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Preparing our students for the opportunities and challenges arising in an ever changing world as successful learners, confident, connected and creative global citizens.

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 6

ANZAC DAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 12 APRIL



Our school will commemorate ANZAC day with a school assembly on Friday 12 April at 2pm. The ANZAC assembly will take place outside by the flag pole and will be hosted by our school ministers. We will have representatives from Toukley RSL in attendance as our special guests. Family and friends are welcome to attend the ANZAC assembly if they wish.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

The ANZAC Day March will occur on the 25 April, 2019. The march will begin at 9:45 am and will leave from the Village Green (Toukley shops, near Coles) and proceed to Toukley RSL. The students sit together at the Cenotaph and can then be collected by parents at the end of the service.

Students who wish to attend need to be in full school uniform and meet Ms Miller at 9:20 am at the Village Green.



K-2 EASTER PARADE



On Thursday the 11 April at 2pm we will be holding our annual K-2 Easter Parade. Students can decorate a hat, poster or basket at home to parade with. (Please do not include live animals in the decorations). Parents and carers are welcome to join us on the day.

If you have any questions about this event, please see Mrs Guest.

SYDNEY NORTH SWIMMING

Great news from the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. Our two students who represented our school had an excellent day and achieved some outstanding results. Congratulations girls.

Claudia P	9 yr girls Freestyle	33rd	44.63			
Sienna C	11 yr girls Freestyle	28th	35.82	11 yr girls Butterfly	21st	45.98
Mr Demir						

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019

Our Year 3-6 Cross Country carnival will be taking place on the last day of Term 1 on the school grounds, starting at 9.20am Finish at 11am approx.

- Order of Events – 8/9yrs Girls, 8/9yrs Boys, 10yrs Girls, 10yrs Boys, 11yrs Girls, 11yrs Boys, 12/13 Girls, 12/13 Boys, Participation relay
- Distance – 8/9yrs, 10yrs (2km), 11yrs, 12/13yrs (3km)
- The first 6 students in all age groups will qualify for the Zone carnival on Friday 10 May 2019 at Wyong Race Course.

Welcome to a new newsletter feature that is the result of a great suggestion from one of our parents. Each week we will feature 1-2 of our amazing teachers. Thanks to Mrs Preece and Mrs Dempsey for our first installments.

TEACHER FEATURE

Mrs Preece
Teaches Year 3/4 in HB1

Where did you grow up? [Emu Plains](#)

What was your favourite subject in school? [Maths](#)

Best childhood memory:

[My family holidays camping at Coffs Harbour every year](#)

Favourite book / movie / TV show when growing up:

[Home and Away](#)



Favourite book / movie / TV show now: [This is hard – I watch a lot of TV. I'm currently watching Married at First Sight.](#)

Favourite sport to watch or play? [I do Physie. I love watching the V8 supercars but will watch most sports. My husband always has sport on so I watch lots of football, cricket and even darts!](#)

Favourite colour? [Purple](#)

Favourite music / band / musician: [Ed Sheeran](#)

Favourite place to go on holiday: [In summer – the beach. In winter – the snow.](#)

What do you like doing with your family and friends? [Going out for lunch or dinner.](#)

What do you like doing in times by yourself? [Relaxing – massages are a bonus!](#)

If you could be anything, what would it be? [A millionaire](#)

In your opinion, who is a 'legend'? [People like Oprah, Roger Federer and Lady Gaga](#)

Why? [Because they try to be their best version of themselves and inspire others.](#)

What advice would you give your 10 year old self?

[Don't wish life away. Enjoy the present. Being a kid is a good life.](#)

Mrs Dempsey
Assistant Principal
Teaches Year 6 in HB15

Where did you grow up? Maclean between Grafton and Yamba on the North Coast

What was your favourite subject in school? English and History

Best childhood memory: Camping at Brooms Head for the full Christmas school holidays



Favourite book / movie / TV show when growing up: Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh / The Goonies / Fraggles

Favourite book / movie / TV show now: The Power of One / Sahara / Travel Guides

Favourite sport to watch or play? Play / Do – Surfing; Watch - Tennis

Favourite colour? Red

Favourite music / band / musician: Foo Fighters

Favourite place to go on holiday: Brooms Head, Snow, New Zealand

What do you like doing with your family and friends? Go on bushwalks or to the beach

What do you like doing in times by yourself? Read

If you could be anything, what would it be? A Librarian

In your opinion, who is a 'legend'? My mum



Why? She taught me to be independent and to be strong enough to face anything in this world.

