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## Principal's Report

### **Tell Them From Me Survey – CLOSING THIS FRIDAY!**

We are asking each of our families to consider completing the Partners in Learning survey that we do each year as part of capturing feedback from parents/ carers. The views of parents/carers provide us with information on how we can work together to provide the best possible educational experience for your child (ren). The survey can be found at:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/q4v5c>

The survey will typically takes **15 minutes or less** to complete and is completely confidential. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. The results from previous surveys have been used to inform school directions.

Students will be participating in the Tell Them From Me online student surveys in order to hear directly and anonymously about their perspective. We will be asking their views on things that matter to them such as student engagement, student wellness and the school's learning climate.

The parent survey will be open until tomorrow, Friday 26 October. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents> .

### **Classes for 2019**

As you would be aware preparations for classes for 2019 happen early in Term 4. This is a lengthy process and a lot of consideration goes into making decisions that are in the best interests of our students. If you have any specific requests for your child could you please put this in writing and mark it to the attention of Mr Pinchbeck. Please understand that there is no guarantees that requests can be met, however, we value your input and will take this into consideration when making decisions for next year. All requests will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

### **Parking around the school during school drop off and pick up**

Please be vigilant when dropping students at school and picking them up that you drop your children on the school side of the road. Don't expect them to cross the road on their own because this puts them in danger. Try to park parallel to the school when dropping off to avoid having to reverse onto footpaths where students may be walking, and ensure that all of our neighboring driveways are kept clear out of courtesy to our neighbours but also as a safety measure for students.

### **Year 7 entry into a selective high school in 2020**

If your child is currently in year 5 and you are thinking of applying for a government selective high school for year 7 entry in 2020, applications are now open. You must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-clases/year7> .

***Applications close 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018*** (you must apply by this date).

Please read all information on the website carefully before applying. There is more information at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc> . Parents should check the website for updates all the way through the application and placement process.

## **Ethics Lessons**

Help is required next year for assistance with ethics lessons for students. There is currently a waiting list for students and we need parent volunteers and a coordinator to help it go ahead in 2019. Please see Fiona Lisle or contact Maria McCarthy at [maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au).

## **Celebration of Learning**

This year's Celebration of Learning will again be held at Berowra Community Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## **"Star of the Month" Assembly**

"Star of the Month" assembly will take place this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall at 12:25pm. We look forward to The Powerful Owls (5/6) running (soaring through) the assembly.

## **OOSH Kitchen**

The OOSH kitchen has finally been completed . Thankyou to the school community and the P & C for their contribution towards the kitchen.

Natalie MacDonald

**(Rel.) Principal**

### **Photos of the new OOSH Kitchen**



## **P & C—AGM General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on November 21st at 7.00pm in the school library. We will be voting on the following positions:

President

Vice President x 2

Secretary

Treasurer

Canteen sub committee

Band sub committee

OOSH sub committee

Please feel free to come along and see how the P & C works to help the school community.

Mt Kuring-gai P & C Exec



## Kindy Kickstart 2018

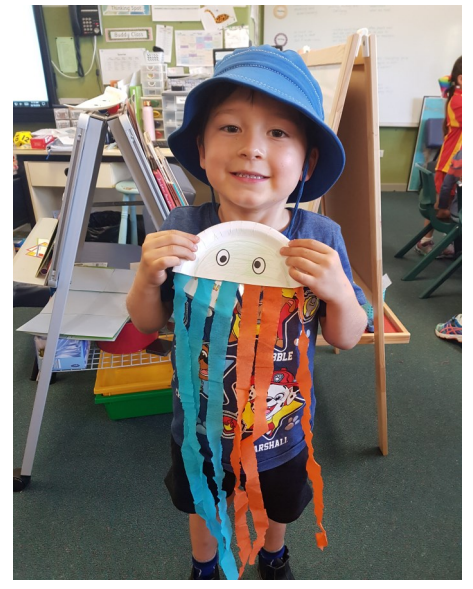
On Tuesday 23rd of October, Kindykick start held its first session. The year 5 children met their kindy buddy in the morning and helped them settle into the classroom.

The children explored a range of activities, including playdough, threading and colouring, before listening to a story online and having their munch and crunch. They then visited the Year 1 classroom, where Mrs Tudor read "The Messy Jellyfish" before making a jelly fish of their own!

At lunch, the new Kindy kids sat with their year 5 buddies, who then showed them around the playground and spent time playing with them.

