



News from The Helm



Welcome back to the second half of 2020 and here's hoping it might be somewhat less eventful than the first! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you our school community for the support and cooperation we have received in what has been a tricky start to the year. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work and effort our staff have put in to ensure that the learning and wellbeing of each and every child is foremost under what have been difficult and constantly changing circumstances. We will continue to communicate with our school community via the school app. To ensure you receive the most up to date information please download the app and regularly check.

As we continue to be meticulous with hygiene in classrooms and the department maintains the extra 'daily deep clean', we ask that parents continue to keep children home if they are exhibiting cold and flu symptoms. We are continuing to meet the Department of Education's standards around safety at school by maintaining our pick up and drop off procedures. We have asked for parents to remain outside the school grounds to assist in reducing the amount of people on site and reduce adult contact. Thank you for respecting this as it reduces risks to students and staff. We are hopeful that eventually these protocols will be relaxed and you can once again come visit us! If you are required to come into the office please ring in advance. Students will need to bring a drink bottle every day as the bubblers are not in use. Thank you for supporting us and helping us to keep our community safe.



"Learning Together" is the theme for Education Week and reflects the incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response. This year we, as a community and nation, have been bound together through bushfires, floods and COVID-19. Throughout these unprecedented events it is clear that schools are the cornerstone of our communities. That we are resilient and we connect and learn together. Unfortunately due to external circumstances we are unable to hold open classrooms this week but we will showcase our students learning through our virtual assembly.

To enable us to correctly estimate enrolments and staff the school appropriately for 2021, we are currently looking at Kinder enrolments for next year. Please let us know of any neighbours and friends, who may not have children already at this school but



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will have school age children for 2021, we can then contact them and include them in our numbers for next year. Louise Wrightson, Principal



1/2 Yachts

We have hit the ground running this term and it's great to see so much enthusiasm for learning from all the students.

Students are already showing progress in their reading and learning their sight words. Please continue to read with your child at home every night, it doesn't even have to be a reader from school. One

example of reading is to get your child to retell in detail a story that they have read before.

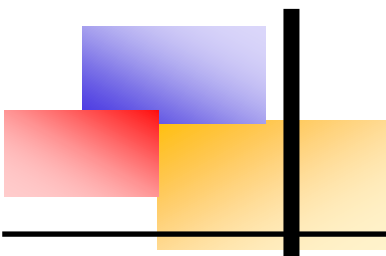
We are really focusing on reading with fluency (a good pace, not slow like a robot) and with some expression. Students have been using iPads in the class to record each other reading, playing back to give each other feedback on fluency and expression. This also can be done at home with your phone.

It's all about the power of persuasion during writing lessons. Students have started to look at different texts, movie clips and advertisements to understand that the language and pictures are used to persuade the reader to agree with their point.

During maths we have had a big focus on whole number and understanding place value. Students have been making two and three digit numbers and will go use this knowledge to help them add and subtract. Mrs Clark & Mrs Wilkinson



What will happen if we don't stop food waste?
With more **food** being wasted, landfills continue to inch higher and higher, attracting wildlife of all sorts and putting delicate ecosystems out of balance. Seafood **waste** being thrown back into the ocean is also having a detrimental impact on sea life and their natural balance



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The Runabouts 3/4

The Runabouts have been enjoying challenging themselves during math groups with the Times Table Challenge.

Students are given 3 minutes to complete 50 questions on a variety of times tables. If students answer all 50 questions in 3 minutes correct then they progress to the next level.

We have been learning about self improvement and focusing on trying to make small improvements. Students are not worrying about what other students score but only trying to beat their own score from the previous day. They have taken a lot of pride in beating their personal bests and have surprised even myself with the enjoyment of doing so! *Keep up the awesome work 3/4!* Mr Harvey



Why is it important not to waste food ?