What advice would you give your 10 year old self? When you finish high school, travel the world like you've always wanted to.

KINDERGARTEN TERM 1 IN REVIEW

The students have settled in well to Kindergarten, lots of learning has taken place. The Kindy students have learnt cooperation, friendship, independence, collaboration, discovery, testing, questioning, trial and error, confidence, exploration and play.

In English, students have been learning their single sounds, sight words and reading with crisp finger pointing. In Writing, they have been learning how to write sight words, stretch words to hear and locate the sounds in them. They are also learning about capital letters, full stops and spaces between words and syllables. They have also been listening to stories and discussing them. Students have made their very own writing goals.



In Mathematics, students have been learning about numbers, (reading, writing, making numbers) adding counters together, taking counters away, making groups, day/night, short/long, tall/short, heavy/light, simple data collection and picture graphs.



This term during our Inquisitive unit, Kindergarten students have investigated the places they live in and belong to. They understand that places vary and people have different views about the use of places. They have observed and described the features of their own place and have investigated the meaning of belonging to a place. The Key Inquiry Question was, 'What are places like?'



In Sport we have been learning Dances in the Hall, it has been so much fun and everyone has participated. We have learnt new dances together such as Agadoo, Macarena, Hokey Pokey, YMCA and Spin On Your Bottom, maybe you could ask your child to you show some of the dances. We have been super impressed with their energy and style whilst dancing.

The "Responsible Pet Talk" was where students got to meet a dog and learn how to be responsible around pets and unknown animals.



We had a Clean-up Australia day where the children learnt what this is about and how they can help at school, everyone enjoyed the recycling information.

It has been a very busy term and hope we will enjoy our holidays ready for term 2.
Mrs Johnson, Mrs Hourigan and Mrs Guest

YEAR 1 - TERM 1 IN REVIEW



Students have settled into their 2019 classes and have been working hard. Students are following the school rules as taught in the Woongarra Way program. They have participated in many events this term: The Wellbeing Show, Responsible Pets, Clean Up Australia Day activities, Harmony Day, using the Kitchen Kart to make fried rice, Friendly Schools & Anti Bullying program and next week is the Easter Parade and Anzac Day ceremony.



The year 1 students in HB6, HB7, HB9 and HB10 have been exploring English through an integrated unit of work that has focused on popular Fairy Tales. Students have been improving their literacy skills by completing activities with their teacher in reading, writing, spelling, speaking and listening. A variety of activities including computers, books, listening posts, interactive whiteboard, games, puzzles.



In Mathematics, Year 1 students have been given the opportunities to explore problems and develop mathematical fluency when working on concepts such as: Numbers, Partitioning numbers using place value, skip counting, addition and subtraction, fractions, whole number, area, length and data.



In Visual arts students have been given the opportunity to experiment with a range of media and making and creating various items and artworks. Drama was embedded in the Fairy Tale unit of work.



Year one students participated in sport as a group on Tuesday from 1.45pm to 2.45. Sport consisted of participating in a 20 minute game that incorporates a fundamental movement skill such as skip, hop, jump, side gallop, overarm throw and sprint. Students then engaged in cosmic yoga and dance inside the hall.

Our geography unit "Features of Places" allowed students to explore weather and seasonal changes, the features of places and how places are organised.



Our K-2 staff have also been very busy further developing their skills in areas such as: Visible learning, spelling, CPR, Anaphylaxis, Geography and departmental policies in staff meetings and a twilight session after school.

Year 1 teachers: Mrs Guest, Mrs Ruskin, Mrs Hindson & Mrs Mileto.

During Term 1, Year 2 have been busy learning about the author Mem Fox and exploring a variety of heart-warming and inspiring texts. Students were actively engaged in making connections between the quality literature and their own life experiences.

During our inquiry based learning unit, Year 2 learners posed and answered questions on whether spaces are natural, managed or built, how we care for places and how we use spaces for different purposes. They studied maps and how to use their features. The students considered the setup of their classroom and then redesigned it to meet their learning needs.

HB13 and HB14 have been studying celebrations from around the world. Here are a collection of artworks representing some of the days celebrated already this year.

