



The River News

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Issue 17 - Term 4 – Week 4

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Important Dates – TERM 4

Week 4

Thursday 8 November	Basketball K-6
	Footsteps Dance K - 3
Friday 9 November	PSSA

Week 5

Monday 12 November	5/6 Class Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 13 November	Kindy 2019 Transition 12pm – 1 pm
Thursday 15 November	Basketball K-6
	Footsteps Dance K - 3
Friday 16 November	PSSA
	Colour Run

Week 6

Monday 19 November	1E Class Assembly
Tuesday 20 November	Yr6 Farewell Meeting 3.30pm

Principal Report

Last week I was privileged to attend a conference with hundreds of Principals from around the state. The theme for the conference was *Believe it, Own it, Make it Happen*. The presentations were inspiring - from overcoming diversity to teaching for tomorrow. I heard from some very special people – Turia Pitt, Leigh Sales and Michael Crosslands to name just a few. The key messages I took from their inspirational stories was no matter what diversity you may face there is always room to help others, never give up trying and your attitude determines how far you will go.

A key theme for the conference was teaching for the future. What are the capabilities students will need and how do we as teachers prepare them for jobs, which perhaps don't even exist yet. We need students to develop skills of critical thinking, adaptability, analysis and tenacity amongst others.

This quote by Trish Flanagan a High School Teacher highlights this *"We don't need schools that make kids memorise the names of the planets. We need schools that inspire kids to find new planets."* Can you believe that the first driverless car is really only a few years away? The use of artificial intelligence surrounds us already – what will this look like in the not so distant future? Teaching is about turning on that spark for our students, engaging them on a path of discovery and learning.

This edition of our newsletter will highlight the future focussed learning that is happening in our school. I hope you enjoy reading about what the students are doing.

Suzy Newell-Courtney
Principal

BYOD Update

The results of our BYOD survey earlier in the year completed by parents has given the staff valuable information to move forward with this project. We are currently investigating the best devices for students to use through the implementation of *Google Classroom* across classes K-2 and by consistently using the class set of Chrome Books and school iPads.

Before we implement a BYOD program, we want to make sure that our technology capabilities work successfully with an increased load and that connectivity issues are minimal.

For implementation to be successful a thorough policy including student guidelines and student use agreement will be developed and shared. BYOD will be a voluntary program and mobile devices will be available for student use at school.

Selective High School 2020

Reminder that applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020 is closing on the 12 November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Year 6 Transition Day

All Year 6 students experienced a day at High School during week 2. They enjoyed the experience and are very much looking forward to their next adventure.

High School Orientation Day for all Y6 students has been set for 3 December 2018. This is the day students will attend their school for 2019.

Leadership by the River

Congratulations to our 2018 School Leaders who last week presented to other local schools about the leadership project they undertook this year, *Dream Day*. By all reports, they were outstanding with their presentation and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of Leadership by the River.

School Fun Run

It is just over a week to our major fundraising event. We are looking forward to an afternoon of fun and fundraising. Don't forget that there will be a silent auction running during the event with some fantastic prizes up for grabs.

We would also like to remind you that you cannot run unless you have paid your \$5 registration fee by Friday 9th November.

5/6N

Last week in 5/6N we wrote an informative text about Halloween. We had to first do some research on the Chromebooks about the history of Halloween and how it became so popular, particularly in the United States. Did you know that Halloween started as an end of harvest celebration over 2000 years ago? We then wrote a draft in our English books using the information we had gathered. When we finished our drafts we published our informative text on the school Chromebooks to present to the class.

By Iyla and Tahmea

Halloween

Halloween started over 2000 years ago in Ireland. It is a patchwork holiday celebrated at the end of the harvest season. It was a magical time when spirits walked the earth and a time when the veil between life and death was at its thinnest. People would light bonfires to scare away the bad spirits and keep them away from earth.

On November 1st it was named All Saints Day. Saints Day then was known as Halloween. "Hallow" means holy and the night before Halloween is called Hallow's Eve. Ghosts represent the spirits that walk among the living and traditionally a celebration to pay respects to the dead.

