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# Newsletter



Week 9 Term 4 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019



*I can't believe that this is the final newsletter for 2019. What a year it has been. This final term has certainly flown by and with only a week remaining it still seems like there is so much to do. This is always made a little more challenging when sick. The recent smoke and poor air quality has certainly taken a toll. Fingers crossed that this dramatically changes. Perhaps we can ask Santa for rain and clear air.*

*I wish you all a fabulous Christmas spent with friends and family. Stay safe and sound and enjoy some rest and relaxation over the summer break. I look forward to seeing you all return in 2020 and welcoming some new students to our amazing little school.*

*Stephanie Hopkins: Principal*

## Community Thank You Breakfast

Tomorrow morning from 8am we get to say a HUGE thank you to all the people that have helped throughout the year at Arranounbai. This is a breakfast that is very special for the staff and students as we get to say thank you in formal way. A big thank you to Mrs Golding who has organised the breakfast and to the Wednesday shoppers who did all the breakfast buying. A big absence from our breakfast will be Andrew the coffeeman. He has gone away on holidays a little earlier than usual because his coffee van got rear ended last week. He is safe but the van couldn't be fixed until the New Year, so it was the perfect excuse for early holidays. Andrew looks forward to seeing everyone back in 2020.

## Presentation Day

Tuesday morning is an assembly that is the culmination of a year's work by all our incredible students. It is the opportunity for us to celebrate incredible progress. Please feel free to join the celebration and come along to our Presentation Day morning. The assembly will begin at 9:15am so the doors will open at 9am. This will then be followed by a graduation morning tea for Jakson.

## Graduate

2019 sees us say goodbye to only one graduate this year. Jakson will move onto post school activities in 2020. You have been a fabulous school captain this year Jakson, thank you! We have enjoyed sharing your sense of fun and cheekiness and watching you develop your eye gaze so that you can chat with your peers and take photos whenever you want. You will be greatly missed at Arranounbai. Please keep in touch and feel free to drop by next year to say hello.

## Christmas Decorations

The Christmas tree in the bus bay is looking fabulous as each class adds their decorations made with Mrs Barrett. Next year we may just have to start a little earlier so that they can decorate the tree for a little longer. Thanks Mrs Barrett, the decorations certainly look fantastic. Fingers crossed students



remember to bring these home too on Tuesday. We have a fabulous Santa in a boat, addition to the foyer. This delight, was donated by the Allambie PS Office staff. This is nothing compared to the Christmas spirit that takes over the Allambie School office each year. Perhaps we will set the task of adding to it each year.



## Collaroy Family Picnic Day

Next Wednesday is the final day of the school year for students. As we have for the last five years we will spend the day at Collaroy Beach. Students will arrive at the beach for 10am. Wear your best Christmas gear, bring your swimmers and some picnic items that pair well with hot chips. Come along and hang out with the Arranounbai community by the beach before the big summer break. Hope to see lots of you there.

## Semester 2 Reports

Staff have been working furiously hard as they prepare the Semester 2 reports. Thank you for all your work. It is always an honour for me to read all the reports and see what unbelievable work every student has made throughout the year. I am blown away by the incredible development that has been made by every single student this year in their ability to communicate. I am so very proud of each and every one of you and I cannot wait to see what further developments you will all make in 2020. Students will each receive their Semester 2 reports on Tuesday.

**Class Merit Award recipients- Week 8**

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



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| 1A – Lucas             | 2C – Aaron                            |
| 2J – Surya             | 3N- Jonah                             |
| 3M – Rex               | 4K – Isabella                         |
| 5S – Joe               | <b>Shopping/Life Skills-</b> Matthieu |
| <b>Music</b> – William |                                       |

This semester 3N has enjoyed attending community access to various locations including the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Royal Botanical Gardens including a ferry ride to Manly and watching the Addams Family at the cinemas. We have thoroughly enjoyed taking our learning outside of the classroom! We had a great time at the Special Children's Christmas Party last week where we got some great gifts, cakes and saw some cool stuff! We also enjoyed having our friends from Allambie Heights Public School help us during our activities on International day of People with a Disability. We are very thankful to our bus driver Jack for volunteering to help us on all our excursions.



**Arranounbai Attitude Awards**

Congratulations to the following students, who gained their tokens to receive their Gold Awards.



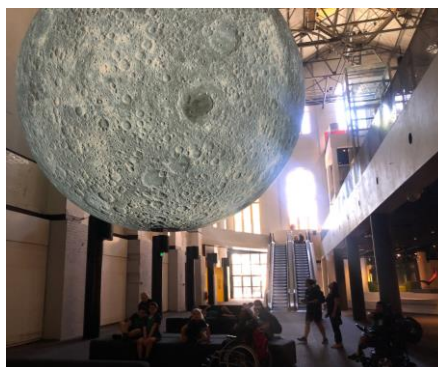
Zoe & Aurora

**Arranounbai Pin**

Well done to Gigi 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 8:** Spy – Mrs O                      Class: 5S

**Dates for Your Diary**

**Community Thank You Breakfast** – 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 8am

**Presentation Day** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 9:15am

**Collaroy Picnic Day** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Staff Return** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Students return for 2020** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

**School Swimming begins** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**LOVE Day @ St Luke's** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Information Night** – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**P&C Meeting & AGM** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February



**Day 1 2020**

Students return to school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Staff return to school on Tuesday with a day of professional learning. Please put aside Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to come along to the Information Evening. This will be an opportunity to meet the staff, the parents in your child's class and learn of the routines and procedures for 2020.