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Term 2 Week 6 **31/05/2016**

Calendar

Term 2

No payment transactions and limited office operation from 1st June—18th June
Coding group on Tuesdays with Mrs Clarke
Guitar lessons on Thursdays with Mr Mooney
13th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday
14th June GO LIVE Office closed
24th June Reports Home
27th June PBL Awards day
1st July Naidoc Day @ F.Bay
2nd July Election

Principal's Message

Sad News

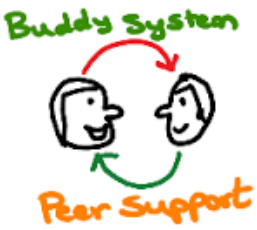
Last Thursday Tracey Walpole passed away after a short illness. Tracey was well known in the community for her tireless work as the Aboriginal Education Officer for a number of schools in our area. Tracey has been based at Fennell Bay P.S for a number of years and will be dearly missed by her colleagues. Her funeral is tomorrow. For further details please contact our office.

PBL

Last week and this week we have had some minor incidents in the playground which have needed further investigation. I am happy to report that no children from 2/3 have been spoken to in this regard, but do remind all students that Red Behaviours on our Behaviour Consistency Guide are Reflection Room and instant removal from our end of Term PBL Awards Day. Yellow and Orange are Time-outs and the 3rd Time-out becomes a Reflection Room. We are still on target for 100% attendance at our Term 2 Awards Day. Our Awards Day is booked for Monday Week 10 27th June.

Peer Support

As I wandered around the Peer Support groups last Thursday it was great to see how our Year 6 students are settling into their leadership roles.



Sometimes it is good to get a different perspective and I have been given an insight into the groups with the Year 6 students sharing their experiences. This week's Peer Support topic is 'What Makes Me'. The students will join in activities to learn a little more about the group members. They will be sharing information about themselves with the group.

STEM Focus Day

The Lake Macquarie STEM Focus Day last Friday was a huge success. I was lucky enough to be sitting next to Mr Brendan Maher at the Principals Learning Network so was given continual visual coverage throughout the day. All students involved clearly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the next planned visit.

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Office News!

- ***Please pay all invoices by the 1st June***
- ***The office will be closed on Tuesday 14th June.***

Term 3

27th July **Kaleidoscope Science Show**
22nd Aug **Matter of Seconds**
10th September **Local Election**

Term 4

Raw Art **20th October**
25th-27th Oct **Years 5/6 camp**
2nd-3rd Nov **Years 3/4 camp**

Small Schools Are Fun

We Work As One

Pre School Visit

On Monday 27th June we have invited Blackalls Pre School to visit our school for an activities morning. Our Kindergarten students for 2017 have also been invited. We have a very special treat in stall this year for our Pre-Schoolers, but I don't want to give too much away yet, as we are combining this activity for all our Fassifern P.S Term 2 PBL Award winners!

PATCH

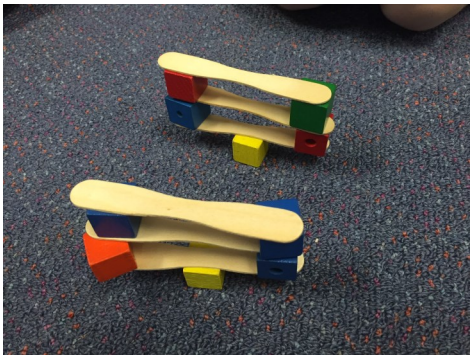
I am pleased to report our participation in the PATCH (Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers). Karen Baker our Instructional Leader has begun the training sessions with the parents involved. I thank those who have been able to give up their time to participate in this great program as the benefits to our students will be invaluable.

'Student of the Week'

Our 'Student of the Week' for Week 6 is Mia De Miller. Mia has been busy working with Ms Morgan to improve her writing skills and as you can see on the attached document the results are fantastic! Great work Mia, you have truly shown us what an excellent student you are. We are all very proud of your efforts this year.

K/1 News

During STEM this week the children had 2 tasks. The first was to make a construction using cups, paddle pop sticks and cubes. The restriction was that the base had to be just one cube. The second task was to construct a tall tower with plastic cups. In the photos we can see the successes of our students. Well done K/1! Mrs O'Neill



Head Lice

Parents as per the note sent out yesterday the headlice critters are active again. Please be diligent in tending to your children's hair. Hairspray on a daily basis tends to help keep them off.

