



Term 3 – Week 10

Thursday, 24
September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 3 has been extremely busy and seems to have flown by. Although many external events were cancelled due to COVID, we are trying to create as many opportunities for students here on site to engage the students. This week we have had Kindergarten and Stage 1 sport gala days, 100 days of learning celebrations for Kindergarten, Stage 3 attending an incursion where a planetarium was set up in the library, Pyjama Day, Crazy Hair Day and of course Star Kids Day. Next term there will be sport gala days for students in Years 3 – 6.

I will keep you updated with the new COVID guidelines that will be coming out for Term 4. Hopefully, this will include information on our Kindergarten Transition program, extracurricular events such as end of year fun days, end of year presentation assemblies as well as Yr 6 farewells.

It is with sad news that I inform you that Mrs Milena Petronic, one of our highly valued Instructional Leaders will be leaving us. She has taken up a position at Merrylands PS. I

know she will be greatly missed by all students and staff.

Other staff changes include:

- Miss Kim is now on 1M full time, due to Mrs Moukahal taking maternity leave
- From Week 2 onwards, Miss Issa will be teaching 6/5IG Mon – Friday. Ms Gmaz will be taking maternity leave from this time.
- Mrs Angel Shahrouk will be returning three days a week to teach PE.

I would like to congratulate both Mrs Demiralp and Ms Hamdan who have both announced that they are pregnant. We are lucky that they both will be returning in 2021, before taking maternity leave at the end of Term 1, 2021.

Wishing you a lovely holiday. With the easing of restrictions, I hope that you have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

Please note that students return to school on Monday 12th October.

Warm regards,

Karen Macphail

Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 12/10	Students return to school
Wednesday 14/10	9:30am P&C meeting via zoom
Thursday 15/10	Yr 3 Check In Assessment
Friday 16/10	Yr 3 Check In Assessment Ms Gmaz's last day

Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 21/10	Book Parade
Friday 23/10	Stage 3 Mini Sports Carnival

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 26/10	Stage 2 girls – Women in Sports Roadshow Dance2bFit starts for Yr 6 students
Friday 30/10	World Teacher Day

Kindergarten 2021 enrolling now

If you have not submitted an enrolment form please do so ASAP.

If you are unsure of what school is local to you please go to

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>



Congratulations Indira and Yusuf

Yesterday Mrs Zeremes received the extremely exciting news that two of our students won the Regional Multicultural Speaking Competition. I would like to congratulate **Yusuf H** for winning the Stage 2 competition and **Indira T** for winning the Stage 3 competition. They competed against students from many schools in the area, so their achievement is absolutely amazing. Due to COVID restrictions both Yusuf and Indira were filmed presenting their speeches and this was then sent to the judges.

Yusuf and Indira will now go to the next level of the competition and this will be done via Zoom.

Mentions must go to Mia A and Tahani who also made it to the Regional competition, which in itself was a fabulous achievement.



Book Parade

Students have been patiently waiting for our annual Book Parade. Each year we celebrate books, and Australian authors and illustrators in order to highlight the importance of reading.

Our annual Book Parade will be on Wednesday 21st October. Students are able to dress up as their favourite book character on this day.

At this time, we are still unable to invite parents to the event and the parade will be conducted in stage groups. Lots of photos will of course be taken and uploaded either on see-saw or our facebook page.

If the restrictions change, we will update you accordingly.



Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

School Holiday Activities - Free

Cumberland Council's school holiday program is full of fun activities for kids aged 5 to 18 years. The Program begins on Monday 28 September 2020. Numbers are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. To find out more, visit Council's website at

<https://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/school-holiday-activities>

Year 3 Check in Assessment

The Department of Education has made available to schools a new online literacy and numeracy assessment package for Year 3 and 5 students. With the absence of NAPLAN in 2020, data from these assessments will be of benefit in identifying what students can do, measured against state-wide learning outcomes, and will inform further teaching and learning.

The Year 3 Check In Assessment will held on the 15th and 16th of October.