Chinese New Year



Valentine's Day



St Patrick's Day

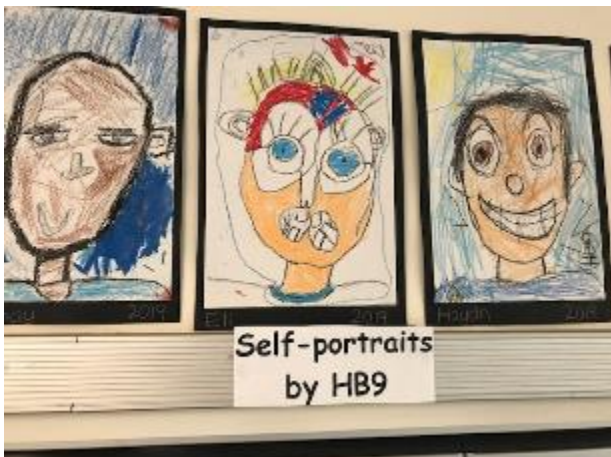


Maths is always fun in Year 2 and learning about length and area has enabled students to participate in a variety of hands on and digital activities.

Dance and fundamental skills were a core component of our sports' program this term. Students enjoyed dancing and doing yoga exercises too.

This term, all Year 2 students participated in an Anti-bullying program in Weeks 5 – 7. The students were busy learning about bullying - what it is, why it happens and what to do about it. Engaging, entertaining and fun classroom activities reinforced The Woongarra Public School values related to respect and inclusion. The program also communicated to everyone that bullying is never okay.

Year 2 Teachers: Mr Smith, Mr Mills, Ms White, Ms Ella, Ms Patterson and Mrs Hindson



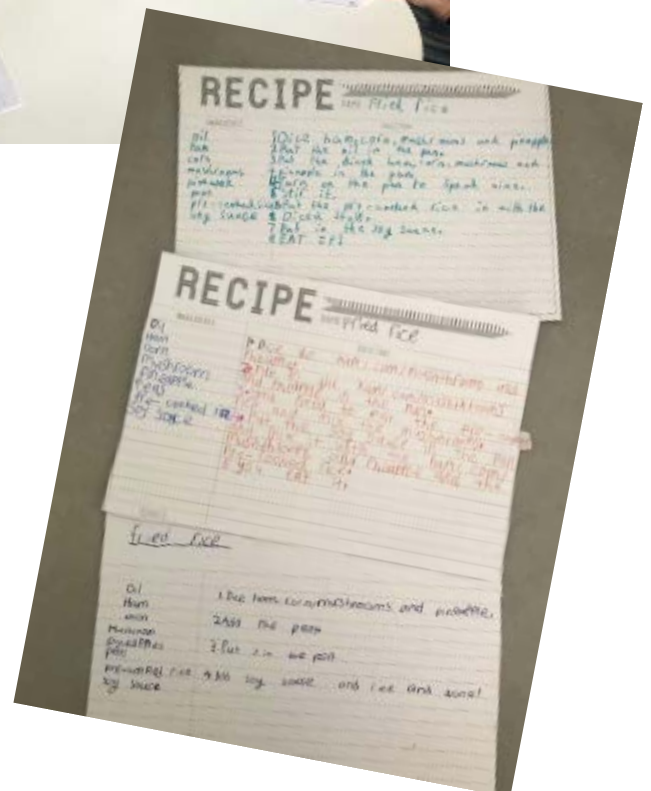
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Self Portraits



