

# Term 4 - Week 8

# Principal's Message

We've got a big week ahead of ourselves with an excursion for Stage 2 to the museum, our final fortnightly assembly on Wednesday from 1:45 pm. Our final P&C meeting for this year is on Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the library, our second orientation day for kindergarten 2024 and our teachers will be involved on Tuesday afternoon in the final twilight professional learning for this year. This three-hour session of professional learning substitutes for a total of two days that teachers would complete at the end of the year. We'll be learning about risk management in health and safety, doing some additional curriculum development, and working on our classes for 2024.

Could you make sure you check the upcoming dates? We have lots of events, including on Thursday, 7 December, our Christmas Concert between 5 pm to 7 pm. It is an opportunity to relax and enjoy some entertainment from the school and come together as a community. Then, in Week 10, we have lots of events culminating in our school presentation day and our Year 6 events.

Have a great week, everyone; it may be a wet one, though perhaps it will allow better weather to end the school year.

# Important Dates Ahead

Date	Event				
Monday, 27 November	<ul> <li>Stage 2 Australian Museum Excursion</li> <li>Stage 3 Money Talks Financial Literacy Incursion - Part A</li> </ul>				
Tuesday, 28 November	<ul> <li>State-Wide Year 6 High School Orientation</li> <li>P&amp;C Meeting 6:30 pm to 8 pm in Library</li> <li>Library Classes - 2M, 1J, KP</li> <li>Canteen</li> <li>Senior Dance Rehearsal - 8 am in Hall</li> <li>Band Ensemble - lunchtime - Music Room</li> <li>Senior Choir Rehearsal - lunchtime - 3/4M classroom</li> </ul>				
Wednesday, 29 November	<ul> <li>K-6 Assembly - 1:45 pm in Hall</li> <li>Student Lighthouse Canteen - Recess</li> <li>The uniform shop will be open for sizing from 8:30 am to 9:30 am</li> <li>3-6 - Got Game Program</li> <li>Library Classes - 3/4B, 3/4M, 5/6H, 4/5C, KN</li> </ul>				
Thursday, 30 November	<ul> <li>Kindergarten 2024 - Transition for 2024 Kindy Students and Parents Information Session 2 - 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm</li> <li>Junior Dance Rehearsal - 8 am in Hall</li> <li>Canteen</li> <li>K-2 - Got Game Program</li> <li>Library Classes - 1W, 5/6P, 2CB</li> </ul>				
Friday, 1 December	<ul> <li>Student Lighthouse Canteen - Recess</li> <li>Year 1 Learn to Swim Program - Cronulla Beach Swim School</li> <li>PSSA - Round 8 - Venue Allocations:         <ul> <li>Basketball - Sutherland Basketball Stadium, Rawson Avenue, Sutherland</li> <li>Tee Ball - Captain Cook Playing Fields, Captain Cook Drive, Woolooware</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Coming Up	<ul> <li>Tuesday, 5 December - Stage 3 Money Talks Financial Literacy Incursion</li> <li>Tuesday, 5 December - Stage 2 Surf Awareness Excursion</li> <li>Wednesday, 6 December - Mufti/Crazy Hair Day (Red Cross Fundraiser)</li> <li>Thursday, 7 December - Stage 3 Surf Awareness Excursion</li> <li>Thursday, 7 December - Christmas Concert - 5pm to 7pm</li> <li>Monday, 11 December - Year 6 Movie Day</li> <li>Tuesday, 12 December - Year 6 Farewell</li> <li>Tuesday, 12 December - Year 6 Fun Day</li> <li>Thursday, 14 December - Presentation Day</li> <li>Friday, 15 December - Semester 2 Reports sent home</li> <li>Friday, 15 December - K-6 Picnic Day</li> <li>Friday, 15 December - Students' last day of school for 2023</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Thursday, 1 February - Years 1 to 6 students return for the first day back in 2024</li> <li>Monday, 5 February - First day of Kindergarten</li> <li>Monday, 19 February - 3-6 Swimming Carnival - Caringbah Leisure Centre</li> <li>Monday, 4 March - National Young Leaders Day Excursion</li> <li>Tuesday, 5 March - Zone Swimming Carnival - Caringbah Leisure Centre</li> <li>Monday, 18 March - School Photo Day</li> </ul>				

- Monday, 25 March K-6 Cross Country Carnival Kareela Synthetic Fields
- Monday, 13 May Zone Cross Country Miranda Park
- Tuesday, 11 June K-6 Athletics Carnival The Ridge Athletics Track
- Monday-Wednesday, 29-31 July Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
- Friday, 9 August Zone Athletics Carnival Day 1
- Friday, 23 August Zone Athletics Carnival Day 2

