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Term 4 Week 8

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday November 29	BOTH Headstart Groups are welcomed for an Orientation Morning and Graduation
Thursday November 30	S1 Inclusion talk
Friday December 1	Y6 Mini Fete
Tuesday December 6	ES1 Graduation /Presentation Assembly 1.30pm in our Hall
Wednesday December 7	S3 Presentation Assembly 9.15am in our Hall S1 Presentation Assembly 11.30am in our Hall

Hello parents and carers,

Our amazing choir are performing at Erina Fair as I type. Miss Smith has again managed to prepare our choir for another concert! Congratulations to all! If you are visiting Erina Fair, be sure to take a look at our recently decorated Christmas Tree. Our students and staff are so incredibly talented! I know which tree will get my vote!



Tomorrow, we welcome both Headstart groups, who be attending for an Orientation morning for, a morning tea, and a special presentation from our Headstart students. After dropping students to the classrooms, parents from both groups are invited to our school hall. HUGE thank you must go to our 2023 Kindergarten families for providing morning tea.

Speaking of Kindergarten, our students or should I say farmers, had a wonderful time at the Umina Campus of BWSC. They were so very excited to share about their day. Levi A had lots to tell me including that pigs roll in mud as sunscreen. He was quite impressed at how smart pigs are!



I am not sure if you have seen our Facebook page which includes some of 3T's stop motion videos. These photos are snippets from the clips. They are well worth a watch!



REPEAT: Our teaching staff are currently working hard to complete this semester's reports. Again, this term, reports will be sent out via the Sentral App. If you need assistance with access to the app, please contact our friendly office team. If you require a paper copy of the reports, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Have a great week! Jodie Campbell – Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Ziggy W	KW	Elsie R
KZ	Kayden F	KL	Darcy K
1KH	Sebastian A	1H	Blaze M-D
1T	Rylan C	1/2A	Evie R-W
2M	Patrick N	2CH	Olivia P
2S	Liam C		Audrey C
5L	Clayton G	6J	Amelia-Rose M
	Charlie B		Bastian C
	Mia H	6H	Mia B
6K	MJ L		Harrison A-S
	Olivia G		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs

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Ziggy W	KB	Liam C	2S
Milya B	1T	Ruby D	K/6P
Rylan C	1T	Zandar C	3O
Lewis P	1KH	Jax M	3/4A
Sebastian A	1KH	Dylan W	6J
Audrey C	2CH	Bastian C	6J

POSITIVE WINNER

Ethan T 6K	Playground Positive
Lucus P KZ	Classroom Positive
Oliver F K/6P	Attendance Hero

FROM THE DESK OF THE APC&Is

Our K-2 students are nearly 12 months into working with the new curriculum.

As a result, our school reports look a little different to what they have in the past and may include language that you're unfamiliar with. Moving into the roll out of the 3-6 English and mathematics syllabus, we thought it may be helpful to give a glossary of terms that could help our wonderful parents to understand the language around the new syllabus documents and how classroom teachers write about your child's progress.

This week, we will begin with just a few of the English terms.

CVC word - Words formed by a consonant-vowel-consonant, for example cat, bag, pen.

Decodable Text - Simple texts that are made up of taught grapheme – phoneme correspondences (GPCs). These texts are used by beginning readers to practise segmenting and blending skills, and to read words so that automaticity can be developed.

Decode - A process of efficient word recognition in which readers use knowledge of the relationship between letters (graphemes) and sounds (phonemes) to work out how to read written words.

Digraph - Two letters used to represent one phoneme, eg sh, ck, th, ee, oo, ea.

Double consonant - Two of the same consecutive letters, eg tt in 'little' and bb in 'rabbit'. This linguistic feature is sometimes referred to as a consonant doublet.

Encode - Spell words in their visible written form.

Fluency - Reading, speaking, handwriting/typing and/or spelling with speed and accuracy.

Grapheme - The smallest unit of writing used to represent one phoneme. A letter or combination of letters corresponding to or representing a single phoneme. Examples: the f in frog, the ph in phone, the gh in cough.

Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondence - The correspondence between a smallest speech sound (phoneme) and its written alphabetic symbol (grapheme).

Waste Free Wednesday News

Congratulations 2S and 3H on winning our Waste Free Wednesday initiative. We hope you enjoy your extra long play at lunch time. Thank you to all who participated, and we look forward to seeing your waste free lunch boxes in the new year!

Environmental Team



SUPPORT NEWS

Kinder students from K6P and K6JG enjoyed visiting the BWSC Farm last week. The students had a wonderful time learning about the animals from the senior students and teachers.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten children had a fabulous time on their excursion to BWHS Agricultural farm. It was a beautiful day, with many excited students dressed in their farmer outfits. The children spent time feeding the goats, nursing chickens, collecting eggs, patting sheep and eating fresh oranges from the orchard. They are now looking forward to trying out for the talent show!

STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage One have had a busy week with the highlight being writing our letters to Santa. We were glad that the rain cleared up in time for us to go for a lovely walk down to Ettalong to post our very important mail. We also took the opportunity to visit the war memorial that was constructed in 2002 to honour the soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War, and observe the many changes that have occurred in Ettalong over the past years.



STAGE TWO NEWS

Week 7 was another busy week for 3T. We sat very respectfully and listened to the leader speeches and worked very hard in our classrooms. We have been learning all about Antarctica and have completed amazing information reports. 3T also worked on Antarctica projects using craft resources and a shoe box. They then became movie directors directed a stop motion animation featuring their dioramas.



STAGE THREE NEWS

The girls from Stage 3 have had the opportunity to attend the PCYC this term. Last week some girls from 6H and 6J did gymnastics and work on the mini tramp. This was followed by a delicious breakfast cooked by the police officers leading the program.



P&C NEWS

Congratulations EPS, our Rainbow Run raised \$20,759.65 for our amazing school!!! Prizes will be announced next Wednesday.

There is a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday morning 8:30am - 9am. Come pick up a bargain!



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