

# Fassifern Flyer

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**Term 1 Week 4**

**Date 18/2/2020**

## Calendar 2020

### Term 1

#### ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tuesday, February  
18th

#### VARIETY FUNDRAIS- ING

Crazy Hair Day  
Friday, February 21st,  
2.30pm

#### MATHS FUN DAY

Wednesday, February  
26th  
1.30pm

#### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA P & C MEETING

9.15am  
Friday, February 28th

#### ABORIGINAL EDUCA- TION YARNING GROUP

Friday, March 6th  
9.00am

### MOBILE

PH: 0447 224 900

**1300 880 021**

**School Security  
Number**



### A balanced approach to learning...

All students will be participating in gymnastics lessons for four weeks. A qualified instructor will teach skills in balance, control and complex gross motor movement. A fun session that grows the brain...

Last year a global survey was conducted with a view to highlighting the deteriorating behaviour of students in schools. The survey determined that Australian classrooms are among the least disciplined in the world, with a high proportion of students saying their learning time is lost to noise and disorders and they cannot work well in class (Adam Carey, Sydney Morning Herald, 4.12.2019). This is not the case at Fassifern Public School! Family Information Sessions in Pirrama and Makoro were well-attended, and families discovered that classroom time is very full. Timetables are developed to maximise learning time, with students engaging at their learning level. The atmosphere is charged with enthusiasm and students are very busy. This is solid learning...

Last week the school's Voluntary Contribution invoices were sent home. As endorsed by the P&C Association, the fee per student has been set at \$50 each, with a maximum of \$100 per family. This contribution helps pay for student workbooks in handwriting and spelling, as well as online licences for Sound Waves, Maths Online, ABC Reading Eggs and Minecraft at School. If your family is unable to pay the contribution, or would like to pay it in instalments, please contact me.

I am hoping to be able to give parents an estimation of excursions costs at the end of Week 5. Of course, final costs will be dependant on numbers but it will give you a starting point.

*Regina*



## PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Nine of our students have made it to Zone Swimming Carnival. As yet, details of the day's arrangements have not been finalised. Those competing on the day are:

Max Punton: 8 years 50m freestyle

Jace Towerton: 10 years 50m freestyle

Hugh Johnson: 11 years 50m freestyle

Lilly Teasdell: 9 years 50m freestyle

Lyla Nardo: 11 years 50m freestyle

Kobi Berry: 10 years 50m freestyle

Jeff Hudson: 11 years 50m freestyle; 11 years  
50m backstroke

Ella Young: 8 years 50m freestyle

Mahlah Cassell: 10 years 50m freestyle



### Star of the Week - Term 1, Week 3 Ellyarna Richards

For settling in to Pirama so well. Ellyarna is always on task and works to the best of her ability. She follows class and school expectations and is a joy to have in the classroom. Keep up the amazing effort Ellyarna!



### Star of the Week - Term 1, Week 2 Hugh Johnson

Hugh is a quiet worker who gets on with his work with minimal fuss. His hard work and dedication to his learning in and out of the classroom does not go unnoticed. Hugh has settled into life as a Year 5 student with ease. He listens attentively and works on tasks to the best of his ability. Hugh demonstrates empathy and respect towards others, as well as patience and kindness. These qualities are what make him so very deserving to be our Star of the Week. Well done, Hugh.





## GOOD WRITER AWARD

**Samuel (Makoro) received the first Good Writer Award for his visualising exercise, responding to the class novel "Boy Overboard".**

I can see piles of rubble and dust fills the air. It smells like ash.

The desert is so hot it feels like I'm sitting around a campfire for two hours on a 42 degrees day.

The tank was as big as a football field and it made noises as loud as a lion's roar. My body shook like I got electrocuted.

### The Best Holiday

The holidays were so fun. I spent time with my family and friends.