Composting **food** and diverting it from entering landfills helps prevent the creation of global greenhouse gas emissions and protects the environment. **Wasted food** is **not** only detrimental to the environment but also costs consumers, businesses and taxpayers substantial amounts of money

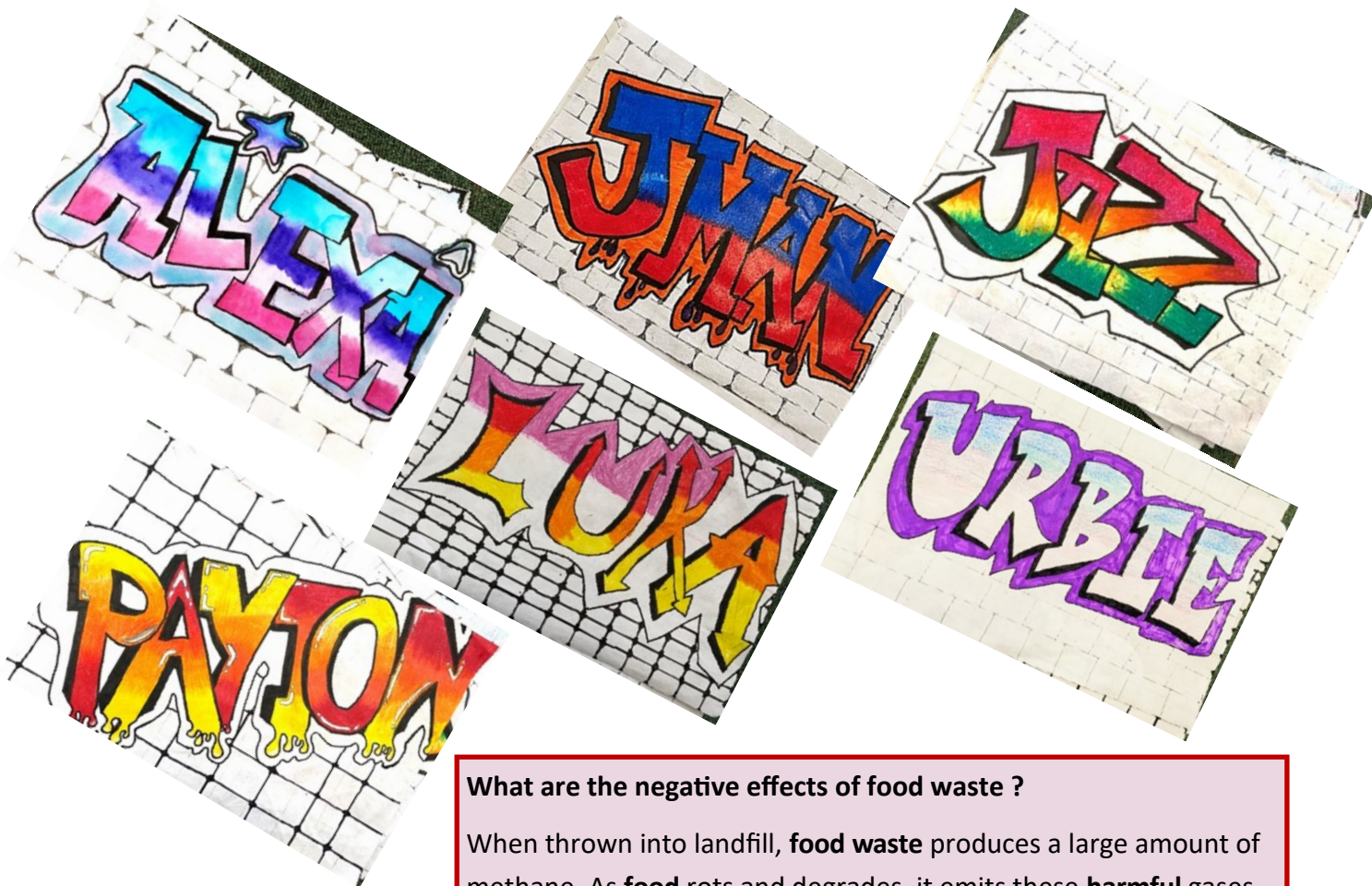
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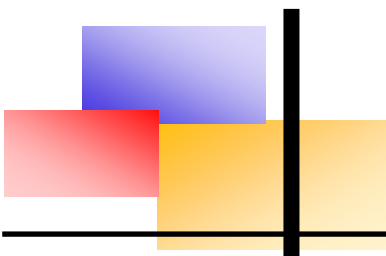
5/6 Anchor News,

