



Thursday 27th March 2019
Term 1 Week 9

From The Principal's Desk

Senior Excursion

Our students in years 5 and 6 will be arriving home from their excursion from Lake Ainsworth tomorrow afternoon. The bus should arrive back to school before 3.00pm. We will place a notification on the school app to inform parents if there is a change in arrival time. Thank you to Mrs Felicity Pennington, Miss Sarah Randall and Mr Garry Porter who are supervising the students on the excursion and working hard to make sure all students have a wonderful time away.

Easter Hat Parade

We are inviting all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to present an Easter hat in our "Easter Hat Parade" on the last day of school this term (Friday 12th April). We encourage students and their families to create a hat at home to bring along to the parade. We will also have some students from the Kurrawatha Child Care Centre joining us as well.

Athletics Carnivals—Claiming the Dates!

This year, our school will hold the athletics carnival over 2 days. We will hold our track and some field events on Friday 24th May and the remaining field events on Friday 31st May. Both of these dates are in weeks 4 and 5 of next term. Students will need to be present on the day to compete at this year's carnival and to qualify for PSSA Zone events in 2019. The plan is to hold the carnival over 2 days to ensure we are able to complete events from start to finish. Please keep these dates handy. We will provide more information early next term.

Newsletter Online

I am currently looking into an online platform for our school newsletter so it can be easily distributed using mobile and tablet devices. Last year I provided families with a survey regarding our current format, the way it is sent out and the frequency of publications. I have created some draft versions to streamline our new approach, such as making sure it is available on the skoolbag app, published on our website and also a paper version to be available for any family who wishes to receive it in this way. I will provide more information about our new approach after more trials have taken place. I may place an example on the skoolbag app in the next week or so once we have developed a suitable format. *Watch this space...*

Assembly on Friday

We will be holding our final assembly for this term on Friday from 11.40am in the hall. This is the first time Bronze awards will be handed out for 2019. Congratulations to all students who have achieved their Bronze level. A new approach to our Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum system will see students now receive a new, professionally designed certificate and a Martin's Gully Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum badge. We invite all parents and carers to come along and join us for the assembly. Our Kindergarten students will also be presenting an item on Friday.

Have a great week!

Brad Hunt
Principal

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Brad Hunt

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Dates For Your Diary

Assemblies - Friday 11.40am

MARCH

Thursday 28th: Senior excursion ends

APRIL

Friday 5th: Cross Country at the Armidale Arboretum

Friday 12th: Easter Hat Parade/Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th: School Development Day (Staff Only)

Tuesday 30th: Term 2 commences for students

MAY

Wednesday 1st: Debating workshop

Thursday 9th: School Photos

Please check the school app for updated times and dates.

Term 1 Whole School Assemblies (Subject to change throughout the term)

Friday 29th March: Kindergarten presenting

P&C News

As advertised in previous school newsletters, the P&C AGM was to be held on Wednesday 20th March. Due to lack of financial members the AGM could not be held. As a result, the AGM will now be held on **Wednesday 15th May at 2pm**, followed by a general meeting. There are a number of executives that will not be standing again for their position. If you are interested in joining our executive team, please email: martinsgullypandc@gmail.com.

It is extremely important that these roles are filled to ensure the future of the Martin's Gully P&C Association.

In conjunction with the Easter Hat Parade on 12th April, the P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle. The P&C are asking each family to donate an item to go towards the raffle. Donations and sold raffle tickets can be left at the office by Wednesday 10th April 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.



SCHOOL JACKET ORDERS



School jacket orders will be available for pick-up next **Tuesday, 2nd April from 2:30-3:30pm from the clothing pool**. Any outstanding payments must be finalised prior to collection.

CLOTHING POOL

Open 2.45—3.15pm Week 10, Tuesday 2-4-19. At other times by arrangement with the office.

MGPS News

BUS PASSES

I am writing to advise that the moratorium for buses will stop on Friday the 29th of March.

From Monday 1st of April students who catch in town buses including Uralla 1 and Uralla 2 must present a bus pass or a fare of \$1 in for the Armidale area or \$3 for Uralla will be charged.

Parents have had the past 8 weeks to apply for a bus pass.

James Cross

Depot Manager

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Library News

Congratulations to all of the students in the Magpies who filled their jar first. Most students are borrowing new books each week, which is fantastic to see!

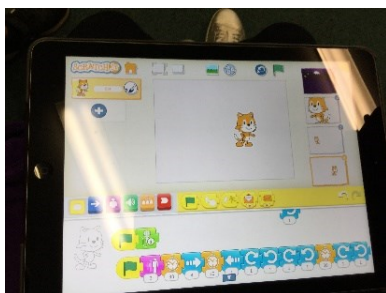
Library Days: Stage One and Stage Two Wednesday Stage 3 and Kindergarten Thursday

Kindergarten have settled into the routine of library and are starting to really enjoy borrowing books from both fiction and non fiction. During the last few weeks, Kindergarten have been busily working creating a story web. This is where students take it in turns to throw a ball of wool saying something they remember from the story. After all students have had a go, the class creates a web with many different events that occur during the story. This strategy helps students with retelling and recapping the main ideas.



Stage One have shown a great love for reading each week and are constantly borrowing and returning books. Students have continued their learning on *Scratch Junior* and are now able to add two Sprites (characters), make them both move in different ways and change the background.

Stage Two have been busy learning how to add a recording to *Scratch Junior*. Students were asked to record themselves singing the Hokey Pokey and then code their sprite (character) to move in time to their recording and have their sprite move in the correct way. The students final product was amazing to watch. I wish I could put sound to this newsletter!



Stage Three have started creating their Maze game on *Scratch*. The students have learnt how to add different sets of codes to create their Maze game. Over the next few weeks the students will be watching/playing each others Maze game and evaluating how they could make their mazes even better.

I hope everyone has a lovely end to the term.

Jennie Waters

Kindy Koalas Class Report

WOW! What a term, Kindy have grown so much over the last 9 weeks. They have settled into all of their routines and have become very confident and eager learners.

We are looking forward to our first assembly performance this Friday. Hope to see you all there. Please remember to bring in your costumes.

Kindy have been completing the unit *That's my hat* in science and we are looking forward to designing and making our own Easter hats for the parade in week 11. Please remember to bring in a sheet of coloured cardboard and any decorations you would like to use.

We really enjoyed the visit from the Zoo mobile. We learnt about how to make our backyards lizard friendly and had the opportunity to touch a possum, blue tongue lizard and snake and we got to have a close look at a stick insect and tree frog.



Mrs Lord and Mrs Polson

PHOTOS FROM THE 5/6 EXCURSION IN LAKE AINSWORTH



Community News



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Ages 7 - 16yrs

Autism - Intellectual Disability - Mental Health



Aussie Kids Adventure Camps

Armidale, Coffs Harbour & Port Macquarie
Ph: 0422089635

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- Peer Interaction
- Supported activities & crafts

Capacity building program targets:

- Self esteem & confidence
- Anxiety in social settings
- Bonding through team challenges
- Peer relational & general social skills

The 'Catch-all Camps' are a weekend overnight camp. The program runs a six month cycle utilizing the same venue to provide stability and familiarity. The camps do not have to be attended consecutively to be of benefit and offers a great respite for parents and carers.

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MAR	9-10	2-3	23-24
APR	13-14	6-7	27-28

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