The holiday came to America in the 19th century by Irish immigrants and with potatoes. The Irish brought some of their traditions to America, like bobbing for apples and tricks like stealing a fence. Over the years the once fun and exciting holiday became a horrible vandalised fright. In the 1930's it became dangerous because of

threats and blackmail, kids would say things like 'give me candy or I'll trash your house!'

Halloween

Halloween has changed a lot over the years. It started as an end of harvest celebration that has turned into the holiday we know today with spiders, pumpkins and trick-or-treating.

Halloween started 2,000 years ago as an end of year harvest celebration. It was thought that the night of October 31st was a time in between two years where the line separating death and life was at its thinnest. The village people would build bonfires to scare away the dead. The next day November 1st became all saints day in honour of the faithful dead, it was known then as Hallowmas (hallow meaning holy). The night before this was All Hallows Eve which shortly turned into Halloween.

In this day and age children dress-up in scary and cute costumes and knock on doors for treats. Houses are decorated with graves, spiders and keep out signs to make it spooky. However it was not always like this before. Irish immigrants came to America and brought Halloween and some of it's customs with them. These customs were bobbing apples and playing fun tricks on neighbours, but these once harmless tricks soon turned into risky vandalism and Halloween became a dangerous holiday. People would blackmail for lollies and do harmful pranks. Although over time children were encouraged to politely ask for sweets and then and there trick-or-treating was born.

3/4R Google Classroom

Currently 2/3A and 3/4R are using the Chrome Books as part of their Science Project. The students in year 3 and 4 are researching a variety of animals for a Guess Who Game. The students have enjoyed being able to access their work at school and home through Google Classroom.

The students have particularly enjoyed being able to communicate with their friends online through the Google classroom. They have been sharing information about what animals they have chosen for their project.



2/3A Chromebooks

2/3A have been busy learning using the Chromebooks and Google Classrooms. In Science, tasks are set for each lesson and students watch, read and play interactive games to learn about different types of animals (Year 3) or life cycles (Year 2). Students help each other to problem solve and navigate the Google Docs program. It is empowering for the students.

As part of the school sport program on Friday mornings, students from 2-6 are using the Green Screen to make a short film. Students are working in groups to design a game. The students have drawn a background which they are using as the back drop for the green screen and then filming the rules of the game. All the students are gaining valuable skills in cooperation and team work. They are learning to problem solve lighting and sound issues to ensure they are creating a high quality film.



