



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

16 Dec	Last day for students
17 Dec	Last day for staff

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Year 4-6. It has been so nice today to hear the squeals, laughter and chatter of students as it was a very quiet place without you!

We would like to remind everyone that we are still operating under Level 3 Plus restrictions. This means no mixing of student cohorts during break times and staggered drop off and pick up times. Our COVID safe return to school plan follows NSW Health guidelines and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene practices. Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools, this includes parents and carers.

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom free. As always, we will continue to keep our community up to date with the latest information as it comes to hand.

It is important, more than ever at the moment, that we have up-to-date contact detail for each family. If you have had a change in personal details such as address or contact numbers; work, mobile or home, please ensure that you notify our office ASAP.

Our return plan worked very well last week, and we thank our community for following the guidelines, especially remaining in cars and not mingling at drop-off and pick-up time.

This Friday, we celebrate World Teacher's Day. I cannot thank my teaching and non-teaching staff enough for all that they do for me, our school and community. Every day they inspire, educate, advocate, guide and support our students. They have continued to show their resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and for that I commend them. We are very lucky and proud to be working in the best profession in the world.

When you enter this
CLASSROOM...
You are **AMAZING.**
You are *important.*
You are **authors.**
You are **SCIENTISTS.**
You are **explorers.**
You are **LOVED.**
You are *readers.*
You are **risk takers.**
You are **a friend.**
You are **special.**
You are **LEADERS.**
You are **RESPECTED.**
You are **THE REASON**
we are here!

Water Issues

We are having some minor issues with our water heating up to the bubblers. We ask that all students bring water bottles with them until further notice while the problem is being rectified. The school will be able to refill students bottles for them during the day if requested.

School Visitor Check-In

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school. The benefits of this system include: quick check-in's and linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing services.

From now on visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers will need to use this new QR sign in system which is located in the front office. Students or visitors under 18 are not required to use the school visitor check-in.

Icees and Ice Blocks

Icees are available for purchase everyday for 20 cents and ice blocks on Fridays for \$2. All proceeds go towards Year 6 fundraising for the year.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that money has been going missing from students' bags. The school has put elimination measures in place, but we also ask that parents only provide students with money that is needed for the day.

Crazy Hair and Sock Day

On Friday, Year 6 are having a crazy hair and sock fundraiser. All students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation for the day. Students must wear their school sport uniform and enclosed shoes.

Enrolments for 2022 - Reminder

We are now taking enrolments for next year. Please pass the word along! Please remind family and friends to contact the school regarding any students who will be enrolling.

Due to COVID restrictions our Kindergarten orientation events are currently on hold. We would like to let our families know that we are working on alternate arrangements so please keep an eye out on Facebook, Skoolbag and the

newsletter for information regarding transition activities later in the term.

School Colour Explosion

From today, we commence collecting sponsorship for the School Colour Explosion. This is the major school fundraiser this year, so we do ask for your support. The money raised will go towards supporting school resources.

We will be running this event on Friday 26 November starting at 2pm. At this stage we cannot have parents onsite but if this changes we let you know. All sponsorship money either online or cash bought into school needs to be finalised prior to the event. Please see the note coming home today for further information.

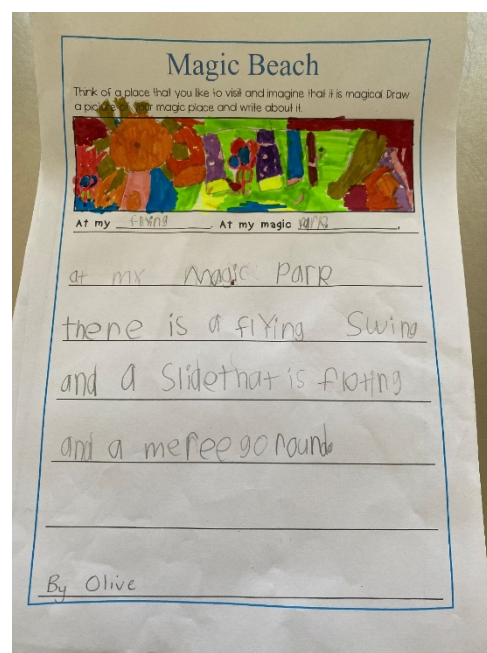


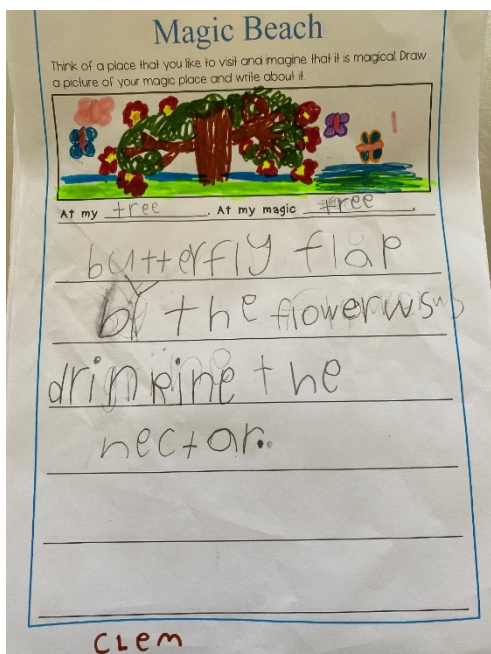
Classroom News

Kindergarten

The Buddies have hit the ground running and I am so proud of you all! It seems like we have never left as everyone has settled into the school routines beautifully! Home readers and diaries will be going out this week.

This week in Literacy we have been exploring the book 'The Magic Beach', by Alison Lester. The Buddies had to think of a place that they would like to visit and imagine that it is magical. They all did a fantastic job!