# A Week Ahead in Learning

#### Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

Literacy	Numeracy			
Writing Focus:	Numeracy Focus:			
<ul> <li>Intentionally selecting nouns, verbs, adjectives and articles in own writing</li> <li>Understanding they can improve their writing based on feedback from teachers</li> <li>Editing their texts after receiving feedback</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Comparing internal volume by filling and packing</li> <li>Applying strategies to help with keeping track of a count when counting a large collection</li> <li>Identifying 2 containers that appear different but have the same internal volume by comparing</li> <li>Measuring and comparing the internal volumes</li> </ul>			
Phonics, Spelling and Grammar:	(capacities) of 2 containers			
<ul> <li>Phoneme (sound) long vowels /ee/ 'e', 'ea', 'ee' as in 'me'</li> <li>Camera words - revision</li> </ul>				
Reading Focus:				
<ul> <li>Understanding that informative and imaginative texts have different structures, features and forms</li> <li>Reading decodable texts with increasing fluency.</li> </ul>				

#### PDHPE:

• Got Game - Dance

#### Geography: Me in My Place

 Revising the year that was focusing on their learning journey.

#### **Creative Arts:**

• Drama - Christmas concert rehearsal

Thursday is the second transition afternoon for 2024 kindergarten students.

Thursday - Buddies for current Kindergarten.

Literacy	Numeracy		
Writing Focus:	Numeracy Focus: Volume		
<ul> <li>Understanding that their own texts can be improved by incorporating feedback and editing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Measuring internal volume using uniform informal units</li> </ul>		
Phonics, Spelling and Grammar:	Comparing and ordering internal volume based on size		
Year 1	Recognising that 3D objects can have the same name but be a different size and appearance		
<ul> <li>Phoneme (sound) /ear/ 'ere', 'ear', 'eer' &amp; 'ier' as in 'here' 'year' 'pier'</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Comparing 3D objects of a different appearance which have the same volume</li> <li>Understanding that volume is recorded by referring</li> </ul>		
Year 2	to the number and type of uniform informal units used		
Phoneme (sound) assessment & revision			
Reading Focus:			
<ul> <li>Recounting relevant ideas from texts in the form of a written, visual or oral summary</li> <li>Reading decodable texts with increasing fluency.</li> </ul>			

#### PDHPE:

• Got Game - Dance

# Science and Technology: Energy Comes in Different Forms

Assessment

#### **Geography: Features of Places**

Assessment

#### **Creative Arts:**

• Drama - Christmas concert rehearsal

Last week for homework and home reading. All home reading folders will be kept at school over the school holidays to pass on to next year's teachers.

# Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4

Literacy	Numeracy	
Writing Focus:	Numeracy Focus:	
<ul> <li>Exploring alliteration, onomatopoeia and wordplay as poetic devices.</li> </ul>	Length: estimating, measuring and recording distances in millimetres, as well as calculating	
Spelling and Grammar:	perimeter for 2D shapes.	
<ul> <li>Green group: exploring the /ee/ phoneme.</li> <li>Blue group: revising rules based on whether a morpheme starts/ends with a vowel or consonant.</li> <li>Purple group: introducing the prefix pro- and investigating plurals for nouns ending in y.</li> </ul>		
Reading Focus:		
Skimming a text to identify and then define		

#### PDHPE: Healthy Lifestyle

interesting vocabulary.

 Exploring recommendations and strategies for physical activity.

#### Science and Technology: Material World

• Constructing and evaluating improvements and changes for package design.

#### Geography: Australia's Neighbours

 Investigating local waste management practices at school and local environment.

#### **Creative Arts:**

Drama: continued rehearsals

Dance: Got Game

#### Reminders:

- Stage 2 Museum Excursion is Monday 27
   November; please remember to arrive at school by 7:45 am and bring a tote or library bag for equipment (backpacks and large bags will not be allowed in the exhibit).
- Stage 2 Surf Awareness is Tuesday, 5 December, please complete permission, payment and online waiver
- K-6 Assembly will be on Wednesday, 29
   November, at 1:40 pm. 3/4M will be presenting a class item.

## Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6

Literacy	Numerac

#### Writing Focus:

 We will commence our final writing unit for the year, a poetry unit. Students will explore what poetry is and the preconceived ideas and attitudes towards poetry.

