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Term 3, Week 5 2020

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Term Dates 2020

Term 1 Mon 3rd Feb –Thu 9th Apr

Term 2 Tues 28th Apr-Fri 3rd Jul

Term3 Mon 20th Jul-Fri 25th Sept

Term 4 Mon 12th Oct-Thu 17th Dec

School Development Days

Term 1 Thur 30th January, Fri 31st January

Term 4 Thur 29th October, Fri 30th October, Fri 18th December

A message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it certainly has been a busy fortnight, with lots going on around the school. Our choir entertained our early childhood students with some fantastic singing last week, and Mrs Wood has been super busy with getting our vegetable gardens up and going, ready for Spring. I was also really impressed with the calligraphy work that our students have been doing in Japanese and saw some wonderful examples of Japanese Kangi characters.

After much discussion, our Faction Carnival for Years 1-6 is scheduled for the 28th August, weather permitting. I did send out a Connect notice with guidelines around parent attendance. Please ensure that you read these as it is important that we do not become complacent in regards to Covid-19.

We do have our Kindergarten & Pre-Primary students Faction Carnival scheduled for Wednesday the 2nd September, and more information will be sent out about this on Connect.

We have been busy planning for 2021 and have been reading job applications and conducting interviews for new staff. We are expecting an increase in student numbers for 2021 and will have another 3 new transportable classrooms added to the school site at the end of the year.

It has been great to see our attendance percentages coming back to a more reasonable percentage. Please remember that it is really important that students attend school as they do miss out both academically and socially when they are not here. If your child is going to be absent for extended periods, please ask your doctor for a medical certificate.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Michelle Wellsteed Principal

<u>UP IN LIGHTS</u>

This Term, Hamelin Pool 1 have been learning all about the story 'Stellaluna'. We have been looking for interesting words in the story and learning about the structure of a narrative. We are doing biological Science this term and have had a visit to the school vegetable garden. We were also very lucky when Mrs Wood opened up the worm farms and let us have a look at the compost worms.





SCHOOL VALUES

These are really important at the moment for all of our community. Resilience is the key for all of us to get through tough times. One of the critical values to remember is: FREEDOM

Meaning: The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants. All Australians are entitled to freedom of speech, association, assembly, religion and movement.

Synonyms: independence, democracy, flexibility

You are practicing FREEDOM when you:

- 1. Say or write what you think about anything, within the bounds of the law (Speech)
- 2. Join any organisation if it is legal (Association)
- 3. Meet with other people in public places (Assembly)
- 4. Choose any religion (Religion)
- 5. Move between all states and territories. Leave and return to Australia at any time (Movement)

Sustainability Gardens at ABPS

At the beginning of this year, we were successful in receiving a grant from Waste Wise Schools to extend our Sustainibility program at Alkimos Beach Primary School. Mrs Wood and the Eco Warriors have been busy setting up the new garden pods and our Year 3 students were the first to enjoy planting tomato plants to cook with later in the term. We can't wait to try some of their school grown produce.









LANGUAGES WEEK

Alkimos Beach PS students recently celebrated Languages Week, with traditional Japanese calligraphy lessons. They used special water paper and calligraphy brushes for practising the specific calligraphy skills before attempting their own masterpieces with black ink. Kanji characters represent a picture of what the matching word means.

Year 2 copied 大 (ookii=big) and 小 (chiisai=small) and Year 3 copied 冬 (fuyu=winter). Congratulations to Jordan, Noah, Cadence, Rikuto, Decon, Dylan and Ryan for their fantastic work.

Year 4, 5 and 6 copied 家 (ie=house/home) and this is the kanji which has been chosen for the state-wide competition at the end of this month. Congratulations to Brodie (Yr 6), Wyatt (Yr 5) and Annabelle (Yr 4) who will have their calligraphy entered in this competition.

Special mentions to the following students who also produced impressive calligraphy samples: Year 6: Channah, Briar, McKenzie and Tyleaa Year 5: Paige, Chloe, Estelle, Joel and Eden Year 4: Navyakshi, Ciaran, Mia, Emma, Josie and Dakota.



Sensei Hall Japanese Teacher









Arts @ Alkimos Beach

Our Year 6 and 5/6 classes have been learning about the artwork of Salvador Dali and the art movement Surrealism. They have since created their own melted object pictures featuring a dream-like environment. Each drawing is created with oil pastels and had a background that was in contradiction to the object, this helps it to give it that dream or nightmarish feel. The classes have really improved on their drawing and blending of colours which has been a joy to observe. I look forward to seeing their next project.

