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Newsletter

Week 6 Term 2 – Thursday 4th June 2020



Benefits of GOOD quality control...



Many of the children will know that pizza is one of my very favourite foods. So last Friday four of us decided to try a new pizza place located

minutes from my new house. This place did meter pizzas (heaven) So obviously a metre pizza had to be ordered. On pick up I was early, so was watching the 'art' of pizza making, fascinating! Moments later my name was called. I was handed not just one but TWO metre pizza boxes. The 'Godfather' chef said, "the first one had a hole in it, so now you have pizza for lunch tomorrow." Excited was not the word. It felt like a random act of kindness. We ate like kings and still had a metre left... With that kind of quality control, I will be back...!



Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Collaboration Opportunities

Yesterday it was great to spend a good part of the day with my SSP colleagues at the Dee Why office. It is always good to collaborate with others and this time it was especially lovely to actually catch up in person rather than virtually. We were given quite the task by our directors as we discussed the meaning of 'inclusive education'. We were asked to graphically depict inclusive education.... let's just say that none of us are going to win any art awards anytime soon. As I look at mine I don't even think I could win a round of Pictionary. The activity created lots of laughter and great conversation. I look forward to seeing the departmental definition when it's released later this month.

Cathy Brennan Visits Arranounbai

Friday 12th June we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Cathy Brennan to our school. She is the Executive Director, School Performance of the Department of Education. She will have a tour of Arranounbai and see a STEM lesson in some classes or the activities students complete as part of the Essential for Living program. I look forward to showing off our little school and all the fabulous work our students do.

ILPs

Please sign and return ILPs to school. The original will then be returned marked 'Parent copy' for your records.

Reports

It is that time of year again. Teachers are busily assessing students' progress and preparing reports. This semester, as directed by the Department of Education the report will be slightly adapted, taking into consideration the learning at home element of this semester. Arranounbai reports will be sent home on Thursday 2nd July.

iPads

With the speed at which technology changes it is essential to keep up. With the help of the P&C we have been able to update all the iPads and provide for every student. This ensures apps are supported and accessible. It has however left us with 17 older generation iPads that are in good condition, can still connect to Wi-Fi but may not support the latest apps needed at school. These are no longer required by the school.

If you would like an older generation iPad (for a small donation to the school) to use at home to use older apps and watch YouTube. NB: not suitable for use with Proloquo2go. Some even have a cover too, please email me. Stephanie.hopkins@det.nsw.edu.au

Possibilities of Zoom

I think I have heard all that is possible on Zoom now! Chatting with Rylee & Melissa before Storytime yesterday, I was made aware of the reality of 'puppy classes' via zoom. Ember, Rylee's puppy, has had her first zoom puppy class. This to me is creativity at its best. No wonder Ember was perched up on Rylee's lap licking the iPad, I think she was after a treat!



Café Blinds

If you look closely you can see the addition of café style blinds to our outdoor learning space. Thanks Mr Williams & Mr Jones for picking them up from Chatswood.

Class Merit Award recipients- Week 5



1A – Jerina

3N - Lhamo

1N – Kaleigh

4M - Rex

2C – Aaron

4K – Kai

5S – William

Library – 1N

Principal's Award – Mikey & Owen

This Week: 3N

It has been so wonderful to have the whole class back at school this week! All of 3N students have done a fantastic job at getting back into routine. They have been particularly excited about teaching their monster to read! It's one of our favourite phonics activities to do as a class. In addition to our phonics, we've enjoyed visiting our online toy shop and we are getting very good at spending money – watch out parents! Both of these activities have given us a wonderful opportunity for peer teaching and learning to respect each other's capabilities.

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

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



Riley



Joe



Mrs Osborne

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 5: Spy – Mrs Osborne

Class: 2C

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 5th June – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am

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

Friday 12th June – Cathy Brennan visit to Arranounbai

Thursday 2nd July – Semester 1 Reports home