Thank you to year 5 for showing empathy and kindness towards the Kindy children throughout their visit.

We look forward to their next visit on Thursday 1st November!





## MOUNT KURING-GAI PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND

### TRY AN INSTRUMENT SESSION

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Training Band is currently looking for new members for next year.

On **Thursday 22 November at 9:30am**, there will be a 'try an instrument' session in the hall for all Year 2 students. Students in Years 3 to 5 will also have the opportunity to attend if they are interested.

They will have the opportunity to try a range of instruments, under the supervision of professional musicians. Information will be available on where to hire or buy instruments and the contact details for music tutors.

#### **Why play a musical instrument?**

Music affects the brain in many positive ways. It makes you smarter, happier and more productive. Listening is good, playing is even better.

Playing music in a band not only encourages teamwork, but is scientifically proven to help brain function. Children with musical training are shown to do better in subjects like language, reading and maths. They also have better fine motor skills than their non-musical classmates. In addition to all these benefits, playing in a band is great fun!

#### **The Band Program at Mount Kuring-gai**

- Our **Training Band** rehearses on a Thursday morning from 8.25am until 9.05am. Each student is required to hire or buy their own instrument.
- Band fees are \$100 per term. In addition to band rehearsals, students are required to have an instrumental lesson each week. Private lessons typically cost \$30 - \$35.
- Training band members progress to our **Performance Band** as their skills develop.
- All band members are given opportunities to perform throughout the year. Events include the Berowra Music Festival, Celebration of Learning, Kindy Kickstart presentation, as well as various school assemblies.





# Swim Scheme

For the last two weeks' students from our school have been attending daily swim classes at Abbotsleigh Swimming Pool. Students have been learning vital water survival skills; treading water, back float, back skull, how to rescue someone in trouble as well improving their overall swimming skills. Swim school ran smoothly as students displayed good listening skills, cooperation and strived to do their best at all times. It was a pleasure to take such a great group of students and we congratulate all of them on all their successes. Well done!



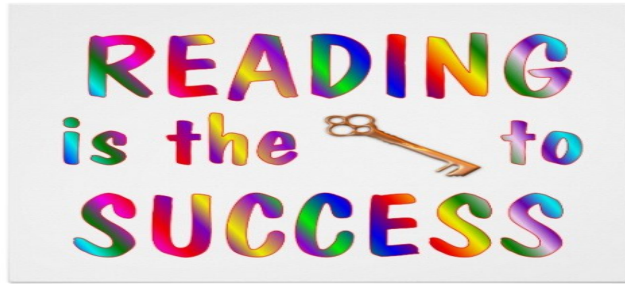
Miss Amelia Wargren and Mrs Inta Wasowski







# K-2 HOME READING TIPS



- Home reading should be a positive experience for both parent and child. The book they take home will be a familiar book and it is okay (in fact it is beneficial) for the book to be read more than once or twice.
- Make it part of your routine and find the right time for you and your child to enjoy this special time together (mornings may work better than evenings in some cases).
- Let the reader hold the book and turn the pages.

### Before reading:

Ask some questions about the book : What do you think the books is about? Why?

What do you notice about the picture on the front? Or if they have read it before : Do you remember what happened in the story? What do you like about the book? Is it a story or a fact book?

### During reading:

- Listen to your child read the story.
- Let him/her hold the book and turn the pages.

If they read correctly, praise them as they turn each page. Try and be specific with your praise.

E.g. *Great job! You corrected that all by yourself. Good job! That didn't make sense and you corrected it.*

*You are trying to re-read the sentence. Terrific! Your reading sounds just like talking. Fantastic!*

*Well done! You are reading with expression for the talking parts.*

If your child makes an error or stops at a word give him/her 5 seconds to self-correct. If they don't self-correct, give them 5 seconds to have a go before telling them the word.

### After reading:

Praise, Praise, Praise! The aim is for students to view themselves as successful readers.

Ask questions: What was your favorite part? What was the problem in the story? Which character did you like the best?

**Important Note: Students who are reading beyond Level 17/18 are encouraged to read familiar books from school and also books from the school/local /home library, choosing books that they enjoy and are interested in.**

**If your child is becoming frustrated during the Home Reading process, please see your child's classroom teacher.**

## Helpful prompts

When the reading doesn't make sense...	When the reading doesn't sound right...	Sounding out errors...
Look at the picture. Does that make sense? Read on and come back. Think about what you've read. Go back and read again.	Does it sound right? Should you say it like that?	Does it look right? Look at the first sound. Say the sounds in order. Look for any parts of the word you know.
Now have a guess.	Now have a guess.	Now have a guess.

