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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Motto: "Success through Endeavour"

Be Safe

Be a Learner

Be Responsible

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6	July	2018	Crazy Hair/Hat Mufti Day
6	July	2018	Last day of Term 2
24	July	2018	First day of Term 3
17	Aug	2018	Healthy Harold Life Education Incursion
15	Sept	2018	Telopea Spring Fair

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Term seems to have gone very quickly, all parents will receive their child's report on Wednesday afternoon. If you wish to discuss any aspects of the report with your child's teacher, times will be made available early in Term 3 for parent teacher meetings.

In August Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting an electronic trial version of Naplan online. Our current Year 6 and 4 students sat this readiness test last year as well. This test is not a replacement for the current Naplan testing it is simply to determine our computer systems readiness for the online delivery of Naplan in 2019. We also wish Dr Bajuk our Senior Psychologist Education and Mrs Vasilareas best wishes on their long service leave which they are both using to enjoy overseas travel visiting family and friends. Whilst Mrs Vasilareas is away she will be replaced by Mrs White whom a number of students and parents will remember as teaching here from 2011 – 2016. We welcome Mrs White back to our school and a number of students are excited for her return. Ms Shelley will be replacing Dr Bajuk on her leave ensuring regional counselling services are unaffected.

The meeting room (old staffroom) is also nearing completion and full renovation, staff are excited that updated kitchen facilities will enable more complex recipes for the students can be prepared as part of our garden program as students always enjoy a harvest feast once per term enjoying the fruits and vegetables of their labours.

As this will be the final newsletter for the Term, may I wish our students and their families a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Remember school returns for all students on Tuesday 24th July.

Have a great break.

Regards,

Alan McGowen

Principal

'The Big Dig' The Rocks Excursion



The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre

Part of Sydney Harbour YHA

Teloepa Public School attended 'The Big Dig' site at The Rocks on Wednesday 27th June. The students were given the opportunity to dig for artefacts, learn about the history of the site and how people lived in the area.

A great experience was had by all!



SRC Fundraiser - Crazy Hair/Hat Mufti Day



On **Friday 6th July** Teloepa Public School's SRC will be holding a '**Crazy Hat or Hair**' fundraising day. The cost will be \$1.00 per student and all money collected will go towards sporting equipment.

You can wear or make a funny looking hat or even spray your hair with lots of colours or tie it up in different styles.

Students will be allowed to wear mufti clothing on this day to coincide with the crazy hat and hair fundraiser.



Cross Country

Due to the wet weather the scheduled Cross Country will be postponed. Details will be sent home when the next date is confirmed.

Library News

Some slight adjustments have been made to library classes for part of Term 3, library classes will now be held on Thursdays. Please ensure all students bring their library bags

Also, there will be no Book Club running for the first part of Term 3.

Books In Homes Assembly



Winners of Term 1 Books in Homes Role Model Competition. Each Term students are encouraged to participate in the Role Model Competition, this usually involves answering questions from the catalogue and to create a design element from the bonus questions.

This Term we were lucky enough to have 5 winners from thousands of entries from across Australia.

Congratulations to our lucky winners!



Linda's Lunches

Please note that Linda's Lunches are now finished for Term 2.

Linda's Lunches will recommence Week 2 of Term 3, on Wednesday August 1st.

Early Action for Success

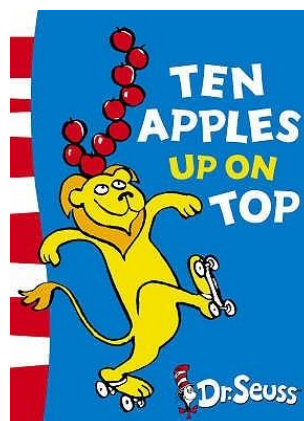
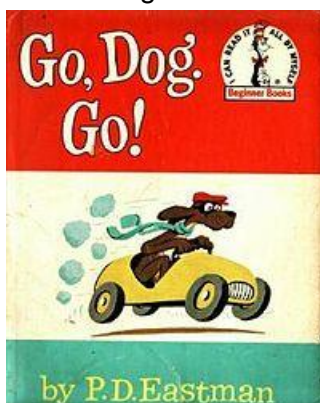
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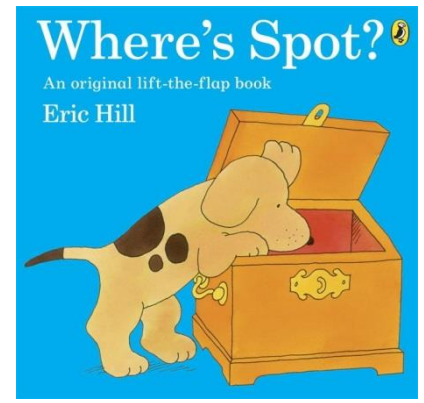
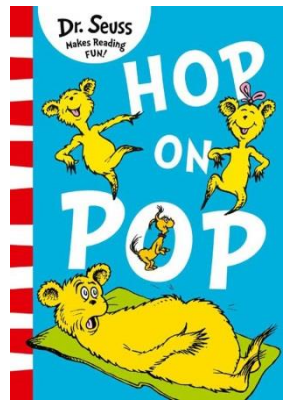
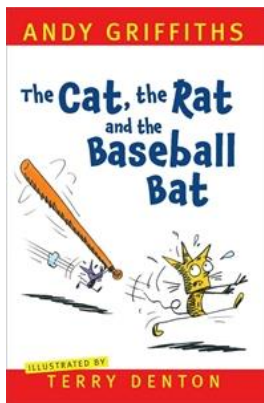
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the parent information session this week. It was lovely to see so many people there! Below is the information that we discussed.

Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write, and count. Childhood is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace which is right for each individual child.

Dundas Library

There is a great selection of books for beginning readers at the local library. Below are some examples of great books for beginning readers. I would encourage students to read a wide range of books and regularly. They also have a great selection of Premier's Reading Challenge books which are great for reading to children.





Homework

Homework can sometimes be stressful. If you are finding homework difficult please discuss with the classroom teacher or adjust to suit your child/family. **The Library also run a free homework help session if you are interested in attending:**

Program Title: Homework Help for K - Year 6 - Maths, English and Science

Location: Dundas Library

Ages: K to Year 6

Day: Every Tuesday - during school term only

Time: 3:30pm – 5pm

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required

End of Semester Reports will be issued at the end of this Term with detailed information about your child's achievement. There is also the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the classroom teacher.

Reading

All students are different and learn at different rates, the Department of Education has expected levels of student achievement for reading. According to these expectations students in Kindergarten should be reading a level 5 or 6 by the end of Term 2. Year One students should be reading a level 11 or 12 by the end of Term 2. Your child's classroom teacher will be able to provide you with detailed information about your own child's progress but for confidentiality reasons other students' results will not be discussed.

Reading Prompts

When reading and sharing a book experience with early readers it is important to give children time to work out unknown words and not to jump in too early. A general rule is to give the children 5 full seconds before prompting them to work out unknown words.

Prompts that may be useful when helping your child with reading:

Have a go sounding it out.

Look at the picture.

Did that make sense?

Did that sound right?

Try that again.

Writing:

In class we are trying to build students writing vocabulary of sight words. Some examples may include high frequency words such as is, I, the, and, to and irregular words such as was and want. It is very useful for students to have a bank of sight words they can read and write quickly and easily.

Prompts that we use in class when writing that you may also be able to use at home are:

Say it slowly- Get your child to say the word slowly. Eg S...u...n. Listen then write the sounds they can hear. The beginning and end sounds in a word are always the easiest to hear. Middle sounds can be more difficult for students to hear.

Clap the word- For words that have more than one syllable we encourage students to clap the word and hear how many parts it has. Eg computer is com/pu/ter (3) Students would then try to record each part in the word.

Numeracy

There are many different strategies used in mathematics. In K-2 our current approach is to build understanding and a range of mental strategies to solve problems before introducing the formal written algorithm. We want students to be able to break numbers apart eg. 7 is the same as 5 and 2 and to solve problems using a variety of flexible and efficient strategies.

We understand that you as a parent know your child best. The school home partnership is very important. If you would like further assistance in relation to your child's social, emotional or academic progress please contact the teacher to discuss. It's important that we work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child/ren. Feel free to contact me by meeting with me at the school or emailing me on sarah.spicer1@det.nsw.edu.au

Sarah Barratt
Instructional Leader

School Attendance

Regular School attendance is a legal requirement for all children. Please ensure that your child/ren are at School by 8.55am, ready for morning assembly by 9.00am.

School times are as follows;

9.00am	School commences
11.00-11.30am	Recess
1.15-2.00pm	Lunch
3.00pm	School finishes

All attendance is now recorded electronically, this includes late, early and sick bay departures. Please be patient with staff whilst we record and process these recorded slips.

Notes Sent Home

Ensure you don't miss out on important notes. Remember to check your child's School bag each day as most notes are sent home via students.

Safety

A reminder to all students and parents that entry to the School is via the Third Gate (on Chestnut Avenue near the Kindy classroom). This is for everyone's safety.

We have had a number of students entering via the first and second gates. These gates are not supervised by staff and often there are cars entering and exiting which may pose a risk to unsupervised students.

Schools as a Community Centre

As our parents are aware our students and families come from diverse cultural backgrounds. As part of EID celebrations one of our parents supplied delicious date muffins to students in Breakfast Club and Playgroup. Thank you very much for sharing your festivities with us.

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