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Newsletter

Week 7 Term 2 – Thursday 11th June 2020



How resilient are children? How incredibly needed is community spirit? How much do we need connection? The last few days I have followed the story of Will, the 14yr old boy with autism that went off to explore Mount Disappointment, alone. He survived two nights in the Victorian weather to be found yesterday at lunchtime, safe and well. Perhaps the clink of the Tic Tac containers worked... it is certainly an incredible good news story that created much talk! I was so disappointed to hear people suggest that a child with autism should never have been allowed to be in such an area, or what were the family thinking, letting the child out of their sight. It bought home the difference each of you face, day to day, and how unaware so many people are of the additional scaffolding that EVERYTHING you do requires. You are incredible, thank you!

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Welcome Home!

It was very exciting on Tuesday morning as we welcomed Grace back to Arranounbai. Grace has been at Chromehurst for the past 18 months as it was closer to home. Thankfully the family has moved into the neighbourhood recently, so we have been able to welcome her home. She did look at us strangely when mum dropped her off but quickly ran off towards the hall, which is always a very familiar sight, when Grace is excited!



Hanging Out in Classrooms

The day of a Principal can certainly be complex at times and one that is quite eclectic. It can get very bogged down at times in administration work. The challenge has been set. Get OUT of the office and spend time in classrooms to just 'hang out!' So far, so good! I am LOVING

popping into rooms and spending time working with students. I have heard students reading to their class, assisted others to complete their matching activities, played soccer, built CVC words and seen drawings take shape. I am so grateful to have the best job in the world! 😊



iPads

If you are keen, we still have older generation iPads available for you to have at home. These cannot be used at school and would make a great spare. They will connect well to Wi-Fi to allow access to YouTube etc but will struggle to support the latest apps. Please email me at stephanie.hopkins@det.nsw.edu.au and I will send one home. We would much rather you have them than us trying to get rid of them.

Technology Upgrades

Today was an exciting day of technology upgrades...perhaps though only for some! New mobile IWBs (interactive whiteboards) were delivered. These will replace some of the very dated boards in classrooms and can obviously now be moved around the classroom to create different learning opportunities. Some of the fixed boards were relocated to specialist rooms. Now we have IWBs everywhere...technology is all around us!

Technology Use

This week I received a ClassDojo review that showcased our use of the dojo app at Arranounbai during 2019-2020. I love how much we use it to connect as a whole school community. Thanks to staff, students and parents for making it work.



UP & OVER

INFORMATION NIGHT

Up & Over is a new organisation with old faces on the Northern Beaches.

We are offering social outings for teenagers and young adults.

Come and meet the team at our information night!

When: Wednesday 17th June
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Arranounbai School, 5 Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest

If you have any questions, please email us.

admin@upandover.com.au



Class Merit Award recipients- Week 6



1A – Ricky

3N - Emma

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4M - Dylan

2C – Gigi

4K – Rylee

5S – Evie

Library – 4N & 3M

Principal's Award – 4M

This Week: 4M

4M have done a fantastic job this week participating in our Life Skills Program. Each student has their own classroom jobs to help them take responsibility for keeping their area clean and tidy. 4M has also enjoyed working on household skills such as hanging and pegging washing, sorting clothes and cutlery, cleaning tables and vacuuming.

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

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



Lhamo, Sarah, Archie



Jerina, Dylan



Mrs Cat Martin

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 6: Spy – Miss Cimenti

Class: 5S

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 12th June – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am

Friday 12th June – Cathy Brennan visit to Arranounbai

Wednesday 17th June @ 6:30pm Up & Over Info Night

Thursday 2nd July – Semester 1 Reports home