## **Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term!**

Jump Rope for Heart is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for 35 years. It's a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like ours have raised more than \$75 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work.

It's important you **register your child online**, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.

<https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/register>

Students will be skipping *during sport*, you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on *Tuesday 30th October* this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!



## **We're skipping through the term!**

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. *Mt Kuring-Gai Public School* has already raised \$755

It's not long until our Jump off Day on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause! Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details.

<https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/register>

# Jump Rope for Heart



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** 2018

**Monday 29th October**

Moving Bodies– Dance begins

**Tuesday 30th October**

Jump Off Day

**Thursday 1st November**

Outdoor Learning Day

Kindy Kickstart Session 2

**Friday 2nd November**

Rock it Show K—6



### **Year 6 Mini Fete News**

Year 6 Mini fete will be held on Thursday 6th December.

Stay tuned information coming home soon.



## AUTISM SUPPORT IN HORNSBY



The Autism Community Network provides free support during school terms for families living with autism conditions. If you would like to meet other carers who understand you or find social opportunities for your ASD child and their siblings, please contact us or come along to our free support group meetings

### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - EVENING

**When:** First Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30 pm  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - DAY

**When:** Fourth Thursday 10 am to noon  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

For more information :

[www.autismcommunity.org.au](http://www.autismcommunity.org.au) | [info@autismcommunity.org.au](mailto:info@autismcommunity.org.au) | 9543 9036



## Did you know .....

When your child misses just . . .	that equals . . .	which is . . .	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is . . .
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year (nearly a term)	Over 2 ½ years of school

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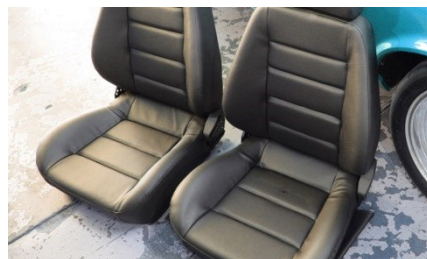
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# ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FETE



**SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER 9AM-3PM**

Paddy's Own Inflatable World  
GloRoom and DisGlo  
Photography Competition  
Secondhand Toys & Books  
Adult Tombola  
Gift Baskets

Chocolate Wheel  
Show Bags

Hot Chips  
Dumplings  
Indian Food  
BBQ  
Gluten Free Pasta  
Cake Stall  
Pies  
Snow Cones, Fairy  
Floss and Popcorn

Coffee Cart  
Chocolate Toss  
Stretch a Snake  
Lucky Balloons  
Cupcake Decorating  
Hair Spray, Tattoos & Polish  
Face Painting  
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## 60TH ANNIVERSARY FETE

Pipe Band  
School Choir  
Buskers  
Raffle (1st Prize: \$1,500 Cash)  
Entertainment

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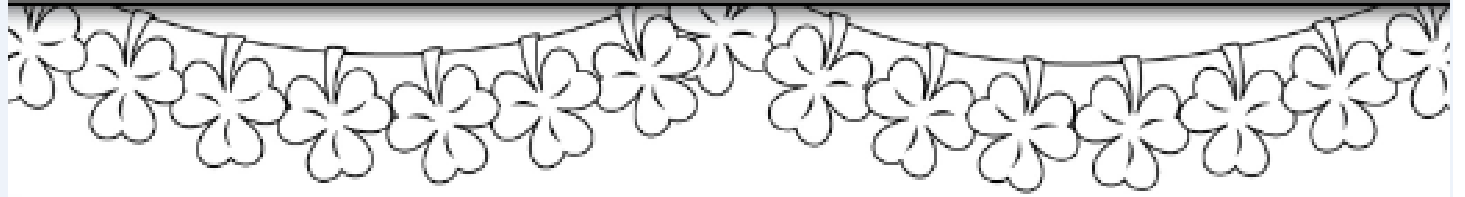
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# PADDY'S COLOURING IN COMPETITION



Name:

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Contact No:

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Age (please circle):

Pre-school

K-2 3-6

Colour in your picture and give to Paddy at the St Patrick's Fete on Saturday 27th October 2018 for your chance to win a great prize!



The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.  
All entries must be submitted on Fete day by 1.30pm and winners will be announced at 2.30pm.