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Week 4 already, Rollers! The term is flying by! The Rollers would like to welcome Lakai to our class family and we are very happy that you are here with us!

Home readers

Some students still have home readers out from last term. If you would like to swap them, please bring them in on a Thursday.

Maths

Year 1 have been working on time, especially reading and recording the time on the hour in digital and analogue form. If you are setting a timer in the kitchen or working out when a tv show is on, have a chat to your child about where the hands on the clock will be pointing. These students have also been exploring fractions and last week created "Funky half monsters" to show their understanding that a half is one part of two equal parts.

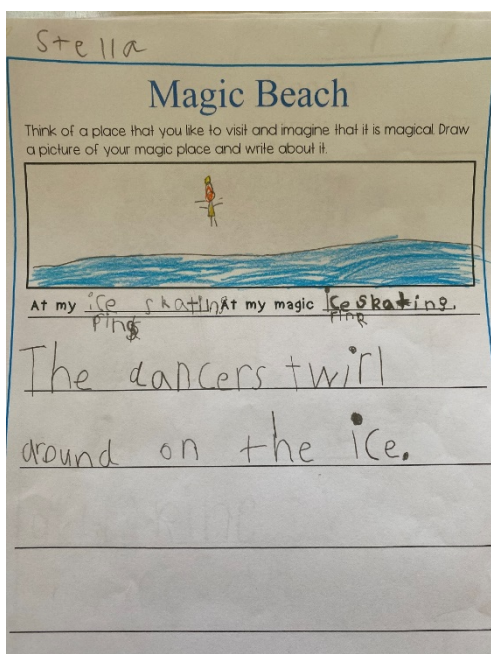
Year 2 have started multiplication and students are working on arrays, using terms such as "groups of", so if you are making dinner, you might ask them to give you 2 groups of 3 carrots or 3 groups of 4 beans. They are also noticing that 3 groups of 4 is the same as 4 groups of 3. This week, students will move on to looking at division.

Year 3

Year 3 revised fractions last Friday, noticing that the bottom number (the denominator) is how many equal parts the object has been broken up into and the top number (numerator) is how many parts we are looking at. If you are eating pizza this week or making toast, that might be the perfect opportunity to start a discussion on fractions. Year 3 are also encouraged to learn their multiplication tables especially 2, 5, 10 then 3 and 4. We have been using the tables songs by John Kane available on Spotify. This group of learners has also been exploring money and last Wednesday our classroom was transformed into a very busy shop so students could practice giving the correct change.

Literacy

Our class writing focus for this term is poetry and students have been introduced to limericks and haiku. Some funny limericks emerged during

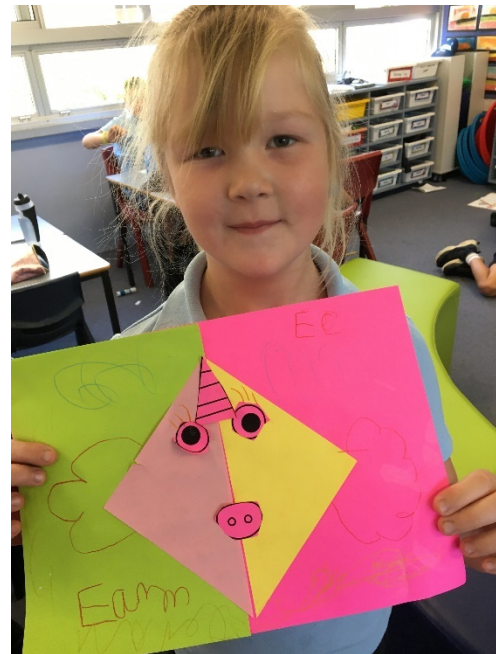


In maths, students have been learning about arrays and found them everywhere in our school environment!



Melissa Bird

home learning and last week the whole class combined to write a fabulous haiku about our school. This week students will independently write haikus on a range of topics so keep a look out on Facebook for some of their creative pieces.



Reminders:
Library day is Thursday
Next week's news topic: Free choice

Julie Hartigan and Alysha Tully

4-6

Hello and Welcome back everyone.

It's been such a long time since we have all been in the classroom. It is very exciting to see everyone's faces.

For the duration of lockdown our class has been participating in cooking lessons. I aim to continue this into the classroom. If any parents have any recipes that they would like to share with the class, that would be amazing!

As we start face to face learning will be looking at natural disasters in science and different perspectives, both for and against, on the arrival of the first fleet. We will be continuing the poetry unit that was started this term, and I'm looking forward to what ideas the students can bring to the classroom.

I understand that it will take some time for students to readjust to school routine, so I ask that all students come prepared to do their best each day. It will get easier. We will be spending time working on getting back into a routine.

On sport news, the Hunter Regional Athletics carnival has been cancelled. In saying that congratulations to Caleb Parker who would have represented both school and zone at the event.

Simon Tarry



**School banking
update.**

Commonwealth Bank is unable to continue providing programs in schools. As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools beyond 2021.



Lizzie turned 9 on 27 September

William turned 10 on 3 October

Grace turned 12 on 9 October

Nutrition Snippet

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN SNACKS.

Healthy snacks don't have to be boring!

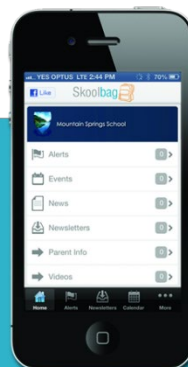


Swap out the usual snacks for these healthier ideas:

- Witchy guacamole face
- Vegie and tzatziki skeleton
- Banana ghost and mandarin lanterns

For ideas and recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box



Skoolbag 

Download Skoolbag our mobile app to receive communication and alerts from the school straight to your phone and devices