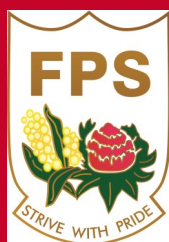




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Term 1 Week 8

Date 17/3/2020

Calendar 2020

Term 1

**NATIONAL DAY AGAINST
BULLYING
HARMONY DAY
"LOTS OF SOCKS" WORLD
DOWN SYNDROME DAY
Friday, March 20th**

**P&C
ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-
ING
Friday, March 27th**

**DEBATING WORKSHOP
Stage 3
Tuesday, March 31st**

**SCHOOLS ANZAC SER-
VICE, NEWCASTLE
Stage 3
Tuesday, April 7th**

**EASTER HAT PARADE
Wednesday, April 8th**

**PBL CELEBRATION
Thursday, April 9th**

MOBILE

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School Security
Number**

Dear Families

These are unusual times and they require unusual measures. As I have informed you, I am following Department of Education recommendations regarding the COVID-19 and practising social distancing, until the time when it will be safe to once again mingle as a school community and network.

In making this decision I've been aware of the complex needs of families to be able to function as students, workers and friends of our school. As a result, gatherings will be restricted, as will the role of volunteers in the school. The following arrangements will be in place until the end of this term:

Whole-school assemblies: Our regular Friday afternoon event will not be open to families and visitors.

Tucker Box: Our canteen will not be operating for the rest of the school term.

Special Religious Education: Scripture will not be conducted on Fridays until next term.

Sports events: Students will not participate in any sports events outside the school, including PSSA Knockout Trials and Cross Country, scheduled for April 2nd at Awaba.

"It's okay to be different" Day: This celebration will go ahead on March 20th and will be an in-school event. However, there will be no multicultural menu offered by Tucker Box.

Debating Workshop: This was scheduled for the debating team for Tuesday, March 31st, but has been cancelled.

Schools ANZAC Commemoration Service: This event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle, and it will most likely be cancelled. We will not be travelling to the venue.

Easter Hat Parade: This annual celebration is to take place on Wednesday, April 8th, but it will be an in-school event, with no community participation. Staff and students will participate in an in-school assembly, where the P&C Raffle will be drawn.

PBL Celebration: Our acknowledgement of students following PBL values, the Super Circus Resilience Show, which was to be our last day celebration, has been cancelled. Students who qualified to attend will be acknowledged in another way for this term.

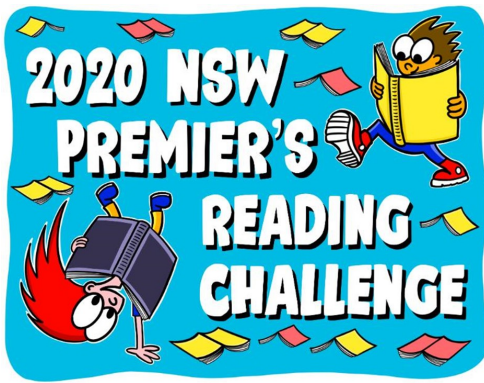
P&C Annual General Meeting: This will go ahead on Friday, March 27th in the Library.

I understand how unsettling this is but, as I stressed in my letter to you yesterday, my aim is to keep our students healthy and families at work. I appreciate your cooperation and I'm happy to answer any queries you may have.

Today, Principals across the Lake Macquarie West network met with Director, Educational Leadership, James Brigden, to review the situation as it now presents. Below is a link to a film clip where Mark Scott, Secretary NSW Department of Education, discusses the current decisions, with Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer NSW Health. Please watch it; this may answer some of your questions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mt_xvgdfFqk

Regina



Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020 is well underway. We have been encouraging our students to borrow Reading Challenge books from the Library. These books have a yellow sticker on the spine and the PRC book ID number on the front. All books that are a part of the PRC are written into the student's personal log and entered on to the PRC website. Students can do this at home or at school.

To access the Premier's Reading Challenge go to: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Further details are on the note sent home on Friday. The whole school is involved in PRC and Wilai students will be completing their challenge at school,

"It's okay to be different" Day

On March 20th, this coming Friday, there are three significant commemorative days: National Day Against Bullying, Harmony Day, and "Lots of socks" World Down Syndrome Day. Our school will be acknowledging each of these, with a gold coin donation to wear crazy socks. In class, students will focus on what each of them can do to stand against bullying behaviour and to make the world a more peaceful place for us all.

Everything that you **IMAGINE**
you can do...
And whatever you **DREAM**
will come true!

quotes4inspiration.com



Star of the Week - Term 1, Week 6

Jesse has had an outstanding start to 2020. He is one of the most focused and hard working students in Pirama. Jesse has proven to be a fantastic role model for his classmates and always follows our PBL expectations. Keep up the fantastic effort!