#### Spelling and Grammar:

 Using knowledge of known words and base words to spell new words. Group D will focus on contractions and Group F will focus on dropping the final y from words.

#### **Reading Focus:**

 Literacy circle groups have now rotated their topics. Students will work on chunk 7 of their assigned texts for literacy circles. Reader's theatre will continue to be rehearsed and performed in class.

#### **Numeracy Focus:**

- Maths Olympiad: Will continue this week. In small groups, students will compete in class Maths Olympiads. This will allow students to demonstrate their problem-solving skills and ability to work mathematically.
- Length: Our length revision will culminate this week with students finalising and testing their marble rollercoasters.

#### PDHPE: Healthy Living/ Active Lifestyle

- Got Game focus: Dance
- Students will commence a task where they design a fortnightly health plan. They will apply their learning from the term in creating their plans.

#### Science and Technology: Material World

 We will commence a small unit of work to culminate the term, where students will explore how different materials interact with each other. Our focus this week will be combining different chemicals to produce a reaction.

#### **Geography: Natural Disasters**

 Students will be given more time to complete their bushfire safety plans, which will be presented in week 9.

#### **Creative Arts:**

 Students will commence weaving this week. They will first create a loom and then practice weaving techniques to weave a landscape.

#### Reminders:

- Financial Literacy Workshop 1:
  - The Ecstra Foundation (not-for-profit) will present its first workshop this Monday afternoon in the hall. Students will learn about interest rates, credit cards and savings.
- Surf Education: Please provide permission and complete the online waiver form. Students will attend Thursday, Week 9, so please complete this ASAP.
- Year 6 Statewide orientation day is this Tuesday, 28 October.

# Positive Behaviour for Learning and Leader in Me - Term 4 - Week 8

PBL Our PBL focus for this week is eating time on the playground and being safe and respectful by:

- Sitting in our assigned eating area
- Waiting to be dismissed before playing
- Ensuring all rubbish is placed in the bins

**Leader in Me** The weather held off for our Seahorse Circles to meet on Friday, give some feedback about the year and then play some games in their groups. This week in classes, students will be looking at the **8th Habit: Find Your Voice**, which isn't so much an extra habit but an application of the 7 Habits. Students will look at reflecting, questioning, teamwork and empowering in their lessons this week.

**Student Lighthouse Team** Student canteen will <u>not be open on Monday</u> due to the Stage 2 excursion but will be open on Wednesday and Friday this week. Art Club will be happening on Wednesday at lunchtime. The Student Lighthouse Team has put together a fundraiser mufti day for Wednesday, 6 December, which will be a crazy hair/mufti day. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation, which will go towards the Red Cross's work. The students have designed a poster, which is included below.





### **P&C News**

#### P&C Meeting - Last one for 2024

The last P&C Meeting for Term 4 will be held this Tuesday, 28 November, at 6:30 pm in the Library. We welcome all existing and new parents to attend and learn about updates regarding school activities and future moves and how you can become involved in your school's P&C events and committees. The meeting will be finished no later than 8:30 p.m.

#### Important Uniform Ordering Dates

#### **Final Day for Uniform Orders**



Midford will close their warehouse from Friday 15 December 2023 to 9 January 2024

#### December 2023

- Home Delivery Orders need to be placed by 5.00pm Thursday 14 December 2023 to ensure dispatch before the warehouse closes.
- School Pickup Orders need to be placed by 5.00pm Tuesday 12 December 2023
   Orders will be available for collection from the School Office Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2023
   between 8.30am and 3.00pm.

#### January 2024

- Home Delivery Orders Orders placed while the warehouse is closed will then be sent out from the 9 January 2024 after the warehouse reopens.
- School Pickup Orders need to be placed by 5.00pm Thursday 25 December 2023 to ensure delivery to the School Office on Tuesday 30 January 2024.
   Orders will be available for collection from the School Office on Wednesday 31 January 2024 between 8.30am and 3.00pm or alternatively they will be handed out to Year 1 to 6 Students on Thursday 1 February 2024.

2024 Kindergarten Students can either collect from the School Office on Wednesday 31 January 2024 or while attending Best Start.











# **Community Events**





#### **PROGRAMS**







#### Sessions include:

- Fun interactive activities that teach about animal care.
- Behind-the-scenes tour of our shelter.
- Help our Animal Carers with their daily responsibilities.
   Meeting a variety of shelter animals.
- Learn how to be an animal advocate in your community
- Learn about animal career pathways
- Sydney Adoption and Education Centre 201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199



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