> Mrs Paula Trevor Visual Arts Teacher



Alkimos Beach Choir

On Thursday, 14th August, the Alkimos Beach Choir delighted an enthusiastic audience of Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1 students with a special lunchtime concert! The singing ensemble, ably led by their choir co-captains Akshveer Gulati and Amy Livingstone, performed three songs; Iko Iko, Stand By Me and a sing-a-long version of Twinkle Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

The choir has been meeting weekly on Thursdays to rehearse, sacrificing their lunch times in the process. I'd like to thank the choir students for their hard and diligent work so far this year!

Mr Long Music Teacher





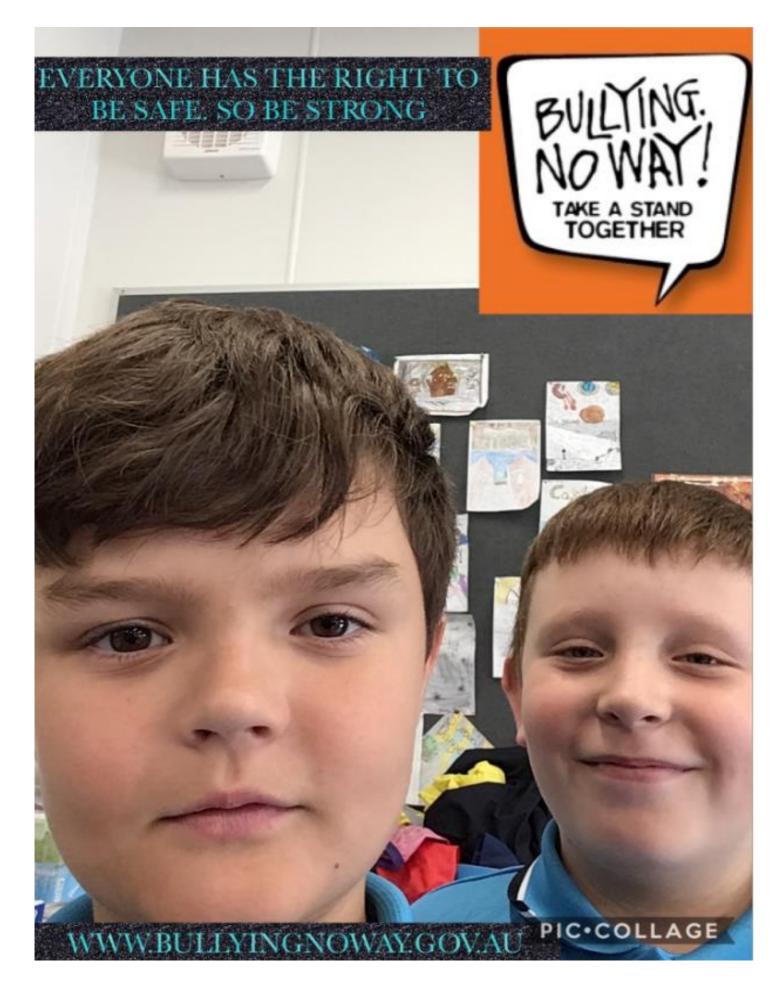








Bullying... NO WAY!





Alkimos Beach Primary School Hair Accessories



Alkimos Beach Primary School has teamed up with a small local business who make hair accessories in our school colours. We will receive a donation of at least 30% from each order placed. Not only will this donation help our school with future projects, it will also encourage students to uphold our uniform policy and wear our school colours proudly.

Below is a price list of hair accessories to purchase. Order forms were sent home with students today and are also available in the front office. Orders are due by **Friday**, **4**th **September** and estimated time of delivery is **Friday**, **2**nd **October**. Thank you for supporting our school.



COMMUNITY NEWS





Fear-Less Triple P

Helping Your Children Learn to Manage Anxiety This is a live online session facilitated by School Psychologists via Webex For parents/carers with children aged 6 years and over.

Anxiety is a normal response that can be helpful and typically passes quickly. However, anxiety has the potential to cause significant distress and to interfere with a person's ability to do things they want to and should be able to.

This seminar aims to provide parents with:

- key anxiety-management skills they can teach children
- an understanding of how anxiety works
- knowledge of how to help children develop coping skills and face feared situations
- how to manage children's anxious behaviour effectively



Part 1 - Tuesday 1 September 2020 Part 2 - Wednesday 2 September 2020 9.30am to 11.00am

Bookings essential via phone or email

Further information will be provided to you when you register for this online Webex session

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Friday 11 September 2020 9.00am to 12.00pm Facilitated by Tonia – School Psychologist

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