My Christmas was very fun. We went to my Dad's friend's house to open presents and eat food like lollies and chocolate. We played in a park that was close to the house. A few minutes later we went back home.

After a while me and my family went to the beach. We were there for about three hours. I went far in the surf and this big wave took me down and I lost my hat and glasses, for good.

(Liam, Makoro)

### After School Safety

Thank you to those families who are coming into the school and waiting in the Quiet Area for their children. All students will wait in the Quiet Area until they are collected. In the event of an emergency, please phone the Office and make arrangements.

The car park is not open to pedestrian access; no family or students are to leave the school via that area. Nor is the car park open to the public. However, there is a designated disabled parking space if you need to access that.

Each week, the work of one student will be awarded the Good Writer Award. All writing that is submitted to the Principal will be published in the newsletter. These are our first offerings...

Dear Mum and Dad

I just got sent away to America for stealing a loaf of bread. I miss you. We have to work ten hours or more a day. If we didn't work we would get whipped on the back by a whip.

When I was there on the first I could not sleep. There are no beds and it was so stinky. For dinner it was only stale bread. I felt dry after eating that.

All I saw was crying people, alive or dead rats. I felt really sad when I left. I'm always touching the rusty, greasy floor. I'm always hearing rat feet pattering the ground.

Sincerely,  
James.

September 9, 1774.

(Kobi, Makoro)

### Murder Plane

There was a scream, then a "Bang!". The plane started to descend rapidly.

"What's going on?" a lady on the plane asked in despair.

"Get down!" screamed a flight attendant, as she tried to find the parachutes to evacuate. Suddenly, the plane crashed to the ground.

Flames, lots of flames!

(Sasha, Makoro)

### The Adventure Begins

Flying as high as the sky could stretch, I looked down, trying not to feel sick. Flying over to Peru to help my Grandma was a tough decision because I always hated going on a plane.

All of a sudden this adventure was going to make my phobia of a plane even worse.

(Mahlah, Makoro)

### HEAD LICE!

Head lice are active again. Please be diligent in tending to your children's hair.

Please see Information on the back page.



## Merit Awards: Term 1 Week 2 & 3

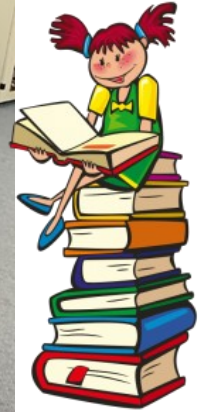
CLASS	WEEK	STUDENT	AWARD
Wilai	2	Ruby Sendjirdjian	Listening well in class.
Wilai	2	Harriette Baker	Being a great role model to her classmates.
Wilai	3	Abel Lancaster	Trying hard in Mathematics.
Wilai	3	Lilith McMurray	Effort in reading.
Pirama	2	Alex Murray-Young	His focus during class time.
Pirama	2	Jesse Mitchell-Condran	Excellent work in mindfulness sessions.
Pirama	2	Amelia Hearne	Her responsible attitude.
Pirama	3	Max Punton	Great contributions to history lessons.
Pirama	3	Ryan Raspoort	Trying hard in maths.
Makoro	2	Kobi Berry	Making a fantastic start to the year by consistently working hard and challenging herself.
Makoro	2	Jett Hudson	Listening attentively and offering descriptive responses during discussion times.
Makoro	3	Jack Tonks	Demonstrating resilience when faced with challenges.
Makoro	3	Liam Seiver	Producing quality, well-edited pieces of writing.
Makoro	3	Mia De-Miller	Consistently doing her best and being a respectful student.



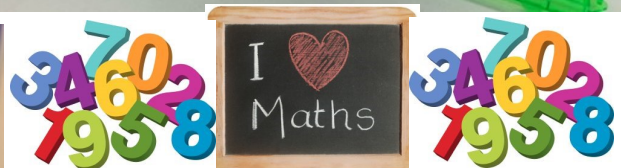


# Wilai

Our Year 1 students are taught each morning - Monday to Thursday - in the library by Ms Stokes. This Mowane group, named after the Awabakal word for kangaroo, completes literacy lessons in guided reading, phonics, spelling, writing and handwriting.



