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Newsletter

Week 8 Term 1 – Thursday 19th March 2020



Whoa!!!! What an unusual time we find ourselves in. Could the state of the nation change any quicker? I certainly doubt it! This is a time of great uncertainty and transformation. Of course, with that comes bucket loads of stress and anxiety. Please do not hesitate to clarify anything you are unsure of. I cannot guarantee answers but sometimes the chat allows a little perspective. Together we will support each other and the Arranounbai community will come through this. We might look a little different or act in a new manner but we will still be the same supportive community, doing the very best for the children in our care. Hang in there!

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

The 'AMAZING' Troops



In these unprecedented times I am more grateful than ever to work with the staff I do. No matter what has been asked of them they have adapted and put the more stringent processes in place. Staff are managing to consistently clean 'high touch' surfaces over and over throughout the day while teaching everyone how to wash their hands for 20seconds, encourage social distancing and explain why hand sanitizer is our new best friend. Thank you so much for your incredible support, level headedness and dedication to the students. You are remarkable!

Uniform Orders

Please ensure any uniform orders are finalised by tomorrow. Uniforms must be paid in advance, either in cash to the office or the P&C account.

No Swimming

Just a quick reminder that there is NO swimming tomorrow or for the rest of the term.

Remote Learning

In preparation for all possibilities due to COVID-19, the school is looking at ways we can continue the Arranounbai experience through remote learning. This is uncharted territory for our school and something that continues to develop and I will make provisions for when deemed necessary. I have provided a link to the Department of Education's information to parents and carers, detailing your role if this scenario arises. However, this path is a little different for our school community and will have a variety of challenges along the way. The first challenge of course becomes access: access to the internet and to a device. We are currently looking at using a web-based forum for teaching materials and providing all students with a school iPad (on loan) during the duration of any school closure. The iPad would have appropriate apps for the students to access. Class teachers would supply a suggested teaching schedule and appropriate resources or suggestions to assist in delivering the desired learning. The aim would be to also provide opportunities to have virtual face to face time at designated times throughout the day to assist with social interactions and wellbeing.

Learning from home: Advice for parents & carers

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>



Class Focus

This week has been somewhat quieter, since Tuesday. We have not had any of our usual volunteers or external providers at school. We particularly missed our buddies from St Lukes this morning. With ALL activities suspended the children have been working very hard in class. I am so very proud of them for coping with the changes and adapting so well to having many of the fun things like, swimming and horse riding removed. Well done everyone.

Class Assemblies

With all the fantastic work continuing in each classroom we will ensure that each class still nominates merit awards. Assembly will occur in classrooms on Friday rather than altogether in the hall. I will thoroughly enjoy visiting each room to hand out class awards- a true highlight of my week.



Class Merit Award recipients- Week 7

Congratulations to the following students who received class awards on the final Friday at Assembly.

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| 1A – Jerina | 3N- Emma |
| 1N – Miguel | 4M - Mikey |
| 2C – Michael | 4K- Kai |
| 5S – | |
| Music – Rex | Kitchen Garden- Ava |
| Shopping/Life Skills- Jin | Library – 1N & 2C |
| Swimming – Joe | Art – Jonah & Dylan |

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who gained their tokens to receive their Bronze Award.



Matthieu, Joe, Jin, Miguel, Jerina

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 7: Spy – Mrs Williams Class: 4M



Joe

Dates for Your Diary

Harmony Day – Friday 20th March

~~Sea Turtles – Nippers – Sat 21st March~~ **cancelled**

Cupid's Undie Run – Sunday March 22nd

School Photos – Tuesday 31st March - **postponed**

Blue Bottle Guinness WR **to make a pineapple**– 5th April @ 8am

(Jake from Collaroy Nippers)

This Week: 2C

In 2C we always enjoy having visitors to our classroom. Last week with St Luke's we spent time playing a variety of games and completing puzzles. We practised our communication, using friendly words and voices, greeting others, taking turns and making mistakes.

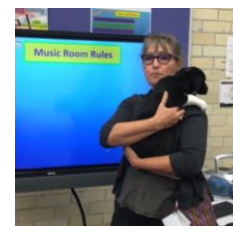
In Technology we have been making lego models and programming them using the iPad. We enjoyed making a tadpole and making it crawl along the ground and a spy robot that made noises when it detected movement.



Meet Bodhi



Ms Malone surprised 4M on Monday with a new addition to the class. Bodhi joined us at school this week, bringing many a smile to both staff and students. While he is very little he has been sleeping in his palace and getting a visit from 4M in the afternoon. As he gets a little older we hope to see him around Arranounbai a little more.



School Photos – Rescheduled

The **new** date for school photos is **Tuesday 1st September 2020**