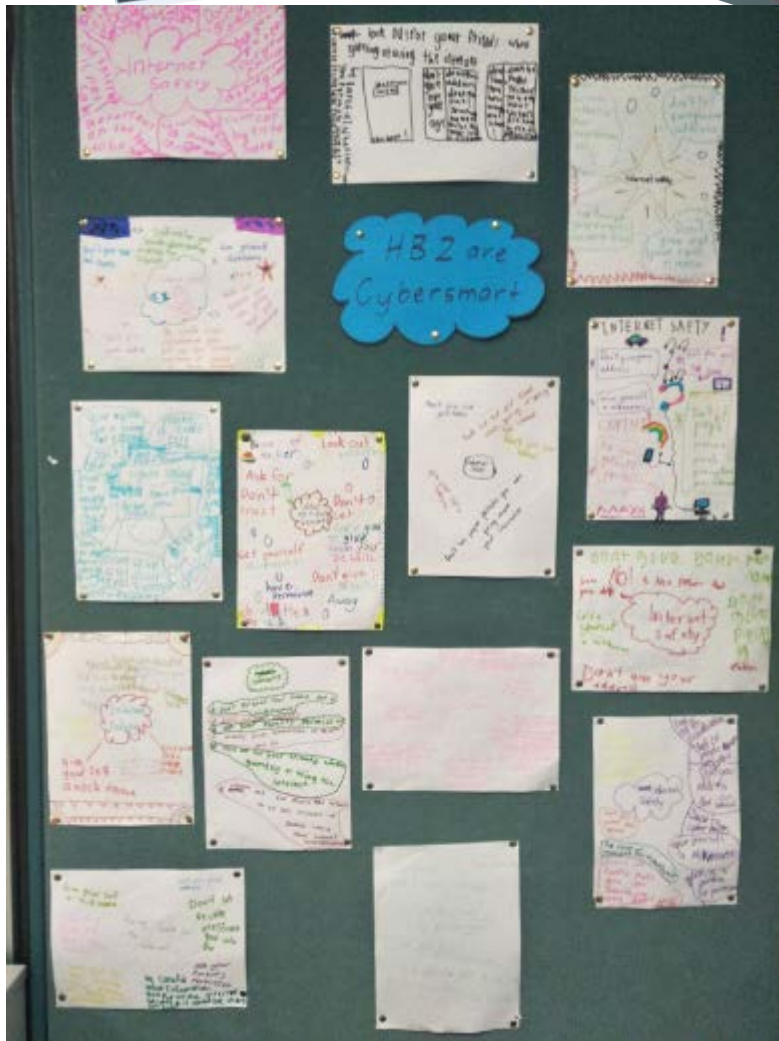
STAGE 2 – TERM 1 IN REVIEW

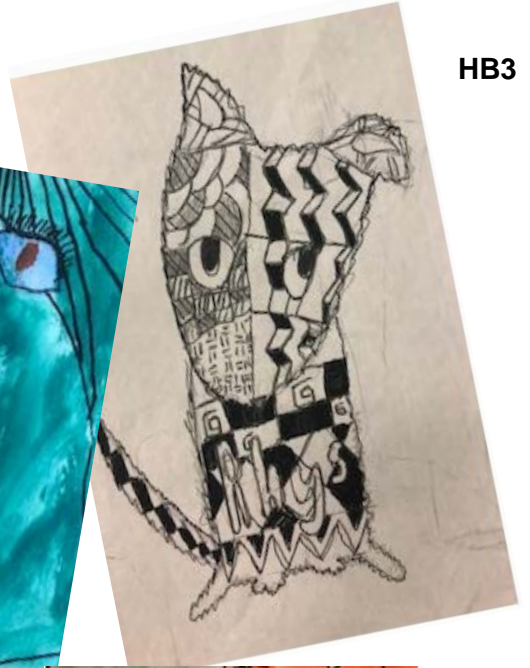
Stage 2 Team - Mrs Preece and Miss Millett (HB1) Mrs Hearne (HB2), Mrs Stanford and Mrs Dyson (HB3), Mr Vrolyk (HB4) and Mr Demir (HB22)

HB1



HB2





HB4



HB22



STAGE 3 – TERM 1 IN REVIEW

Stage 3 have had an exciting start to the year with most students attending the excursion to Myuna Bay for three days and two nights. Students participated in activities that were challenging and fun such as kayaking, sailing, high ropes, flying fox and learned about our local environment on a bushwalk where they made damper. We were also lucky to see turtles swimming in Lake Macquarie. For some students it was their first night away from home and all students 'chipped in' with kitchen duties. The excursion was a great opportunity to form new friendships and build on existing relationships.



The Stage 3 English unit has been on Global Connections and students have looked at a range of texts based on the experiences of children around the world faced with the hardship of fleeing their home country because of war. We have delved deeply into what a refugee is and the impact this has on children. Students have responded well to the new spelling program 'Sound Waves' and improvement has been observed in the writing of Imaginative texts where students are applying their spelling knowledge and interesting vocabulary to create interesting and engaging texts for the audience.



In mathematics, students have been developing their skills while learning how to use these skills in everyday activities. The students have worked on working mathematically in real life settings, using hands on concrete materials and e-learning to consolidate their knowledge.