Mrs O'Neill has been very busy this week conducting in-depth Mathematics assessments for her Year 1 students. In the photos below we can see two of our students hard at work.





## Creative Learning

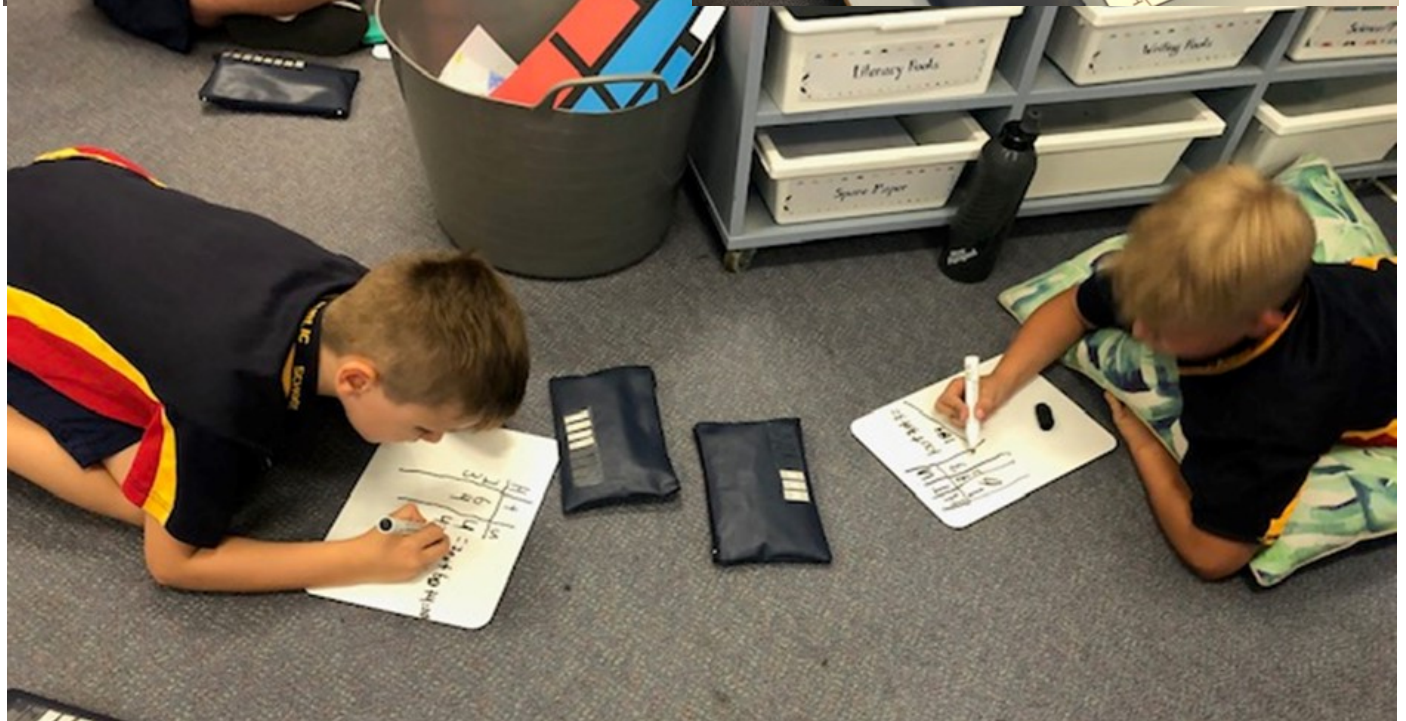
Drama lessons have been a success so far with both Wilai and Makoro participating in lessons over the past couple of weeks. Ms Dedman has enjoyed starting the year off teaching students the elements of drama and the importance of portraying emotion and character by only using movement and facial expression. Pirama are looking forward to their first lesson tomorrow. In the photos below, students from Wilai and Makoro are showing off some of their tableaux (frozen shapes) and workshopped group pieces.



