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Newsletter

Week 5 Term 3 – Thursday 20th August 2020



Another week in 2020 brings some additional COVID news. This week the Department of Education updated their guidelines. These have been tweaked a little for the safety of all and to assist in keeping the virus manageable in NSW. We have sadly seen how quickly this can change and the damage it can do. Please stay home if unwell, even with the slightest symptom. Get tested and let's keep our community safe and strong.

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Welcome

This week we welcomed Mrs Rikke Middelhart to Arranounbai. Mrs Middelhart is a substantive SLSO at Royal Far West. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Royal Far West are unable to receive students. So, this week until the end of Term 3, staff have been redeployed across the network. We hope you enjoy your time at Arranounbai Mrs Middelhart!

P&C Fundraising

Thankfully not everything has stopped during this pandemic. Our need for chocolate certainly hasn't. Luckily the P&C knew this! It doesn't get better. Raising money for our great little school while eating that much needed chocolate, a perfect combination. Today every staff member and student received a box of chocolates to sell for Arranounbai. Once you have sold the chocolates, please return the money to school.



Many Thanks

Many thanks for making the time to zoom into ILP meetings with staff over the past few weeks. It is great to catch up and set student goals. It is going to be so exciting to collect the data around these very specific goals and use it to celebrate how far are students come in a semester. Please don't forget to electronically sign ILPs and return to class teachers asap.

School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday 1st September. You will receive an information pack for the photos this week. Please decide on the package and return all necessary paperwork by Monday 31st August.

Arranounbai 'Virtual' Pin Ceremonies

2020 certainly has been a year of change. Another change we have had to make is to the presentation of our Arranounbai Attitude Pins. It is with great sadness that we cannot maintain our tradition of parents attending assembly to fasten the pin onto each recipient. Last week we thought we could manage it with only two parents attending and socially distancing. However, this is not deemed essential and therefore is no longer permitted. So Arranounbai Pins this year will be acknowledged 'virtually'. An invite will be sent home to ask you to join us 'virtually' for assembly the week your child receives their pin. Fingers crossed you can zoom in!

Staff 'always' Learning

This week saw our second group of staff start a three-week lunchtime training session with Anna Bech. This training session is looking at the use of eye gaze and increasing staff ability to use various student devices. We also take the opportunity when we can to use our 'in house' expertise with Mrs Pickford. Huge thanks to everyone for the incredible dedication.

Tomorrow we look forward to having Jess, an occupational therapist, join Jill our behaviour analyst, in various classes to develop further strategies to engage each of our learners.



Can anyone use?

If anyone would like a packet or two of nappies please let me know and I will send them home. These have been donated to the school for anyone that can use them.



Thanks Lara for thinking of us.



Class Merit Award recipients- Week 4

1A – Jerina

3N - Sarah

1N – Ava

4M - Rex

2C – Aaron

4K – Hannah

5S – Jin & Matthieu

Music- Rex

Library – Owen

Art - Archie

Kitchen Garden- Matthieu

Life Skills- Joe

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

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



Surya, Kai



Kaleigh, Miguel, Rex



Jerina, Lhamo, Sarah, Willem, Riley, Evie

Arranounbai Pins



Well done to Dylan and Matthieu who received the first Arranounbai Pins for 2020.



Class of the Week

Mrs Scholz

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 4: Spy – Mrs Amos

Class: 3N

This Week: Kitchen Garden

Every Wednesday our Canteen workers prepare lunch orders for hungry staff and students. The most popular items on the menu are potato wedges and mini pizzas made with homemade roast vegetable sauce. Preparing food, cooking, packaging, cleaning up and doing deliveries are just some of the weekly tasks. There is always great excitement when orders are delivered to the playground and everyone looks for their name amongst the paper bags!



Dates for Your Diary

1st September – School Photos

2nd September – Yr 10 Vaccinations

4th September – Superhero Day