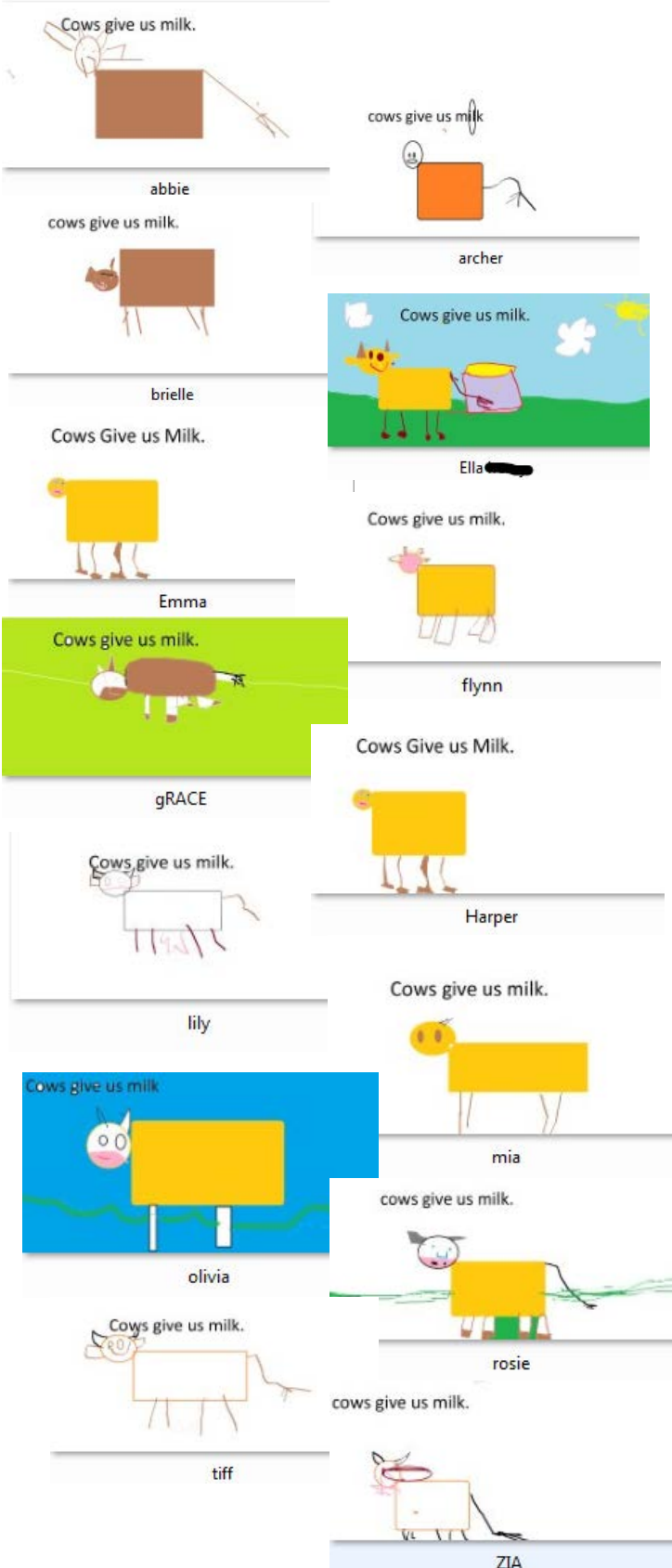
1E Technology

In 1E we use technology every day. The students use Chromebooks and computers to practice their reading every day. The students really enjoy exploring and learning about new maths concepts using our Interactive White Board.



KL

Kindergarten are learning to create texts and pictures using the paint program.



PSSA Report
Term 4 Wk 2 & 3

PSSA Team	Opposition	Result	Most Valuable Player
T-Ball Jnr Boys	Sylvania Heights	Won	Ronan
	Jannali East	Lost	Cooper
T-Ball Jnr Girls	Sylvania Heights	Won	Mya
	Jannali East	Won	Ella
Basketball Snr Boys	Sylvania Heights	Lost	Byron
	Oyster Bay	Lost	Will
Basketball Snr Girls A	Sylvania Heights	Won	Ava
	Oyster Bay	Lost	Alexi
Basketball Snr Girls B	Kareela	Lost	Kianna
	Oyster Bay	Lost	Claire

Awards

Congratulations ... Achievement Awards

- KL Tiffany
- 1E Amelia, Harmony, Amelia, Henri
- 2/3A Tom, Isabella, Zack
- 3/4R Lacey, Scott
- 5/6N Isabella, Bridey, Abbey

Congratulations ... Excellence Awards

- KL
- 1E
- 2/3A Zahra
- 3/4R Cameron
- 5/6N Claire

BBQ AND CAKE STALL

A BBQ and Cake Stall will be running at our event so we need donations of cakes, slices, cupcakes, muffins and thin sausages. Home-made or bought, small or large, everything helps.

Your sausage donations can be dropped into the school office at any time.

Your cake donations can be dropped into the school office as close to the event as possible.



WRPS COLOUR FUN RUN

FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER 5pm

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please help make this event a successful fundraiser

NEW SATURDAY COMP - Miniball

For the first time ever we will be starting a Saturday basketball Competition at Sutherland and we would love for your school to join!

This is an amazing opportunity to start basketbal because:

- First Saturday comp ever - LOTS of first time basketballers
- Separate Boys & Girls comps
- Very low cost \$400/team (\$50/player if 8 players on the team)

Here are the basic details:

What: Summer Miniball Competition

When: Saturdays

Where: Sutherland Basketball Stadium

Training: Organise your training or we can organise training for you

Games: First Game - 17th Nov, Last Game - 9th March 2019

**No games in the school holidays

Ages: Kindy, U8's, U10's & U12's

Cost: \$400/team (includes 10 games)

TWO EASY WAYS TO JOIN!

1. Get a group of friends together and create your own team
2. Nominate as an individual and we can add you to a team

Email all enquiries to: Development@sutherlandbasketball.net.au

