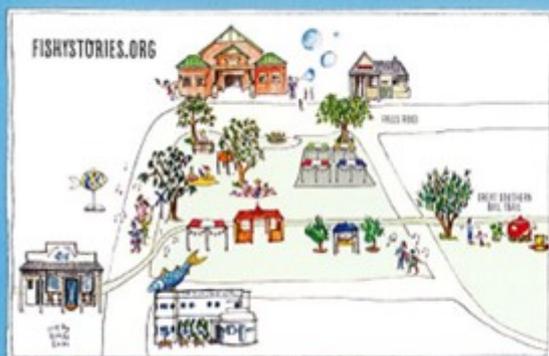
Fishy Stories presents its first Writing Challenge in 2022. The Writing Challenge is open to children in Grade 1-8 from across Australia and encourages imagination and creativity. Twelve stories will be selected from entries and performed at the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories. Closing date: 11 August 2022



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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
10AM TO 7PM

PERFORMANCES
WORKSHOPS
ENTERTAINMENT
WRITING CHALLENGE



Fishy Stories
FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S
FESTIVAL OF STORIES

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Week 4
Time flies! 1-8-22 to 5-8-22

It has been lovely seeing everyone back in again these last 3 weeks including some new faces which is always exciting.

We have lots of fun ready for this term.

Jaimee

If anyone would like to have a look or would like some more information or have any questions regarding Theircare please don't hesitate to come speak to me and I will answer or find out the answers if I am unsure.

Previous ACTIVITIES

Week 1 we had a focus on NAIDOC week. Scratch art was a big hit that week.



Week 2 was all about shopping/money—Menus have been created, making a 3D version of one of our menu items to sell in a shop. Becoming a shopkeeper and practicing using money.



Last week-Space week!
We made a paper mache moon, created our own planets, made a moon phase cup, played a moon phase game, sung and danced to songs about the different planets. It was loads of fun.

This Week

We have been focusing on the Commonwealth Games.

COMING UP

We have made a medal tally board, each child choosing a country to keep an eye on and the tally has been updated daily.



Bed sheet ping pong was hilarious to watch. We also have made our own medals and are holding our own games as well as potato games.

Next Week

Everyone has decided they want animal week next week, we will be making masks, creating animal tracks, animal charades and more.



Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

REMINDER:



Don't forget there is also Friday lunch orders from the Welshpool supermarket. Orders need to be made direct with the supermarket by Thursdays

TERM 3

SHOUT OUT TO PARENTS. COULD WE PLEASE HAVE MORE VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR BBQ WEDNESDAYS. THE KIDS SO ENJOY THEM. YUM, YUM. SAUSAGES IN MY TUM. CONTACT EMMA PYKE FOR ROSTER INFORMATION.



