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# Newsletter

Week 1 Term 3 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020



*Welcome back to school and the start of Term 3. I hope everyone has managed a little downtime and had some opportunities to spend time with friends and family. Hopefully these opportunities for connection won't disappear completely again as we watch COVID cases rise rapidly around us. Please continue to be very mindful in these times and stay vigilant, it is far better to proceed slowly and cautiously to ensure the safety of our little school community.*

*Stephanie Hopkins: Principal*

## Staff Development Day

On Monday staff returned to school and participated in a wonderful workshop with Jill Hellemans about measuring behaviour. This focused on data collection, collation and analysis. This workshop was followed by a zoom session introducing the Smiling Minds program. Smiling Minds is an award-



winning school program that is helping make future generations happier and healthier through the practice of mindfulness and meditation. The vision of the program is to help every mind thrive and the mission to provide accessible, lifelong tools to support healthy minds. This is a program that will become part of the wellbeing journey of our little school.



## Holiday Happenings



During the break Arranounbai remained a hive of activity with some additional construction around the school. In the playground near the basketball court the ground was excavated and levelled and some raised sandpits were installed. The sandpits allow greater access for students in wheelchairs and with the synthetic grass around them, make it a smoother journey towards them. Thanks, so much Mrs Osborne for overseeing the installation of the sandpits while I was visiting my folks during the holidays.

In the outdoor gym area, a large sunshade was erected covering all the gym equipment, providing a fabulous shaded area at lunchtimes to play. (Although at the moment I don't mind the chance to warm up in the sunshine!) Now all we need is some synthetic grass to complete it all.

The children have loved exploring these new spaces throughout the week, as you can see from some of these fabulous photos.



## ILP Meetings

In the next week staff will organise times for ILP meetings. These meetings will focus on the learning goals for the semester. It is important that we follow health advice when conducting these meetings and so they will be limited if meeting in person and ideally conducted through Zoom wherever possible.

## P&C Meeting

Pencil Friday morning the 7<sup>th</sup> August into your diary for this terms P&C Meeting. Time and zoom details to follow

## External Providers Return

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July is the return date for therapists to return to Arranounbai. This will be closely monitored and will be following DoE guidelines and the most current health advice. Fingers crossed it can remain in place, but it will be shutdown at any time if required, to keep everyone safe.



**Class Merit Award recipients- Week 10**

1A – Jerina

3N - Lhamo

1N – Grace

4M - Dylan

2C – Samson

4K – Rylee

5S – Rachel

**Principal's Award – Miss Cimenti**

**Arranounbai Attitude Awards**

Congratulations to the following students, who gained their tokens to receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.



Rylee



Beau, Lhamo, Sarah



Dylan

**This Week: Arranounbai**

It has been so lovely this term to return to the Art room and to have the incredible aroma of food cooking, once again, from the kitchen. This week we have returned to visiting other rooms for specialist subjects. The smiles on both staff and student faces show this has certainly been missed this year.



**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 10: Spy – Mrs Hutt**

**Class: 5S**

**Dates for Your Diary**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am**

**27<sup>th</sup> July – External Providers return to Arranounbai**

**7<sup>th</sup> August – P&C Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug – ILP Meeting weeks**

**1<sup>st</sup> September – School Photos**



**Welcome to Miss Munro**

Ally Munro has joined the Arranounbai staff, replacing Miss Cimenti on 2C for the remainder of 2020.