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Newsletter

Week 3 Term 2 – Thursday 14th May 2020



I feel a few steps closer to what I remember as 'normality'. Monday morning, while hectic and filled with organisational 'chaos,' was a pure delight to be part of the hustle and bustle we call Monday morning. A stream of students came as we welcomed more than 80% of our students back. The smiles and murmurs said it all and the air was filled with excitement. With a few tweaks of transport and asking parents to drop off after 8:45am we had a system that saw every child get temperatures taken and hands sanitised before heading off to separate playgrounds. Fitness is evenly spread throughout the hall, using big Xs to mark an individual standing spot. Then off everyone went to class, some for the first time in weeks. It was so lovely to see classrooms filled again.

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Thank You



THANK YOU! For supporting our little school on Wednesday and teaching your children at home. This provided the opportunity for staff to collaborate in class teams, design, make and produce resources to be used across the next week at school and for remote learning.

Amazing Arranounbai Students

Our students have proven this year that they are extremely resilient and able to cope with all sorts of adversities. While none of us like change we have dealt with a great deal of it recently. Your children have done an incredible job dealing with changed playgrounds, funny looking staff as they wear masks or other forms of personal protection equipment and new arrival and departure routines. They have adapted brilliantly and continue to learn. Thank you for your assistance and support in preparing your children for the changes, it is greatly appreciated.

P&C Meeting



Tomorrow we have a Virtual P&C Meeting at 10am, straight after our assembly. I hope you can join us for the Term 2 meeting.

Please note there will be no Coffee & Connection Friday 15th May, its replaced with the P&C Meeting.

Story Time

A blessing that has been discovered through COVID-19 is my daily afternoon story session. I love nothing more than listening to the 'ding dong' of the doorbell sound at 2:15 as the first participants login to listen to me read a couple of chapters. I then get to spend a few moments connecting with various students and families, hearing about their day, answering questions or just saying hi. I am loving the feedback I have heard especially one story from Danielle. Apparently the other evening as the West family settled into their evening routine Jonah gathered some of his toys including Yoda and presented his evening Storytime. Jonah read James and the Giant Peach to the small gathering and ensured his folks were listening rather than watching TV. This bought a huge smile to my face.

Miguel is another avid follower of Storytime, whether at home or school. I am pretty sure this is going to stick around, it's a perfect way to end the day.



See You Soon

This week we farewell Mr Eakin. He has spent a term with us on a placement. This has actually been spread over two terms due to his ankle injury. Mr Eakin, we have thoroughly enjoyed having you as part of the Arranounbai team and showing you the ropes. We look forward to you returning in the near future as a casual teacher. Many thanks for all your help and support.

Winter is coming!

The temperature certainly dropped this week. As I drove to school the other day the car said 6 degrees, a little too fresh for my liking. However, we have the perfect solution, an Arranounbai beanie! These look fantastic and keep you super warm. They cost \$8. Please send in the money through the communication book and we will send a beanie home.



Class Merit Award recipients- Week 2

1A – Beau

3N - Emma

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4M - Margaux

2C – Alex

4K – Rylee

5S – Zoe

This Week: 2C

Students in 2C have demonstrated amazing flexibility during the last few weeks. They have adapted to learning through different mediums, participated in virtual morning circles and story time, demonstrated patience when technology has not worked and have shown resilience through great changes to their regular routine. They have enjoyed using the iPad to interact with each other during morning circle and to show me their progress throughout the day and week.

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

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



Aaron, Emma and Jonah



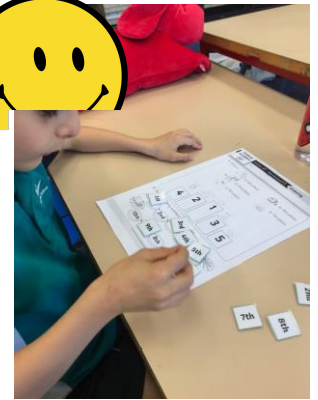
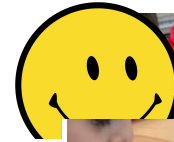
Mrs Hansen

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 – Mr Jones

Class: 3N



Some of the many guests at assembly last Friday 😊

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 15th May – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am

Friday 15th May – Arranounbai P&C @ 10am (after Assembly)

Monday 18th May & Tuesday 19th May – Students can attend school for face to face teaching

Wednesday 20th May – Learn at Home Day for all students

Thursday 21st May & Friday 22nd May - Students can attend school for face to face teaching