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# Newsletter

Week 3 Term 4 – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019



*Trick or treat? How many times will we hear that before we close our eye this evening? Yet another marker, as we hurtle towards the end of the year.*

*Our school vice-captain Matthieu has had a sad week this week, having to say goodbye to his Nan who passed away last week. He has been so very brave and chatted about his feelings when he needed to and enjoyed rewatching the 5S movie as it had a photo of his Nan in it. We send all our love and strength to Matthieu and his family at such a sad time.*

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

## Technology

The past two weeks has been a little hectic for Mrs Pickford as she has led the migration of all our iPads onto a new management system. Thank you so much for all your hard work. Many thanks also to all the staff who have gone without iPads for the first two weeks of school and utilised other systems. Huge thanks to the children who have managed without devices and still utilised 'low' technology to keep their communication going. Very impressive.

## Professional Learning

Thank you so much to an incredibly dedicated staff, of which the majority attended an additional twilight learning session yesterday evening. Staff headed to Dee Why PS to participate in a 3 hour workshop with Sue Larkey, an autism guru. It was fabulous to hear such a great speaker and be reminded of some incredible strategies that will enhance our teaching. Sue has some incredible resources on her website that are certainly worth checking out.

<https://suelarkey.com.au/>



## P&C Meeting

It was fabulous to see the final P&C Meeting for the year have quite a turnout for such a small school. It was lovely to see some 'newer' parents come along and join the meeting. Thank you so much to everyone that came for putting aside your precious time to support your children in a different way and of course the ongoing support you provide the school. Thank you

## We NEED You!!!

Have you mastered the art of contacting books? If you have, we definitely need your skills. We have some fabulous library books that need covering ASAP so the children can borrow them and they will survive the school bag journey. Please let us know through dojo, communication books or call the school and we can either send a set of books and contact home (great to do in front of the tv) or come and spend an hour in the library, whenever you can. Many thanks for all your help.

## The Great Arranounbai Sausage Comp

The countdown is on....sports day is only two weeks away! This means next week classes are creating and designing recipes for their sausage entry. Tomorrow ideas need to be in. Have a chat with your children so they can discuss some flavours in class. We hope you can join us on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November and have a taste.



## Santa Photos



A note will go home very soon for you to nominate if you would like your child to have a photo taken with Santa by Mrs Black on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Arranounbai.

## Any Changes

Just a quick reminder that if *anything* changes for your child eg; medication, family visiting or coming to stay, new therapist, change in diet, sleeping routines....etc **Please** let staff know before or on the day, if it's very last minute. As we all know a small change can have a huge impact, especially at school. The more we know the greater our understanding.

**Cerebral Palsy ALLIANCE** Are you interested in working in the disability support sector?

Disability Support Workers required

- Flexible working options to suit your family needs
- Competitive \$55
- Comprehensive ongoing training

No experience necessary

Our minimum requirement is 20 hours per week with availability across 7 days

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**Class Merit Award recipients- Week 2**

Congratulations to the following students who received class awards at Friday's Assembly.



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| <b>1A</b> – Toby & Remi           | <b>2C</b> - Aaron              |
| <b>2J</b> – Miguel                | <b>3N</b> - Lhamo              |
| <b>3M</b> – Mikey                 | <b>4K</b> – Hannah             |
| <b>5S</b> – Matthieu              | <b>Library</b> - Jonah         |
| <b>Music</b> – Jin                | <b>Kitchen Garden</b> – Archie |
| <b>Shopping/Life Skills</b> - Joe | <b>Swimming</b> – Rex          |

**Principal's Award** - Joe

**Arranounbai Attitude Awards**

Congratulations to the following student, who gained their tokens to receive her Silver Award.



**Arranounbai Pin**

Well done to Kai who received his Arranounbai Pin.

**Class of the Week**

Each week during assembly a 'spy' will watch each class, looking for those doing their best to follow the Arranounbai Attitude. At the end the spy will announce the class that has shone that week.

**Week 2:** Spy – Mrs Hagan      Class: 1A

**Graduation**

Congratulations to Remi and Toby on your graduations. We wish you both the very best at your home schools.



**Dates for Your Diary**

- Santa Photos** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Variety Christmas Party** – November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Special Children's Christmas Party**- 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Presentation Day** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Collaroy Picnic Day** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**This Week: 5S**

Term 4 is off to a flying start! Last week, the 5S students attended a workplace training program 'Aspirations' at CPA to compliment their Friday/Tuesday Work Experience Programs. Students worked in teams to follow instructions, solve problems and find solutions. We discussed the different types of workplace greetings and how to behave when speaking and listening to others in the workplace. We viewed videos and made decisions about more appropriate behaviours, then used an instamatic camera to photograph team members.

These activities occurred in addition to our regular dynamic program of learning at Arranounbai which includes shopping, cooking, sport, music, art and, of course, Literacy, Numeracy, Textiles, Science and our weekly canteen duties – collation, calculation and food preparation. Rachel and Jakson enjoy dance therapy weekly and Joe and William have been fortunate to join in with another class for Yoga this term.

In Geography, we are building up models of the Natural Water Cycle and the Urban Water Cycle. Mrs Hagan often misses out on this exciting 'work in progress'. This week, Rachel was delighted to explain our model to Mrs Hagan, using her eyegaze communication device. Thanks Rachel!

Where would our Maths Money Program be without our visiting Coffee Van Man Andrew? Students are highly motivated and are becoming so good at calculating change for their hot chocolate drinks, we may alter the price by 25c to challenge their Mathematics skills! The practical experiences in communication and sales are fantastic.

At lunchtime/recess students have the opportunity to use the new gym equipment, jump on the trampoline, ride bikes, play board games or go to the library (Friday). Students choose what they would like to do.

This week, Matthieu and Jin went to TAFE to experience interview techniques. It was a great!

The 5S students make the announcements at Assembly every week using the microphone as they are the Senior class. They do a great job! This Friday, Jakson will use his new eyegaze communication device to make his Assembly announcements. We look forward to hearing from you Jakson!

And... we look forward to our excursion to Kimbriki Recycling Centre with 4K and to view 'forces' in the construction of multistorey car park buildings, thanks to Jack our wonderful bus driver.