BBQ
WEDNESDAYS
ORDERS IN BY
WEDNESDAY 9AM

WDPS BBQ ORDER FORM

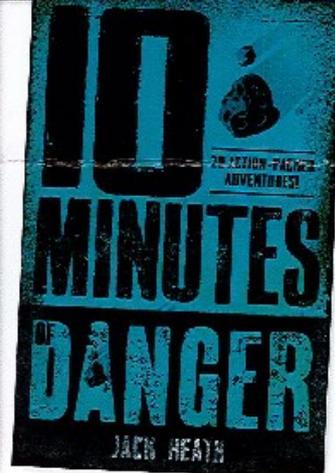
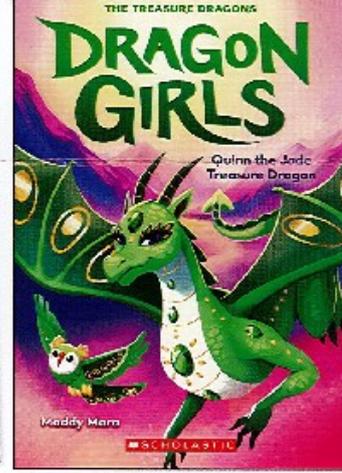
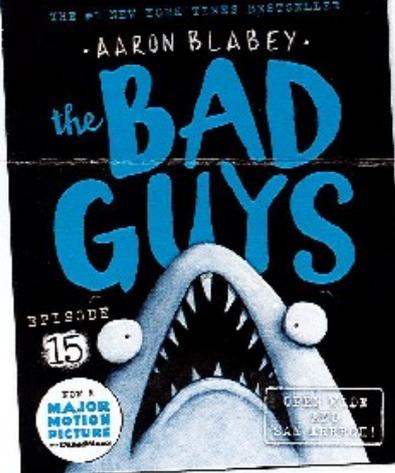
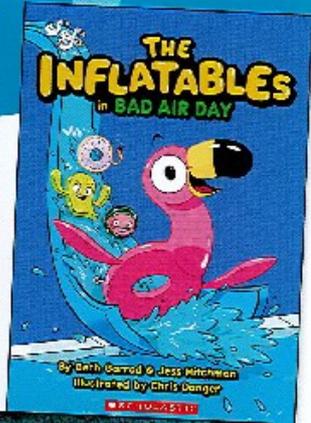
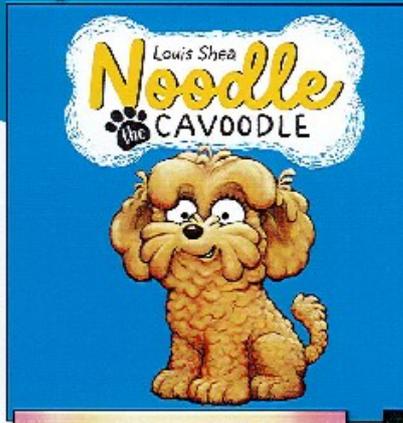
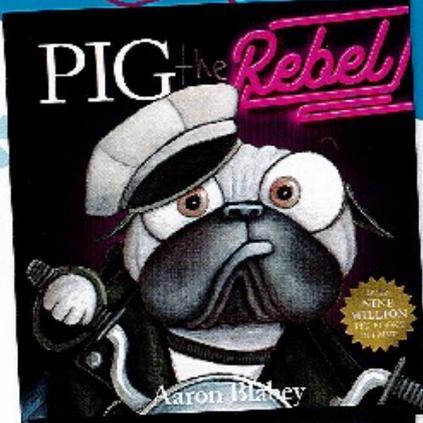
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	Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
Sausages		\$2.00 ea		
Drink	Choc/Straw/Plain Milk	\$1.00 ea		
	Juice Box	\$1.00 ea		
Icy Poles	Various Flavours	\$0.50 ea		
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You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**

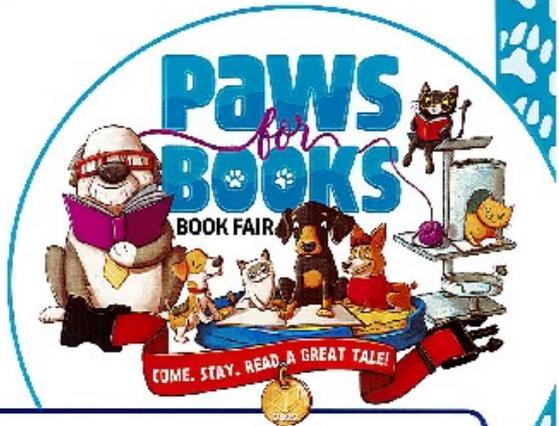
Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale!



Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!



EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



Date 8-8-22 to 16-8-22 Time _____
Place WDPS - Grade 4/5/6 room, Main building

MARC Library News

PREVIEW OF LEARNING

Term 3 is usually a term with few interruptions. A time of deeper learning. Students have internalized routines, realized that they are capable learners, have had their curiosity piqued and provoked and are using their knowledge and skills to question, develop and make growth in all areas of the curriculum.

In MARC Library we support the above in our planned learning sessions.

In Weeks 1 and 2 all students discussed the common elements of the genre of fantasy. The older students 'tasted' a variety of new and classic fantasy, fantasy books in a series and time slip novels. The younger students were immersed in the world of *Tashi* and also met monsters and dragons. In Weeks 3 to 7 books shortlisted by 'The Children's Book Council of Australia' for the 2022 Book of the Year award will be shared. These books will encourage thoughtfulness about the author's purpose, the use of schema to broaden connections, the main idea and an understanding of the purpose of reading in our daily lives. Some of the titles used will include 'Walk of the Whales' by Nick Bland, 'Great White Shark' by Claire Saxby and 'Blue Flower' by Sonya Hartnett. In Weeks 8 and 9 students will explore series such as *Aussie kids*, *Freak Street* and *Stuff Happens*. Each new book, follows on and builds on the first thus supporting comprehension and students' love of reading. Week 10 is all about brilliant new literature and all that it can offer to our students.

Yours in reading and learning,
Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

Terrific titles available to take home today!



CBCA Nominated Books



Did you know?

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has been promoting and supporting the best of Australian literature for young people, for over 75 years!

**Book Week
2022
August 20-26**