The Anchors have had an excellent start to Term 3. We have been focusing on Persuasive writing for Literacy and have discussed whether or not students should do chores to earn pocket money, and what is better out of books and TV. Every morning for NEWS, the students are also debating different topics to work on their persuasive skills. In art this term we have completed some awesome graffiti artworks and tried out our photography skills. I was amazed at the shots the students were able to capture and how they really thought about perspective, lighting and colour. Our learning sprint this term is on division, so the Anchors have been working hard each day in our number talks to solve division problems. We look forward to what the rest of the term brings! Miss Webb



What are the negative effects of food waste ?

When thrown into landfill, **food waste** produces a large amount of methane. As **food** rots and degrades, it emits these **harmful** gases which are 25 times more **harmful** than carbon dioxide in terms of trapping heat in the atmosphere



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Rubber Duckies K/1



The Duckies have jumped straight back into their learning after the holidays. This term we are studying texts around using our imaginations to create, design and build. Our minds have been running wild with ideas!

Miss McCaw has been participating in extra literacy training and so we have started implementing draw/talk/writes into our weekly routine. This involves studying a text, then looking at a particular page in the text. We draw and talk about our ideas with our friends, and then we label our drawings. Drawing and talking are such important contributing factors to writing in the early years.

- Here is what some of the Duckies think about our draw/talk/writes:

Caitlin: "I like it because you get to draw whatever you want"

Kiana: "I like it because you get to talk to your friends about your drawings"

Oscar: "It is very fun that we get to draw because you get to use your imagination"

Yazmin: "I like it because I like drawing and writing"

We absolutely love drawing in the Kindergarten classroom!



In maths last week we learnt all about 2D shapes. We have been focusing on learning how to recognise and draw different shapes such as triangles, circles, squares and rectangles. Last week we made pictures using different shapes and then we drew our pictures into our books. We then coloured them in and labelled the shapes we had used.

We have also been focusing on our addition and subtraction skills. We can now write simple equations using the addition and subtraction symbols. We use concrete materials such as teddy bear counters to help us count out groups. Some of our

favourite games to play are hula hoop addition and fish bowl subtraction.



Recycling basics

: Reduce : Reuse : Recycle

In PD Health we are learning all about how to keep ourselves safe. This involves learning about water, pedestrian and sun safety, as well as learning about who we have relationships with and who we can trust. When the Duckies are presented



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with different scenarios they have been making some good choices and decisions around keeping safe. -Miss McCaw



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A word of thanks to all our parents and community for remaining diligent in keeping us all safe.

A call out for families who have photos from any years of Boolaroo school please. If you would be able to bring them in so I could copy and scan them that would be most appreciated. We are starting preparations for the 125th.

Here is a photo of the whole school on the day of our 120th.

PandC News : Over \$800 raised from the Thompsons Pie Drive !!! Thankyou everyone

SRC colour day \$143 raised Woo Hoo !!





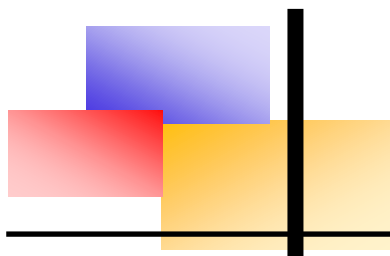
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