



Welcome back to what I am sure will be an exciting term full of fun, learning, and of course Christmas festivity!

Our school calendar is filling up ever so quickly with events like the Kinder Orientation Program, Swimming school, Stage 3 Bathurst excursion, Lake Macquarie Headstart for Stage 3 students and much more....We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible as to dates and times for these events and activities. Students, parents/carers are reminded that although this is a busy term, focus on learning and regular attendance is still expected.

Congratulations to our P&C and all their volunteer helpers for the hard work and dedication that went into creating our amazing school fete. We appreciate the time and effort that went in to making this such a successful event.

Our annual planned maintenance work has begun. All external building are to be painted, guttering replaced and staffroom and staff toilets upgraded. Please be careful around fenced off areas, and if you have any concerns please report them to the office.

Congratulations to our wonderful debating team for your great effort last week. The topic was very challenging for the negative team 'Too much emphasis is placed on winning' and it was great to see how confidently you rose to the challenge. A special thank you must go to the people who chaired and kept time, it's always difficult to step outside your comfort zone and take on new challenges in front of unknown people. Great work!

Louise Wrightson  
Principal

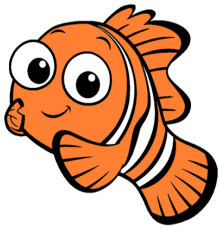
### SUN SAFETY

BPS Staff are strongly encouraging students to wear their **wide brimmed school hats** out on the playground, particularly as the weather is warming up. Please ensure that your child has their school hat so they can participate in fun school activities this term. Without a hat they will not be allowed to participate in sport or other events that involve being on the field or out in the sun. If your child has misplaced their hat please see the office to purchase a new one.



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We have had a very busy start to the term in the Clownfish classroom! We got straight back into our learning and have been reading and writing about monsters. Last week we read the book 'Monster Chef' and started writing our own disgusting, scary recipes. We can't wait to share them with you when they are complete... They are truly gruesome!

In maths we have been focusing on numbers and have been learning how to read, write and order two and three digit numbers. We have also been focusing on place value and this has involved learning the value of each digit based on its position in a number. Our addition skills are improving as we learn to count on and we have loved playing 'king of the circle' to reinforce this. We continue to focus on subtraction because counting backwards can sometimes be challenging, however we are persistent in the Clownfish classroom and we are determined to master the art of taking away!

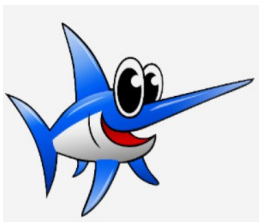
This term in PE we are focusing on dance. We have been putting together a whole class dance and the Clownfish have been coming up with some really funky moves. We can't wait to perform this for you all when it is our assembly item in Week 8.

We have been enjoying lacrosse for sport and have been learning how to correctly pick up the stick and use it. The Clownfish have had a lot of fun learning how to pass and catch the ball to each other.

We are looking forward to a super fun term!

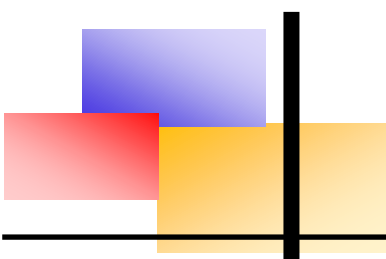


Miss McCaw and the Clownfish



1/2 Swordfish students have hit the ground running this term. We are really focusing on our book presentation and editing our work. Every day we will be completing a

handwriting lesson, making sure we hold our pencil correctly and also form our letters correctly. We are also making sure we edit our work after we finish, making sure we have our title, capital letters and full stops, and for it to make sense. Mrs Lynch and I love reading all the different types of stories the students are creating in their Daily Five and writing lessons.



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We are now completing Word Study for our spelling, which looks at spelling rules and allows the children to complete hands on spelling activities like making words with the magnetic letters. Your child may bring home a look, say, cover, write check during the week which will have their six words that they are learning.

Maths we are focusing using the quickest strategy to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Lynch



The Stingrays have had a great start to Term 4. We have been focusing on writing some poetry for Literacy and the students have been doing amazing. We spent some time in the sensory

garden to write 'What am I?' Haikus. See if you can guess what they were talking about. Then we wrote Limericks which were very funny and it was fun to think of silly ideas that our poems could be about. This week is Alliteration and as per the last few weeks I'm sure the students will come up with some excellent ideas.

We have had Lacrosse come and visit for Sports in schools which seems to be going great. And tennis came on Friday to teach the kids skills and rules. So we may look into that as an option for the future.

*Please make sure all students bring a hat to school every day so they are able to participate in the wonderful programs we have running.*

We have also started our word study program which the Stingrays have picked up very quickly and have been doing very well in their spelling tests so far.