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2/3 News

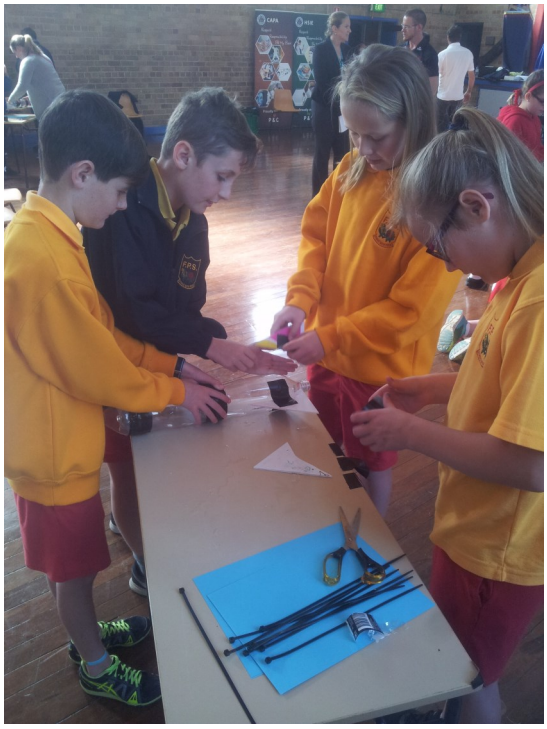
As I am sure many parents have already heard, 2/3 are beginning a pen pal program with a 1/2 class at Forbes North Public School this term. I am excited to say I have posted our first letters and the children are eagerly awaiting their replies.

Soccer

Last Wednesday the Fassifern Falcons played their first soccer game of the year against Kulnura Public School. It was an enthralling game that went right down to the wire. Fassifern students performed with great skill and determination. Unfortunately they went down fighting with the score being 5-3. Congratulations to all students involved, everyone is really proud of you!

Stem Day

Last Friday the 27th of May, 5/6 students from Fassifern Public School went to a STEM day at Lake Macquarie High. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Students used hands on and group work skills to create both a robotic bug and an air pressured rocket. It was great to see how creative our students can be when they work together.