Stage 3 have applied their inquiry skills during Geography lessons in the unit, A Diverse and Connected World. We have been using an engaging online resource, Inquisitive, which allows students to develop research and presentation skills. We have discovered some interesting things about the world such as the types of employment around the world and how people live and work every day.



In PDHPE, students participated in lessons on the 'Woongarra Way' where they learnt about the expectations of behaviour and learning at Woongarra PS; they actively participated in Anti-bullying lessons and Anti-Racism lessons. We celebrated Harmony Day by using the school's Kitchen Kart and cooking Fried Rice. During Sport we have developed skills and played Hockey, Tee-Ball, Soccer and Oztag in our House teams. In Visual Arts, students focussed on creating artworks using line and colour.



We look forward to another exciting Term 2.

Stage 3 Team: Mrs Dempsey, Mrs Black, Ms Miller, Mrs Nicolas, Mrs Khan and Mrs Le Loux

K-6 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Assemblies occur once per fortnight for Years 3-6 at **2.20pm** and once per fortnight for Years K-2 at **2:20pm**, on alternate Fridays. Parents and community are most welcome

Week	Assembly	Who is running Assembly
11	K-6	ANZAC assembly – 2pm start

Term 2

Week	Assembly	Who is running Assembly
1	3-6	Ministers
2	K-2	HB7
3	3-6	HB21
4	K-2	HB5
5	3-6	Ministers Talent Quest
6	K-2	HB6
7	3-6	HB22
8	K-2	HB8
9	3-6	HB4
10	K-2	HB19

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Piper HB6	Indy HB6	Jojo HB6	Ivy HB5	Makiah HB5
Aaylah HB8	Zoe HB7	Lilly HB7	Emily HB19	London Hb4
Ebonee HB21	Ruby HB2	Jack HB2	Isabelle HB19	Chelsea HB19
Lilly HB3	Ruby HB4			

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Madeline, Kyah, Jaxson, Jayden
HB2	Beau, Ari, Caleb
HB3	Lewis, Rhys, Keeley
HB4	Ruby, Patrick, Kiarah
HB5	Oliver, Nakiah
HB6	Ellie, Chase
HB7	Jaxon, Chelsea
HB8	Jasmyn-Rose, Tallyn
HB9	Spencer, Harrison
HB10	Lachlan, Kiara
HB12	Hudson, Lucy, Lucas, KJ
HB13	Laila, Miles
HB14	Navayah, Cooper, Jayden
HB15	Amy, Mia, Luke
HB16	Sienna, Connor, Sienna
HB18	Holly, Emery, Alexis
HB19	Ruby, Charli, Cadell
HB21	Jeremy, Riley, Beau
HB22	John, Cooper, Harrison, Amari, Paige, Chloe

April 2019

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Week 11 Parent / teacher interviews all week			Easter Parade P&C Easter raffle	Cross Country carnival ANZAC assembly End Term 1	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	Good Friday	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Easter Monday	School Holidays	School Holidays	ANZAC Day	School Holidays	
28	29	30				
	Term 2 Week 1 Staff return	Students return				

Key events this month:

- **Parent / teacher interviews** will be scheduled across Weeks 10 and 11 for all students K-6.
- Separate booking information has been sent home
- **ANZAC Day assembly** with Toukley RSL – 2pm Friday 12 April @ school. All welcome
- **ANZAC Day March** at Toukley RSL – Thursday 25 April. Meet at Village Green if you would like to join the march. See the newsletter for details.
- **Easter Parade** for K-2 students and **P&C Easter raffle** – Thursday 11 April @ 2pm
- **Cross Country Carnival** for Years 3-6 @ school on Friday 12 April @ 9:30am
- **Term 1 in review newsletter** – the final newsletter of each term is a special feature with articles from various teams across the school to showcase events throughout the term.
- **Students return on Tuesday 30 April** to commence Term 2.

Easter Guessing Competition - The P&C are organising the Annual Easter Guessing Competition and are currently asking for donations of Easter eggs and Easter items to use as prizes.

We need Easter Egg Donations!



Any offers of support will be greatly appreciated. All Guessing Competition entries and monies, along with any donations can be left at the office up to and including Monday 8 April. The prizes will be drawn and presented at the Easter Parade on Thursday 11 April.