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Newsletter

Week 3 Term 3 – Thursday 6th August 2020



Thank you for all being so vigilant when the winter blues have reared their head. It is so important to stay home at the slightest sign of a sore throat, cough or sniffle and everyone is doing a great job of this! I am so very proud to be part of our Arranounbai school community as we support each other through the highs and lows of this COVID world.

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

ILP Meetings

Thank you for returning ILP notes so promptly so that meetings can be scheduled. It is great to connect with families and discuss the learning goals for this semester. Once ILPs have been completed, staff will make any necessary updates. A PDF copy of the ILP will then be emailed, to be electronically signed (tips below). Please sign and return via email. These will then be added to each students file. Please contact the office if you require a printed copy.

1. **Windows:** Open the PDF in Adobe Reader and click the "Fill & Sign" button in the right pane.
2. **Mac:** Open the PDF in Preview, click the Toolbox button, then click Sign
3. **iPhone and iPad:** Open the PDF attachment in Mail, then click "Markup and Reply" to sign.
4. **iPhone and Android:** Download Adobe Fill & Sign, open the PDF, and tap the Signature button.
5. **Chrome:** Install the HelloSign extension, upload your PDF, and click the Signature button

<https://www.howtogeek.com/164668/how-to-electronically-sign-documents-without-printing-and-scanning-them/>

Please click on the link for more detailed instructions about electronic signing.

Behaviour Support Practitioner

We have the opportunity to have Francisco de Paula, a behaviour practitioner with the Jeder Institute onsite at Arranounbai. He could see a number of students on the one day. This has worked incredibly well with speech therapy and OT. Please email me at Stephanie.hopkins@det.nsw.edu.au if you are interested in acquiring contact details.

P&C Meeting

Tomorrow at 10am the P&C are meeting virtually via zoom. We would love for you to join us, even if it's just to see and hear what usually goes on. **ID:** 710 0830 8481 **PW:** Arran

Wanted

If anyone has any Xbox games, especially for the Xbox360 Kinect they no longer want, we would love to have them. Please send them along so we can use them for our Friday 'gaming' sessions. Many thanks.

Essential for Living

As part of our Engaged learners project we have Jill Hellemans, Behaviour Analyst, come into Arranounbai regularly to support staff and classes with a variety of behaviour strategies. As part of this project we have also gained the support of Jess Carter an OT that specialises in sensory strategies. Jess will be joining Jill to support staff with various strategies to engage our students further in the classroom. A permission note will be sent home to the students whose class Jess will be working with. Please sign and return before **Wednesday 19th August**.

Staff Training

Yesterday saw the second week of staff training at lunchtime with Anna Bech. A small group of staff have lunch as they learn the inner workings of eye gaze. Not only do they practice using it, they are learning to build templates to add to the Grid program. Staff, after three weeks of training will swap with another small group. This should see all staff having the opportunity to participate in this small group training, building capacity to support and develop our students.

Young Achievers

Phoebe, (Zoe's younger sister) is an incredible and very active advocate for her sister and ultimately disability. Phoebe took it upon herself to contact the local member unbeknownst to Nellie or Huw, to discuss the issue of accessibility on our beaches. She received the following response-

Hi Phoebe

Firstly, apologies. I received a response from Council regarding your query apparently on 8th July, but it got mislaid in my pile of emails and wasn't discovered until I followed up to see what was happening!

Anyway, good news. As you'll see from the attached letter Council staff have undertaken to investigate what would be involved in providing a disability access ramp at Manly Beach. Although this may take some years to come to fruition, we have you to thank for bringing this to our attention and getting things underway. Well done!

You'll also see that Council is currently working on providing access at Collaroy Beach and that West Esplanade will be next on the schedule in 21/22.

There is already disability access at Little Manly Beach in case you were not aware of this.

Take care and best wishes to you and your sister.

Candy-----

Candy Bingham Deputy Mayor
[Northern Beaches Council](http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)
Phone 0418 430 544.

Well done Phoebe. Thank you for making a difference and making sure Zoe and others are catered for. We will look forward to making use of the access in the future.



Class Merit Award recipients- Week 2

1A – Beau

1N – Surya

2C – Samson

5S – Jatin & Joe

Library – Willem

Kitchen Garden- Kaleigh

3N - Emma

4M - Mikey

4K – Archie

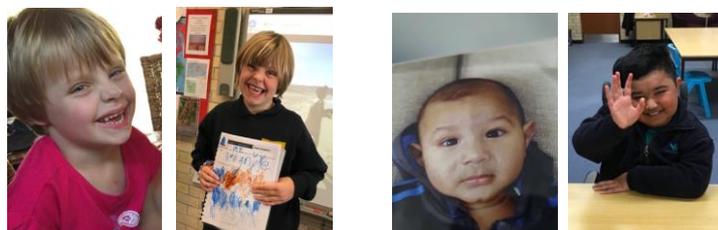
Music- Michael

Art - Joe

Life Skills- Jin

This Week: 5S

Each Monday, 5S Students and Staff share personal photographs and news with each other, during our Communication session. It's great learning about activities each person enjoys, how we spend our spare time, who is in our families and day to day experiences we have. We recently shared photographs of how we looked when we were little.



Arranounbai Attitude Awards

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



Ricky



Jonah & Margaux



Mikey

Mrs Barrett

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 – Miss Munro

Class: 1A



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 7th August – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am

7th August – P&C Meeting @ 10am

3rd Aug – 21st Aug – ILP Meeting weeks

1st September – School Photos