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Newsletter

Week 4 Term 2 – Thursday 21st May 2020



The Queen's birthday may actually mean we can travel past the end of the road as restrictions are lifted across NSW on the 1st of June.

Perhaps that means it will be best to stay home and miss the inevitable queues of traffic. The fact we can again have some choice is certainly very exciting, and something I have truly missed. So sad it's perhaps a little too cold to book a camping spot...!

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Arranounbai Full Time

Restrictions have also changed for schools. As of Monday 25th May, children will return full time to school. So, for the Arranounbai community, that means that Wednesday's will no longer be a learn at home day but face to face at school. Arranounbai will continue to operate as we have in the past two weeks. Morning drop offs will continue with Mrs Black and I greeting students at the vehicle, sanitising hands and taking temperatures before entering school, while parents and carers remain in the car. Pick up will continue with parents waiting in the pool car park and staff delivering students. The additional cleaning regime remains for all high touch surfaces and interaction between classes will be as limited as possible. Safety is our highest priority but unfortunately cannot be guaranteed. Students within the high-risk category can continue to be offered remote learning opportunities, chat with me to plan, if you haven't already.



With a greater number of vehicles dropping off and picking up, it is critical that **everyone** drives slowly. Staff and students are ferrying students back and forth so please don't take any chances. This may mean you need to wait before entering or exiting the pool carpark and wait for staff and students to be clear. Please do not congregate in the carpark, outside your car, you must remain in them. Thank you for your cooperation.



Thank you so very much for all your support over the past weeks and your ongoing efforts to connect your children and teach them at home. You have all done such an incredible job and the staff of Arranounbai applaud you all.



P&C

During this time of change, there has been a discovery of many good things. One of them is connecting parents through Zoom to the P&C Meeting. Finding a common time for a P&C meeting is always an ongoing challenge but offering it on zoom removed travel time and some other barriers, allowing a few more to participate than usual. Moving forward each of these meetings will be offered on both platforms, face to face and in the virtual world.



Huge thanks to the Arranounbai P&C who are generously funding the next step of our technology journey. Watching the student's engagement and skill development through the use of devices as we have learnt at home is something we need to continue at school. It has been fantastic to see the increased communication of students as they have joined lessons or Storytime along with making requests and initiating conversations.

ILPs

Individual Learning Plans were sent home just prior to COVID-19 to be signed. Please locate, sign and return to school so that we can copy, add to student files and send you a copy.




Class Merit Award recipients- Week 3

- 1A – Lucas
- 1N – Kaleigh & Esmerelda (Miguel’s mum)
- 2C – Samson
- 5S – Rachel
- 3N - Sarah
- 4M - Dylan
- 4K – Archie

Principal’s Award - Emma

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

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

 Beau, Lucas, Owen, Miguel

 Matthieu



Sarah
Miss Dadd

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 3: Spy – Mrs Williams Class: **4K**

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 22nd May – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am

Monday 25th May – Students fulltime @ Arranounbai

Tuesday 26th May – Sorry Day

Monday 8th June- Queen’s Birthday – No School

This Week: 5S

5S are having a great term of learning at school and at home.

William ‘zoomed’ from home this week and was surprised to see all his friends on his iPad!



As you can see, Rachel just loves the story Slime



5S students are happy to return to learning with their friends in class. We are exploring ‘sound’ in Science and Zoe was very interested. We used cereal boxes and elastic bands, rice in a box and rice on a sheet of plastic. Students were able to change the “pitch” (Joe’s word) by sliding the thick pens along the elastic as they plucked the ‘elastic’ band. Jin and Joe demonstrated. Jatin said, “I think it sounds like a violin when it goes like that”.



We made clocks and talked about duration – how much time it takes to do things. Evie is always very keen to read to her friends in class. The unique Australian ANZAC Day this year was a great opportunity for Matthieu to talk about Commemoration and his special interest in Gallipoli.

