

**Upcoming  
Events.....**

**2018**

**Term 4**

**Week 6**

**Mon 19 Nov**  
Bandstrav  
Rehearsal

**Tue 20 Nov**  
Bandstrav  
Performance

**Wed 21 Nov**  
Assembly  
hosted by  
Year 1/2  
@1:50pm

Kindergarten  
Waste  
Free Day

**Fri 23 Nov**  
P&C Disco

**Week 7**

**Wed 28 Nov**  
Preschool  
2019  
Welcome  
Picnic  
5:00pm

**Week 8**

**Tue 4 Dec**  
Board  
Meeting

**Wed 5 Dec**  
Assembly  
hosted by  
Kindy @  
1:50pm



## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

How the term is flying by!

Year 3/4 are at camp this week. For some of our year 3 students, this is the first time away from home – a big step for students and parents/carers alike. I am pleased to be able to tell you that I received a phone call this morning from Pak Chad to let me know that all is going well. They have managed to have some time outside between rain showers and they are ready for a busy day today. We look forward to their safe return on Friday. Our thanks to the 3/4 teaching team for giving up much of their time at such a busy time of year to provide this great experience for our students.

Every Wednesday our kindergarten students have been practicing reducing their impact on the environment through a 'Waste free Wednesday'. Thank you to the many families who have supported this by using recyclable containers and wax coated wrapping papers. I am sure kindergarten would be delighted to see some of our older students joining in.

Our year 5 band participated in a combined band practice this week at Mount Rogers Primary School. I am delighted that we can provide music to our students from kindergarten to year 6. A recent television program on the ABC highlighted the importance of music in helping young people to develop many valuable skills.

Remembrance Day was commemorated at the school last Friday. Pak Chad led a short service over our intercom system and students joined in a one minute silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives for us.

Community activities this fortnight included:

- The EAL/D (English as an additional language or dialect) Community Connections meeting, where the hot topics included: extending the Vinnie's Club to support students with EAL/D; 3/4 camp what it was and how camp benefits students; end of year events; changes to the Home Reader system for some students; and family involvement for Harmony Day in 2019.
- SLFPACT Parent information night for parents of year 5/6 students where information was provided to parents about how to talk about puberty and other aspects of growing up for our young people.
- Maureen Howe, our community coordinator has continued to hold Thursday morning library, literacy and singalongs for families with younger siblings who are not quite old enough for school. These sessions are held in the library from 9:00am every Thursday morning.
- Paint and Play continues to run every Friday morning for under preschool age students and their family. This is run by Belconnen Community Services and a hub of laughter and fun is always visible in our top forecourt and community room from 9:00am to 11:00am every Friday morning. If you have children under preschool age, you are welcome to join in.

As we move towards the end of the year there are many events and activities. Please watch the flyer for dates and activities.

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## Preschool News...

The Seals and Dolphins preschool classes had a teddy bear's picnic at preschool. We had lots of fun with our teddy bears. We each told a story about our teddy and then played bounce the teddy on the parachute. Our teddy bears hid under the parachute and we took turns to crawl under and find them.

After reading some bear stories we sang and danced to the teddy bear's picnic song. Some of our table investigations included, making teddy puppets, painting teddy bears and icing some biscuits for our picnic.

In the afternoon we played a running game. When you said, "bear," you had to run around the circle and back to your carpet shape. At the end of the day we danced with our bears and played musical bobs.



## Kidd and Neumann Cottage News...

Our 1/2 students have been designing, investigating and creating teddy transporters. Our Transporter design process has been a major technology focus this term. Students have collected recycled materials, discussed their design ideas and collaboratively worked to construct their transporter creations.

We were impressed with the effort students made to maintain respectful relationships, showing encouragement and resilience in group learning situations. We have used chromebooks to develop our digital research skills further with our integrated unit.

Students have commenced a new IExCel cycle linked with Reader's Workshop and have explored some fantastic literature in sessions this week. We continue our work in addition and subtraction, looking at effective strategies and sharing the different ways we can record our solutions.

With the weather warming up, please ensure students have packed plenty of food for energy, sunsmart hat and a water bottle to stay cool for learning.

Thanks to those families who have already returned portfolios to the school, please send these into your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

1/2 Team

## Snack Shack News...

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**TERM 4 2018 DISCO!!!**

**Friday 23 November 2018**

**THEME: BEACH PARTY**

**JUNIOR (PRESCHOOL-YEAR 2) 5:30pm – 6:45pm**

**SENIOR (YEARS 3-6) 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Please return your order form and money by **Wednesday 21 November** in a **separate sealed envelope** with your child's **name and class** on it.

There will be **no orders accepted after this date** due to catering restrictions.

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