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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

15	Aug	2019	SUEZ Workshop
8	Aug	2019	Book Club Orders Issue #5
20	Aug	2019	Book Fair & Character Dress Up Parade
27	Aug	2019	Father's Day Stall
29	Aug	2019	Athletics Carnival
4	Sept	2019	Planetarium Incursion
17	Sept	2019	Bringing Back the Bush Excursion
27	Sept	2019	Last day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back students and families to term 3 2019, I am excited to get back to work after my Long Service Leave last term. May I also take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Andonenas and her family on the arrival of a baby girl who arrived in the last week of the school holidays.

We have a planned incursion in week 7 with a visit from the in-school planetarium linking to our syllabus this term where we are exploring space and the earth. We will also be covering personal development as a component of PDHPE syllabus where we will be teaching students about protective behaviours and stranger danger. This is a component of the NSW syllabus and I recommend that parents consider allowing their children to access this important information.

We are planning open days for prospective enrolments to kindergarten this term and Mrs Vasilareas, Mrs Martins and myself will be inviting preschool students and parents to our school to experience all we have to offer. As our school continues to grow we are readying additional classrooms to be recommissioned and further improvements to school access. We are currently exploring the possibility of reinstating dedicated pedestrian access to the school further improving pedestrian safety.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new students who started last week. Thank you for joining our Telopea School family.

Regards,

Alan McGowen

Principal

Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

If you are happy with the educational services Telopea Public School provides to your children please feel free to inform prospective parents about the quality education provided by the staff at Telopea and the extensive programs we offer.

We have commenced taking enrolments for 2020, so if you have a child or know of anyone starting school next year who wishes to attend Telopea Public School please contact staff in the school office on 9638 1296.

YAOOSH Out of Hours School Care Service

You will all now be aware that as of July 1st we have a new Out of Hours School Care service provider, Jubilee Community Services that operate out of Yates Avenue Public School. Jubilee Community Services provide a private bus to transport students to and from Telopea Public School. If you are interested in their services you can collect an enrolment form from the front office or contact them directly on 0411 137 833 or yaoosh@jubileecs.org.au

Sturt Park Upgrade

Recently the City of Parramatta Council notified us of their plans to upgrade Sturt Park. Council were open to suggestions on what improvements might be beneficial. Telopea Public School set about involving students to come up with creative ideas of what they would love to see in their local park.

All classes prepared letters with lists and sketches. These were submitted to Council. We received a response to these submissions from Council who were delighted that the students were able to express their own ideas on what they would love to see upgraded. Below we have inserted their response to each class;

To the Kindergarten Koalas:

I am so happy to hear you are excited about the changes that are going to happen to Sturt Park! Thank you for telling me what you enjoy about the park, what ideas you have for a bigger playground, and what would allow you and your families to have a nice time at the park.

To the Bandicoots:

Thank you for taking the time to send us such thoughtful, clear letters about what you like about Sturt Park and what you want to improve. Your illustrations helped us understand what your concerns are and what you'd like the future of Sturt Park to be. Keep up the excellent writing!

To the Wombats:

Your eloquent writing and concise survey responses are a great help in forming the concept designs for Sturt Park. We understand that many people do not feel safe in the park, and it is helpful to hear your thoughts about it too. We'll consider your suggestions in the design, like having different play equipment and spaces for different ages. Your excellent drawings are helping the landscape architects complete their designs! You'll have a chance to comment on the concept plans this spring when they are complete, and I hope you do.

To the Emus:

Your letters are clear, well-organised and will be invaluable to getting the design of the park right. We have a good understanding now that you like the Skate Park, playground and tables, but that you don't always feel safe. We are doing everything we can to address safety in the park's design.

Musica Viva

In the final week of Term 2 we were lucky enough to have a Musica Viva in Schools performance by B'tutta. This was an interactive live music performance where students were able to perform, use musical instruments and dance along to the beat.



SUEZ Workshop



On Thursday 15th August SUEZ will be running a workshop on Smart Shopping. 'Smart Shopping focuses on reducing packaging waste at the source, by making smart decisions while shopping for everyday items'. Students will learn about rigid, flexible and combination packaging: the pros and cons of buying in bulk (as opposed to individually wrapped convenience foods and products), what can and can't be recycled, and where different kinds of waste are likely to end up. This workshop will run across all stages and is a free workshop to students.

School Uniform

In recent days it has been brought to our attention by staff who have noticed that many students are choosing to wear jumpers/ jackets which are not part of the school uniform. When students wear a school uniform, they feel included in our school community whilst showing a strong unified group amongst the general community. We actively encourage students to wear our school uniform.

