FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

How this term has flown by! In fact, the whole year is passing very quickly. Schools are very busy places and, as our school continues to grow, with many students from diverse cultural backgrounds, fitting everything in, as required by the curriculum, is a real challenge!

On reflection, Term 3 has been a fabulous term, with many positive learning experiences for our students, leading to success. Sadly, our Transition teacher, Ms Zara Kaye leaves us, as well as quite a few families. We wish them all the best with their future plans.

Professional Development Day
Thank you for allowing our staff to spend a whole day together tomorrow, developing curriculum scope, documents and sequence for Technologies, HASS and the Arts. The agenda for the day has been designed to reflect the recommendations from the 2017 School Review and the increased number of multi-year level classes in the school. The aim of the day is to build teachers’ knowledge, skills and understanding in how to plan effective and targeted learning programs for diverse learners, efficiently supporting students to learn and progress.

New Playground!
At long last, our junior playground renovations have begun! Existing bitumen and gardens have been removed and already the new shade structure supports are in place. We can’t wait to see the new play equipment (see below)! Pop into the school office to have a look at the design!

Community Voice
The Department of Education is working to create a ‘Child Friendly Alice’. Families can offer their thoughts and ideas about what a child-friendly town might look like and what is important in our community for children and families. Go to childfriendlyalice@gmail.com for more information.

Dates to Remember

- Alice Can Dance Friday 28th September from 5.00pm at Araluen Theatre
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY for staff Friday 28th September (students do NOT attend school)
- First day of Term 4: Monday 15th October

Holiday Fun
Don’t forget that families are welcome to use the school grounds during the holidays. If you happen to see any undesirable activity, please contact the police immediately. We want to ensure that our school is a safe, friendly, vandalism-free hub for our community!

Have a safe and happy holiday with your children. Our students will need to be refreshed and ready for a short, but hard-working, Term 4!

SUZI BURGESS, Principal

ALICE CAN DANCE!

Thirty two of our students are very excited about performing on the stage at Araluen Theatre tomorrow! Shows commence at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and tickets are still available. Don’t miss it!
WORLD TEACHERS DAY
Friday 26th October
As is traditional, our School Councillors will treat our teachers by providing morning tea at recess time and helping with supervision in the playground. Families are encouraged to send along a small plate of food to share and/or assist with playground supervision. Please let Pauli in the school office know how you can contribute.

POLLY FARMER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
Several of our Indigenous students attended the Maths/Science Camp at Palm Valley recently, where they undertook diverse activities ranging from examining water samples to pizza making!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Every sport was represented yesterday—there were even some refereeing outfits!

Congratulations to our Team Leaders—the day raised $220.00, to assist our drought-affected farmers!

LEAVING?
If you know that your children will not be attending our school next year, please let us know now! Planning for 2019 has already commenced!

NEW STUDENTS
If any of our families know other families who plan to enrol their children at our school next year, please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible. We are enforcing the priority enrolment area policy as we are at optimal capacity.

SUSTAINABILITY
The Sustainability Showcase night was a blast! We hope you enjoyed all the projects and acts that we were very proud to share with you. The Eco Rangers have been working on the blue bins for only one month and have already made enough money for a set of big books for the younger classes. We’re glad the whole school is excited about sustainability, in fact the Eco Rangers have many students asking to be involved with team! It will be really useful to have some extra help with the garden, especially with the weather warming up next term and we need a volunteer to take empty poppers to the Recycling Centre. Well done Ross Park!

HEIDI MERRITT, Coordinator.

ANTICIPATING!
Our Transition students can’t wait for their new playground to be finished!

EXCURSION TO THE DESERT PARK
Helena (T/Dawson) saw lots of flora and fauna when the Transition classes visited the Desert Park this week.

If you have a comfortable connection with your inner sensations, you will feel in charge of your body, your feelings, your self.

Mindfulness—lets make time for it in our chaotic lives. Take a moment and a breath to check in with your body. Appreciating the warmth of the sun on our faces, a cool breeze on a summers day, the tickle of the grass, mindfulness is being in the moment. Let go of your worries, take deep breaths and try sitting with your children silently, sharing afterwards what sounds you could hear. What colours can you see, smells can you smell? Have a relaxing, active break and see you all in Term 4.

KATIE BROMLEY, Co-ordinator

CUBETTO
Transition students been working with Cubetto to learn about coding and direction. What fun!

TERRIFIC KIDS TERM 3 2018
Congratulations to these students, who received their special award at assembly today:

T/D     Olivia Carey
T/H     Talon Barry
T/KR    Arius van Holsteyn
T/1W    Kendal Miles
1M      Ethan Moore
1T      Charlotte Ashton
1/2T    Steele Jervis
2H      Evan Russ
2T      Umar Imran
3F      Joe Heaslip
3M      Jude Karpeles
3/4M    Harrison Rodricks
4S      Mikala Club
4/5SWS  Andy Hacquoil
5/6A    D’Arcy Satharasinghe
5/6BG   Melique Morgan
5/6C    Harrison Knott
5/6M    Macy Edmonds

COMING SOON...

Yeperenye Shopping Centre will host a Book Exchange 3rd, 4th, 10th & 11th October from 10.00am in the Centre. Games Galore! will also happen in the Centre from 1st-12th October. Call Nicole on 89525177 for details.