Star of the Week - Term 1, Week 7

Our Star of the Week for Term 1 Week 7 is Lilith McMurray from Wilai. Lilith is a polite, helpful and sensible Year 1 student. She has been an excellent role model to our Kindergarten students. Lilith completes her bookwork quietly and is diligent in completing her home reading. She participates well in classroom discussions and provides thoughtful responses. Lilith is respectful of our class resources and helps to tidy up the room when needed. She is a very deserving Star of the Week! Keep up the great effort, Lilith!

Merit Awards: Term 1 Week 6 & 7

CLASS	WEEK	STUDENT	AWARD
Wilai	6	James Marsh	Always having beautiful manners.
Wilai	6	Okalani Thornton	Working well in group work tasks.
Wilai	7	Eli Berry	Working well in mathematics.
Wilai	7	Grace Harty	Being a conscientious and hard working student.
Pirama	6	Halaina Pex	Working hard on the split strategy in maths.
Pirama	6	Ella Young	Amazing handwriting.
Pirama	7	Lachlan James	For a great labelled diagram in science.
Pirama	7	Emmi-Rose Tierney	Excellent work in mathematics.
Makoro	6	Elijah Cassell	Showing persistence and resilience when faced with challenges in mathematics.
Makoro	6	Isaac Solomons	For working hard in guided writing groups and subsequently producing quality pieces of work.
Makoro	7	Malavika Thornton	For being a positive, kind and respectful student.
Makoro	7	Jace Towerton	Working hard in maths groups and demonstrating a good understanding analogue time.
Makoro	7	Lyla Nardo	For consistent effort in all learning areas.





Mask-Making

Students in Pirama have been working with Ms Charlton and Mrs Ferguson each week to build up a papier mache mask. It's painstaking work, using glue and paper to mould a mask shape, but students have been persistent and they are beginning to see good results.

Once shaped, the masks will be painted in character. Looking forward to seeing that!



HOLIDAYS: Last day of school for Term 1 is Thursday, April 9th. School Development Day for Term 2 will be Monday, April 27th. First day for students in Term 2 will be Tuesday, April 28th.



GOOD WRITER AWARD

Ban Plastic

I strongly believe plastic should be banned. Most of our water has plastic in it and something even more upsetting is we have only seen 3% of the ocean! Plastic isn't biodegradable which means the one plastic bag can take one thousand years to break down into the earth.

Isaac Year 5

Belleanna's Bad Day

As the angry thunder grumbled, Belleanna ran out of her mansion eager to start the day. The intelligent 10 year old from Coral Cove loved collecting beautiful flowers and looking at stars. Little did Belleanna know that her day was not going to go as planned.

As Belleanna jumped on her horse and galloped along Coral Bay, the wind rushed through her hair and she could hear the waves crashing against the rocks. When Belleanna saw ice cream she got off her horse and found a rope to tie the horse so the horse won't run away. Suddenly when Belleanna turned around she didn't see her horse because she didn't tie a double knot. Belleanna heard traffic jammed because her horse was dancing in the traffic. It was a little funny, but she didn't know what to do so she called her friends, but they were all busy.

So she put hay on the ground because that was her horse's favourite food. She made a trail of hay back to her home. After a few hours Belleanna's horse had returned. From that day on she never forgot how to tie a knot. She vowed to keep her eye on her horse.

Aliyannah, Year 3

Fassifern Public School P&C Association

Annual General Meeting

Friday, March 27th.

School Library

9.00am

All offices will be declared vacant and nominations for all positions are invited.

Nominations, in writing, can be lodged with the Principal.

Nominations will also be accepted on the day prior to the meeting.

All welcome to attend and participate in the collaborative decision-making of our school.



DONATIONS SOUGHT!

P&C EASTER RAFFLE

Seeking donations to make this the
BEST Easter raffle ever!

For more information about the raffle
please chat with Hailee.

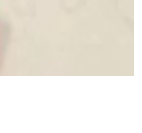
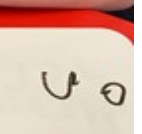
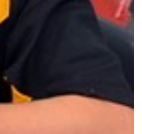
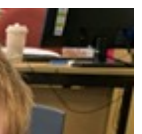
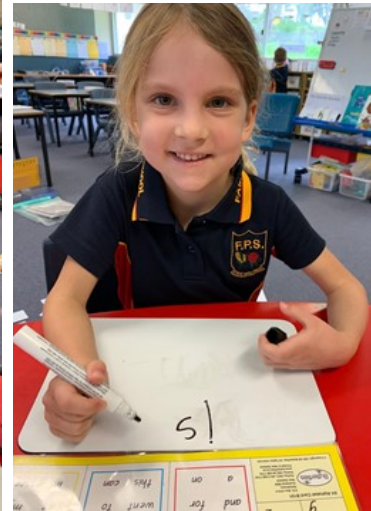
Stewart House Donation Drive 2020

We have distributed Stewart House Envelope this week We are asking families to donate at least \$2 , fill in the details on the back of the envelope and return to the office by 8th May .