The check-in assessments are designed to supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy, and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

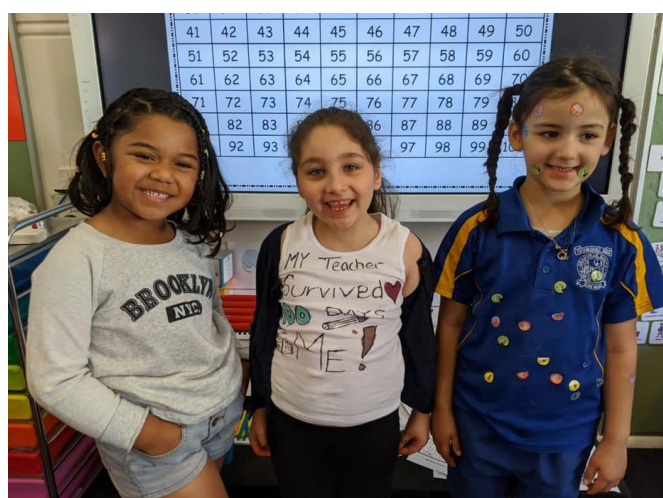
PBL Awards for Weeks 7 - 10

Ayman M	1PD	3 rd Shining Star
Sanaa H	1PD	2 nd Shooting Star
Ahmad E	3E	3 rd Shooting Star
Imran O	3E	3 rd Shooting Star
William T	3E	2 nd Super Star
Lela A	3E	1 st Shining Star
Mikaylah C	3E	1 st Super Star
Batool H	3E	2 nd Shining Star
Mohammed A	3E	1 st Shining Star
Ahmed A	3E	3 rd Shooting Star
Hannah M	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Moustafa E	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Taqi	2S	1 st Shooting star
Mounzer H	1M	3 rd Shining Star
Zand Osman	1M	2 nd Shooting Star
Xavier S	1M	2 nd Shooting Star
Mahdi T	1M	1 st Shooting Star
Joshua S	1M	3 rd Shining Star
Mohamad C	1M	1 st Shining Star
Dilara A	1M	1 st Shooting Star
Hussain H	KB	1 st Shining Star
Mona L	KB	1 st Shining Star
Zacheria M	KB	1 st Shining Star
Luisa A	KB	1 st Shining Star

Hiba H	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Samantha S	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Mehran H	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Tamer T	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Aboud M	6/5H	3 rd Shooting Star
Paighton H	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Mary A	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Zayn E	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Adam A	2M	2 nd Shooting Star
Frashta M	2M	1 st Shining Star
Artin N	2M	1 st Shooting Star
Havana T	2M	3 rd Shining Star
Hilal A	6/5IG	2 nd Shooting Star
Kayhan D	6/5IG	1 st Shooting Star
Deon E	6/5IG	1 st Shining Star
Elhama E	6/5IG	1 st Shooting Star
Afu F	6/5IG	2 nd Shining Star
Smith G	6/5IG	3 rd Shooting Star
Houda H	6/5IG	2 nd Super Star
Ali H	6/5IG	3 rd Shooting Star
Ehsan H	6/5IG	2 nd Shooting Star
Gana I	6/5IG	1 st Shooting Star
Layla K	6/5IG	1 st Shooting Star
Keisa T	6/5IG	2 nd Shining Star
Izhaaq I	6/5IG	3 rd Shining Star

Mohamad E	6/5IG	1 st Super Star
Fatima A	4Z	1 st Shooting Star
Kamyar A	4Z	3 rd Shooting Star
Hanan A	4Z	1 st Shining Star
Mohomad A	4Z	1 st Shining Star
Akeel A	4Z	2 nd Shining Star
Zahra H	4Z	2 nd Shining Star
Aditya S	4Z	3 rd Shining star
Lucas G	KB	1 st Shining Star
Fatima K	KB	1 st Shining Star
Iktimal S	KB	1 st Shining Star
Zuhair R	KB	1 st Shining Star
Marwa E	2M	1 st Shining Star
Daliyah A	6/5K	3 rd Shining Star
Jehad H	6/5K	3 rd Shining Star
Hamze M	6/5K	3 rd Shining Star
Chelsea W	6/5K	3 rd Shining Star
Mahdi H	6/5K	2 nd Shining Star
Farah H	6/5K	2 nd Shining Star
Sianna L	6/5K	2 nd Shining Star
Zainab A	6/5K	1 st Super Star
Sarah I	6/5K	3 rd Shining Star
Umar Y	2S	3 rd Shining Star
Aurelia N	2S	3 rd Shooting Star
Zeyan D	2S	1 st Shooting Star

Mustafa A	KB	2 nd Shining Star
Tait C	KB	1 st Shining Star
Indira T	6/5H	2 nd Shooting Star
Khaled C	KH	1 st Shining Star
Zia E	4Z	1 st Shining Star
Yasmin A	1M	1 st Shooting Star
Tonya A	2S	1 st Shining Star
Aleah C	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Tasiana P	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Setayesh A	KM	2 nd Shining Star
Youssef Y	6/5H	2 nd Shining Star



Around the School