Miss Webb

*What am I?*

*I have pink petals*

*I grow from a small seedling*

*I have a green stem*

By Jasmine

*I am made of wood*

*People walk on me*

*I have lots of ropes*

By Jack

**WHAT AM I**

**BROWN BARK ON MY TRUNK**

**GREEN LEAVES SWAYING IN THE WIND**

**I AM BIG AND TALL**

By Cassidy

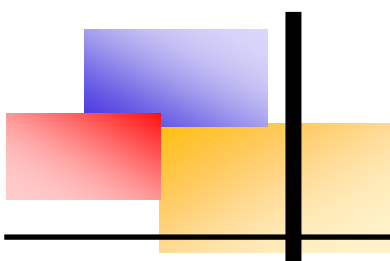
**What am I?**

**I am a thing that,**

**Rides on wheels on the black road**

**And a bell that rings**

By Zack

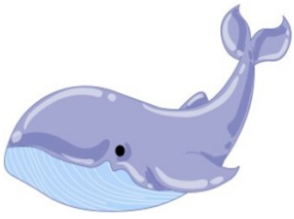


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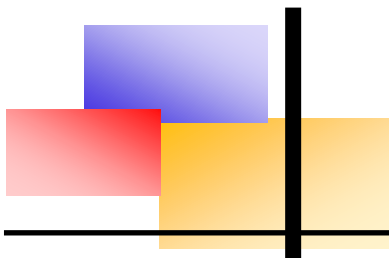


Welcome back to term 4! Thank you to everyone for welcoming me back from my maternity leave. I had a wonderful 12 months off with my family and am pleased to be back at our wonderful school and excited for the term ahead! The Whales have been working extremely hard since returning from the school holidays and have produced some amazing work! We have been

working on some poetry during our literacy sessions and the students are writing a poem about themselves and all have done a great job!

Mrs Wilkinson & Ms Hayden

<p><b>My Eyes</b></p> <p>My eyes are the best part of me Because they help me see. With them I can see my mess And I can pass my test. My bright green eyes help me see time go by. Through my eyes I see people cry. I love my eyes for many reasons But one thing I like is the changing seasons. My eyes change throughout the years But my heart still holds my dears.</p> <p>Imogen Baxter</p>	<p><b>Poem of my Feet</b></p> <p>The best part of me is my feet Because I can make a cool beat. I use my feet to run When I'm having loads of fun. My feet like to walk And I like to talk. When I kick a ball I often fall.</p> <p>Wahkeem Patterson</p>
<p><b>Best Part About Me</b></p> <p>The best part about me are my eyes They help me see a new surprise. They help me see the things and people I love Like my Dad, Aunt, Uncle and a white, fluffy dove. My eyes are ice blue They help me see the things I love to do. My eyes are the best Because at night I close them to rest. The things my eyes help me to do They are amazing just like you.</p> <p>Taylor Richards</p>	<p><b>Poem About my Feet</b></p> <p>The best part of me is my feet I use my feet to compete. With my feet I love to run Even though I have loads of fun. My feet help me play, If I could I'd play all day. When I walk I love to talk. After I kick a football Sometimes I trip and fall.</p> <p>Aleisha Branch</p>



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PRIME MINISTER

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Dear parents, carers and the school community,

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. Schools, governments at all levels, the Australian community and, first and foremost, parents take this obligation seriously.

As parents, we know that it can be challenging to raise children today in a world where risks to safety can appear not only on the street but online. And it is not always easy to navigate when the online world can have real world physical and mental health impacts.

That is why our Government has developed resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible and respectful adults:

- [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) – resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) – support for students, parents and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.

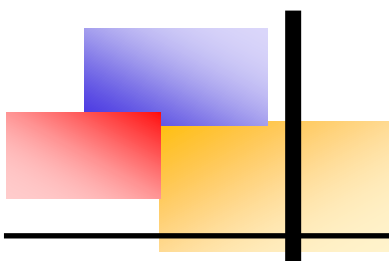
You can also visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for education and advice for kids, parents and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.

Whatever age your kids, it is never too late to make changes to improve their welfare. With the fresh start that a new school year brings we encourage you to use these resources for practical advice on keeping your family safe and well through the year.

Yours sincerely

SCOTT MORRISON

DAN TEHAN



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## Commonwealth Student Banking day is each Tuesday:

Students can drop their completed bank deposit book to the office in the morning for processing. Every deposit will earn a token, ten tokens can be used to claim a reward. Deposits also help to raise money for Boolaroo PS.

## ENVIRONMENT AWARD CONGRATULATIONS

The School Captains and Mrs Geres attended the ceremony at Lake Macquarie Council to receive our Environment Award for 2019 . We received a \$200 prize or the school.



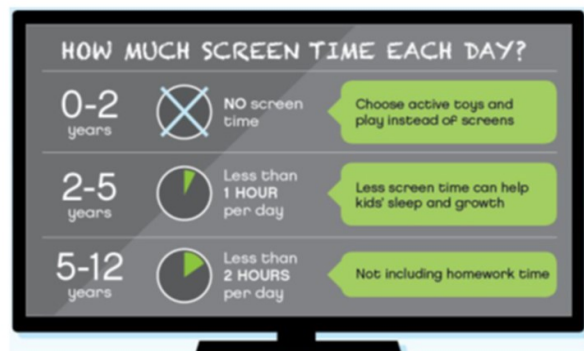
## Good for Kids good for life

### TURN OFF SCREENS AND GET ACTIVE!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

How can parents help?

- Ensure kids have at least one hour of physical activity a day,
- Limit kids total screen time to less than 2 hours per day,
- Remove TV sets and computers from your child's bedroom,
- Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities, like walking the dog or joining a sports team.



Source: Make Healthy Normal and the 24hour Movement Guidelines



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The school acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land.

