



# Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a great time I had with the students and staff at Dubbo. It was the first time I have been on an overnight excursion, and it was a lot of fun!!! I would like to congratulate all the students in years 3-6 for their wonderful participation, manners and resilience when representing the school at Dubbo. The students all made connections with the units they have looked at in class. They had much to share with our guides and asked and answered questions enthusiastically. I am sure we have many veterinarians and aviation specialists coming from Mullion Creek Public School in the future. I would like to acknowledge Janet for the enormous amount of work that has gone in to arranging our excursions and incursions. I would also like to thank the staff for taking time away from their families to give the students these amazing opportunities and lasting memories.

**Professional Learning:** Staff have recently attended professional learning for CPR and Anaphylaxis. It is important that our staff are continually updating their skills and is also a good time to remind families that if any children require health care plans for asthma or other allergies, the school requires a copy on file so staff can be aware of treatment plans.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM

Kindergarten to Year 2 students attended an incursion where students learnt owning pets can be a lot of fun, and pets can provide us with company, stress relief and unconditional love. Pet ownership also teaches children responsibility and helps them develop their social and nurturing skills. Students also learnt it is important for them to recognise the warning signs given by dogs, the correct way to approach a dog and what to do if approached by an aggressive dog to help prevent the instance of dog-related accidents and injury.

### Important Dates:

#### *Term 4*

*28<sup>th</sup> November- 5-6 PD Day Cumnock*

*29<sup>th</sup> November- Last transition*

*5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> November- 3-6 incursion*

*6<sup>th</sup> December- K-2 Bathurst excursion*

## NAIDOC DAY

This year we were lucky enough to have Taryn from No Limits Sports join up for TIG- traditional indigenous games. Students participated in a series of traditional games that provided them an opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of indigenous culture.



## K-2 TABLOID DAY

Kindergarten to Year 2 students headed to Spring Hill Public School on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to join our fellow small schools' students to participate in a day of tabloid sports. Students were divided into groups and rotated around Spring Hill's fantastic grounds participating in a variety of different activities ranging from running races, donkey tails with league tags, boccia, gymnastics to skipping and many more events. Our students had a lovely day meeting new friends from other small schools and joining in on all the activities. Thankyou Spring Hill Public School for hosting and organising such a fantastic day.



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November we had a massive turn out for Grandparents Day. It was wonderful to see so many Grandparents and other significant people in our students lives take interest in their learning. The turnout was much bigger than we could have ever anticipated, and we would like that thank everyone who took time out of their day to attend. It really meant a lot to the students and staff.



### 3-6 DUBBO EXCURSION

Year 3-6 travelled to Dubbo for their end of year excursion. On Thursday students attended the Royal Flying Doctors service and the Old Dubbo Goal before setting up camp at Taronga Western Plains Zoo Snooze where they had a night tour of the native animal enclosure. On Friday they were woken to the roar of the lions and got to explore the zoo by bike. A fantastic time was had by all and the 3-6 are eagerly awaiting the incursion to be held in December.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November we held our annual Remembrance Day assembly. Thankyou to our Year 6 leaders who lead our assembly.

## SPIDER DAY

On Tuesday we had spider drinks. The level of excitement was high all day until lunch time finally arrived. The drinks were enjoyed with friends some of who were experiencing spider drinks for the very first time.



## GARDENING DAY

On Thursday students, staff and parents helped clean up our gardens. They were busy weeding, mulching, replanting and watering. A big thank you to Bunnings who donated 2 new garden beds to increase the space of our edible garden.



## Bus Information

Terry has been approved for a bus run on the following route starting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

The bus will start on Belgravia Road, at the Kangarooobie turnoff, then head back up to Lindale and Shepherd Drive, down Archer Road and then on to Kent Road before arriving at School.

Contact Terry if you would like more information or see the office.

## AROUND OUR CLASSROOMS

### K-1 CLASS: AND...THEY ARE OFF!!!

The exciting world of “Robotics” has hit the K/1 classroom!

Robotics is such an exciting field for students. It combines creativity, problem-solving, group work, and hands-on learning. We have been busy designing and building robotic racing cars with the Lego WeDo . It’s a great way to combine mechanics, electronics, and programming into something fun and competitive. Students get to learn about motors, sensors, controllers, and algorithms—all while fine-tuning their designs to optimize speed and precision. The Lego WeDo is fantastic for this age group, it's a user-friendly platform that allows them to easily build and program their robotic racing cars.

Everyone is thoroughly excited about their creations and the car races!



### 2/3 CLASS: What a fortnight!

Year 3 had the most magical experience on our overnight excursion to Dubbo. They enjoyed exploring the Royal Flying Doctors and the Dubbo Goal. Most exciting of all was our overnight campout at the zoo! Squealing and giggling came from all tents until they were told to go to sleep. Our night and morning tour was amazing to watch the animals because they were very active and cheeky! The boys were super intrigued by the orange poo the Gibbon pooped into the river – no one wanted to go swimming anymore.

Year 2 were busy with K/1 during this time doing water painting of Australian animals and writing beautiful complex sentences. They cooled down with ice blocks at lunch time and were very helpful and wonderful for Mrs Sutton.

We continue to read our adventure story Rowan of Rin. Students are engaging with and relating to the characters and are starting to write interesting descriptions around one.

Paper crane count is at 630! Keep up the work 2/3!!

**4/6 CLASS:** Whoever said, “Never work with children or animals” has clearly never taken Mullion Creek children to the Dubbo Zoo. Our students were amazing and enjoyed an incredible experience, including such privileges as:

- taking an after-dark tour of the native animal enclosure,
- sleeping in tents in the heart of the zoo,
- waking to the sound of lions roaring,
- cycling around the animal enclosures in a scene reminiscent of BMX bandits,
- witnessing an entertaining display from an overly protective Gibbon ape.

The Dubbo excursion came on the tail end of a busy couple of weeks at Mullion Creek. In Week 3, the school was invaded by grandparents, including a few questionable characters, for open classrooms, morning tea and a special assembly.

In Week 4, with the absence of any available racehorses, students in 4-6 participated in the inaugural Mullion Cup snail race. In a lesson centred around probability and chance, the students found, decorated, promoted and raced their snails. Well done to Caleb, and his ridiculously fast snail, who took out the win.

Week 5 started with a Remembrance Day service at school, attended by staff, students and Helen Ross. On Tuesday, students were given the opportunity to buy ‘spiders’ (ice cream and soft drink) at lunchtime. Thanks to Lachie Maw and Mrs McLuckie for making this happen.

With so much going on outside, it’s easy to forget that some of the learning happens in class. These last couple of weeks students in 4/5/6 have been finishing off some work on fractions in maths.

They’ve been building and programming EV3 Lego in STEM. Poetry has given way to recounts in English, with a focus on utilising digital technologies.

The countdown to the end of Primary School is on for Year 6 students. Most of our Year 6 have had their transition days at High School and this has helped settle some nerves and answer some questions. I’m sure the next few weeks will fly by.



## Student Awards

Week 3: Beau, Max, Josie, Archie, Kaison, Bridie, Imogen, Zara, Annabelle, Madi, Darcie, Oliver, Brodie

Week 4: No assembly

Week 5: Oakley, Drax, Hallie, Grace, Taylah, Caleb, Koby, Zara, Marley

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder; the Department of Education requires notes explaining your child's absence. Thank you to all those parents who let us know about the absences when they occur we greatly appreciate your diligence. Please understand that if a note is not provided we are required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received); this means you will get an email asking for an explanation. Thank you for your understanding around this compliance issue.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

Every day counts!