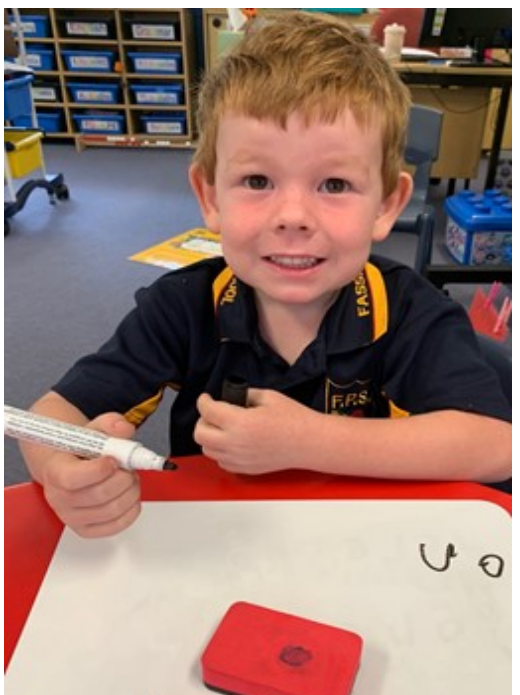
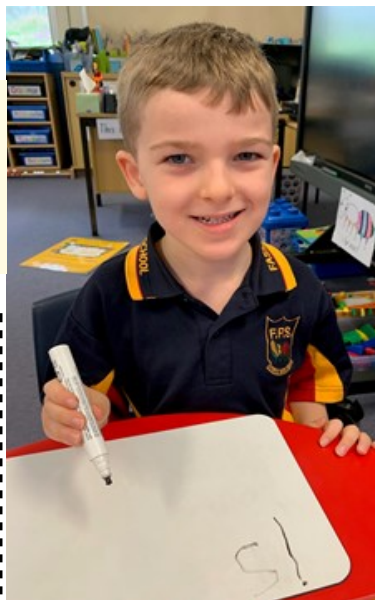


Wilai

Our Wilai Kindergarten students have been working very hard in their Guided Reading and Guided Writing lessons. In the pictures below we can see some of our clever possums practising their writing with Mrs O'Neill.



Care Share Achieve



Meet the students of Makoro

Over the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to find out more about the students of Makoro through their independent student profiles. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as the students have enjoyed creating them.



Name: Kobi berry

Date of birth: 25 of June 2010

Age: 9 years

Year: 4

About me: I'm in primary school and I have lots of friends. I am one of the best swimmers and love sport. I like hanging out after school with my friends. I have three gold fish and a dog. I, my dad and my brother all have moto bikes. My friends are Quin, Jessy, Ryne, Max, and

Lilly.

My favourite school subject/s: maths, technology, sport, reading

My strengths: my strengths are climbing, making friends and making things.

My challenges: I get angry very easily but I try not to let it take over my life.

My goals for this year: have better behaviour.

My goals for future: don't get angry too much.

My favourite quote/ poem:

I like this quote because it makes you believe yourself, and don't worry about what people other say about you.

Believe in yourself
and no one else,
even when things
are looking their
worst.



Name: Elijah Reid Cassell

Age: 11

Date of Birth: 11th December 2008

Year: 6

All About Me: I've been in Fassifern Public School for 2 years now and I'm loving it. I have a sister who goes to this school and is in year 5. I love video games and coding as well as soccer, basketball and handball.

My Favourite School Subjects: Technology, Reading and Science.

My interests: I like video games, technology and all that sort of stuff and my favourite video games are Ratchet and Clank, Minecraft and CTR.

My Strengths: I am able to just go with the flow and most of the things that people say don't affect me. I'm more of a thinker than a doer and I love to learn.

My Challenges: I quite often second guess what I do and I have a habit of correcting people and sometimes when I do I'm actually wrong.

My Goal for This Year: Try to memorise my times tables up to twelve so I can improve in maths.

My Goal for the Future: Travel around the world and help with the construction of buildings that some people can't afford to build.

My Favourite Quote:

To me this quote is the meaning of friendship, sticking and working together holds a friendship together and even if you just apply it to everyday life it makes everything more enjoyable when you work together.

Coming together is
a beginning;
keeping together is
progress; working
together is success.

Henry Ford