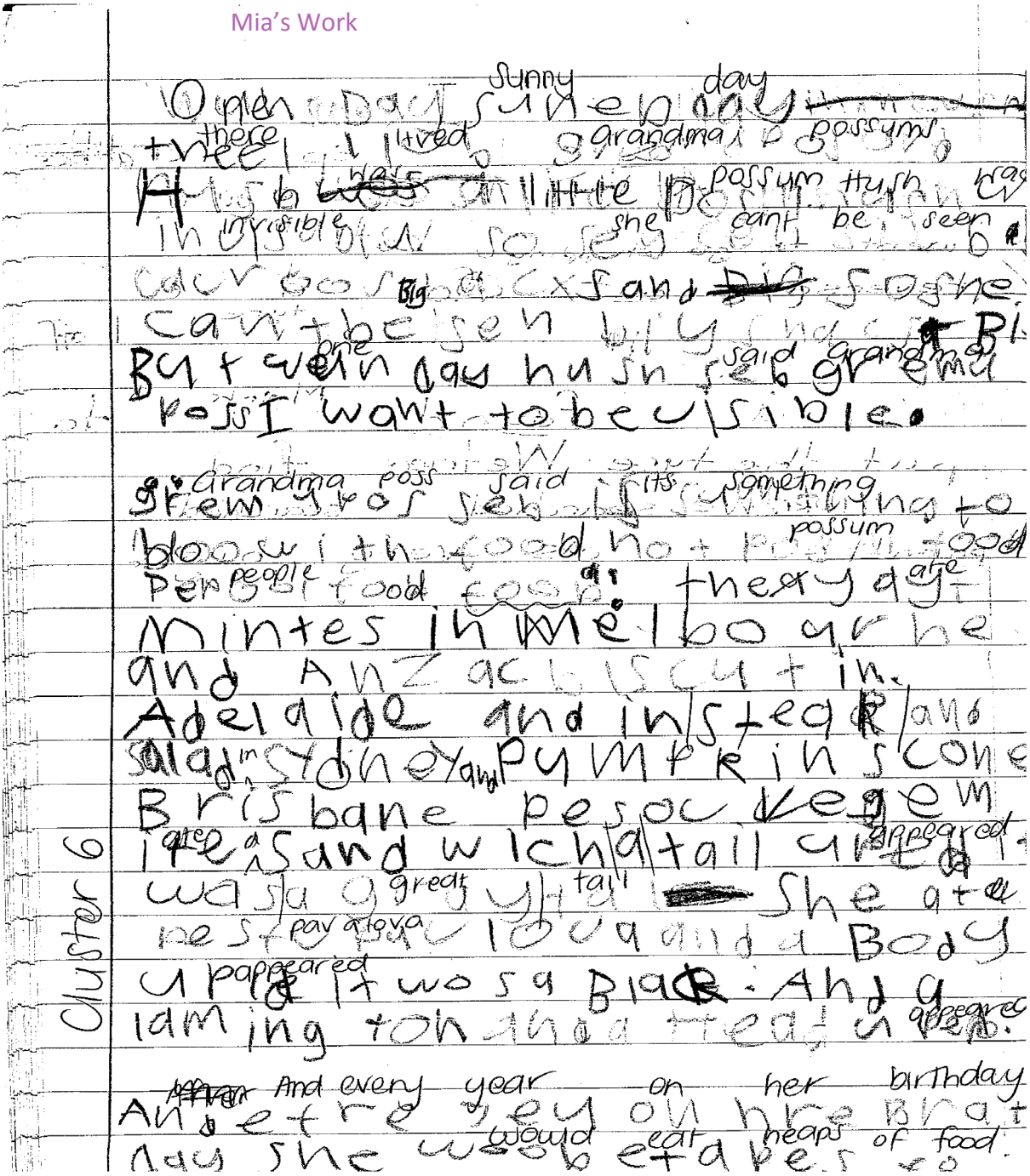


Book Club

Scholastic book club was handed out yesterday. Due date back is the 10th June. A great way to encourage reading and purchase gifts for friends and family. The school benefits greatly from the Scholastic group receiving rewards points for all books purchased and in turn we purchase books for our library. Thankyou for helping our school.

School Banking : Don't forget to keep your children saving with the Commonwealth Bank school banking program. Again this is a fabulous way to help your child learn the benefits of savings with the great rewards offered per 10 deposits. Banking day is TUESDAYS.

Mia's Work



Cluster 6

P and C

Thompson's Pie Drive is on !! We have handed out 2 forms per family hoping that you may be able to obtain an order from a neighbour. Return the order to the office by the 17th June for delivery on the 1st July.

Go4Fun

FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!
Are you worried about your child's weight?
Go to www.go4fun.com.au to

What Makes Frequent Readers:

The Most Powerful Predictors

For each age group shown, **frequent readers are more likely** than infrequent readers to:

Kids Aged 12–17

- Have **parents** who are **frequent readers**
- Strongly believe **reading books for fun is important**
- Have **teachers** who give opportunities to talk with **classmates about books read for fun**
- Use a **school book fair** or **book club** catalogue to find books
- Have the opportunity to **read independently** during the **school day**
- Want books that "**teach me something new**"

These kids read an average of **25.8 BOOKS** per year vs. **4** by infrequent readers

Kids Aged 6–17

- Have parents who **read them books aloud** 5–7 days a week
- Say they **love reading books for fun** or like it a lot
- Have been told their **reading level**

Kids Aged 6–11

- **Read** mostly out of school
- Have **parents** who **encourage reading** books for fun in specific ways
- Have been **read aloud to** before age one
- Frequently **use their reading level** to pick out books
- Want books that "**have characters that look like me**"

These kids read an average of **45.6 BOOKS** per year vs. **17** by infrequent readers

To determine what predicts kids' reading frequency, more than 130 measures were included in a regression analysis.

The Kids & Family Reading Report™ AUSTRALIA

Results from a nationally representative survey of 1,748 parents and children, including 358 parents of children aged 0–5; 695 parents of children aged 6–17; plus one child aged 6–17 from the same household, conducted 19–27 November 2015, and managed by YouGov. Frequent readers are defined as children who read books for fun 5–7 days a week, compared with infrequent readers who read books for fun less than one day a week. See the full methodology at www.scholastic.com.au/readingreport.

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