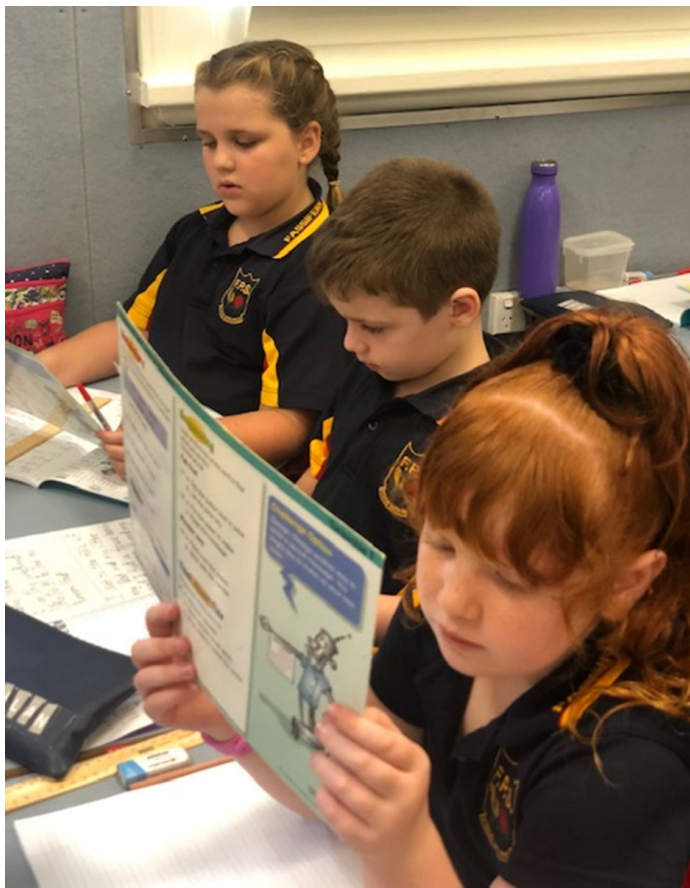


## Proud Pirama

Over the last couple of weeks Pirama students have been trying really hard to focus on their learning and build up their writing and reading stamina. This week we have launched our literacy rotations and maths groups, and we have hit the ground running at full steam ahead. Homework has been sent home and is due back next Monday. Hopefully these proud Pirama students can show off their amazing skills to their parents and carers.







## Head lice

It is common for school children to get head lice and it has nothing to do with being clean or dirty. Head lice can spread when children are in close contact, but head lice do not cause any harm to your child's health.

To prevent your child getting head lice:

check your child's hair regularly  
keep long hair tied back, plaited or braided.

If your child has head lice:

Remove tangles with a large comb, then comb hair with a thick, white hair conditioner using a fine-tooth comb to get rid of head lice and their eggs (nits) daily until there are no more eggs. Inform the school so they can ask others to check their children's hair; your child does not have to be identified.

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/topics](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/topics)

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice)



## Canteen Reminders

Please check for the correct canteen list. It was sent out at the beginning of the year and is also on the Skoolbag app.

We have been receiving incorrect amounts of money with orders. We are asking each family to supply their own paper bags for ordering. As always, if you can volunteer your time to be on the canteen roster, please contact the school.

## Office News!

- ⇒ **Voluntary contribution invoices have now been sent home. These can be paid by Eftpos, Cash or 'Make a Payment' on the school website in full or paid off gradually.**
- ⇒ **Facebook Page & Website Page:**  
Don't forget to keep up with the latest school news via Facebook or Fassifern PS website.  
[www.fassifern-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.fassifern-p.school.nsw.edu.au)