School uniforms have been developed to meet occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation.

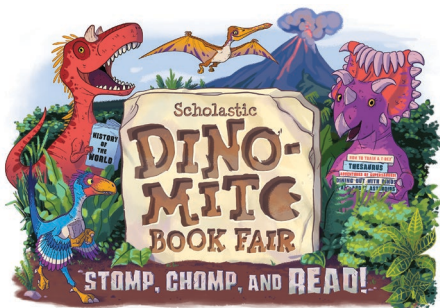
We encourage you to read the departments policy on the importance of wearing a school uniform.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy>

Library News

Library lessons for all classes will continue to be held each Thursday by Mrs Vasilareas. Please note that some changes have been made to the times classes come to the library. Remember to return your library book in a library bag each week. Thank you to the families who placed orders for Issue #4. Those have now been distributed and orders are now been collected for Issue #5. Please return your order form and correct payment to Mrs Vasilareas, no later than Thursday 8th August.

Book Fair and Parade



Tuesday 20th August 2019

The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is Dino-Mite, where we hope you will Stomp, Chomp, and Read! It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

We will hold our parade at 9.15am under the COLA followed by an opportunity for students and any parents/carers to purchase books in our library. During the course of the day classes will have an added chance to purchase books separately.

We encourage you to get creative and be inspired by your favourite book. Although the theme is Dinosaurs you don't have to come dressed in this theme. We look forward to having a Dino-mite day!

Dymocks



Earlier in the year Mrs Vasilareas applied for a program with Dymocks through their 'Library Regeneration Charity Program'. The project involves restocking school libraries where there is insufficient funding for books. Funds are raised via donations or through local Dymocks stores to place a specified RRP of books to selected schools where a need has been identified.

We are thrilled to have been selected by Dymocks. As a result Dymocks Macquarie Centre Store has raised over \$2000 worth of books for our school! Mrs Vasilareas will now have a busy time accessioning these into our library for all our students to use.

Watch this space as we may need volunteers to help cover over 120 new books!

Compulsary School Attendance

The Department of Education have recently introduced new attendance marks which applies to the recording of absences from school. It is a compulsory requirement for all school age students to attend school. As a result any absences from school will require a form to be completed and returned to the school at your earliest convenience. If no explanation is received it will result in an unexplained absence on your child's record. You may also receive reminder letters to explain these absences.

On a separate note, if you child is sick for more than 3+ consecutive days you will be required to attach a medical certificate to the absence form.

The blank absence forms will be available from the front office foyer or from your class teacher.

For more information see the Department of Education's website;
www.dec.nsw.gov.au and visit the Policy library, Student Attendance.

Birthday Celebrations

Here at TPS we enjoy celebrating student's birthdays. You are most welcome to bring in something to celebrate but we ask that small bite size cupcakes or sweets are brought in to school as this makes it easier for the students to eat. A large cake makes it difficult to distribute to their classmates.

School Fees

Thank you to all who have made payment. Payments can still be made for any outstanding accounts.

We can now accept payments via EFTPOS on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.45-11.00am ONLY. Payments made via cash can be made on any day, the correct monies would be much appreciated as change is limited.

If you are unable to make payments in full, please speak to the Front Office staff to discuss payment plans.

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.

Term 3 Assemblies

This term classes will present a short presentation during assembly. This may be an exciting new experiment that they have been learning, it may be a song, or reading some creative writing pieces they have been working on. We would like to invite parents to attend these assemblies to support our students in their learning and build the school community spirit.

Below is the upcoming dates for the classes:

Week 4	3 / 4 Wombats
Week 6	1 / 2 Bandicoots
Week 8	K Koalas
Week 10	Waratah Awards

Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop every Wednesday between 8.45-11.00am. We are pleased to advise we now have the option of Eftpos for purchases. Alternatively cash is still accepted, the correct change is much appreciated. A current price list is available from the front Office.

Handy Hint: Ensure that you label all items of clothing (including hats) for your child/ren, this makes it easier to return any lost items.



Schools as a Community Centre

Hi to all in our Telopea Public School Community,
Welcome back for Term 3!

I'm trusting you all had a great break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. I'm sure time spent socialising and playing has re-energised you all for another action packed term at TPS.

Firstly I would like to thank our community of students, parents and family friends who participated in the Garden Day at the end of Term 2. The event was overwhelming well received and attended. The feedback was very positive.

At the end of the day Edible Garden and Orchard (EG&O) looked revived and tidy which is testament to your involvement and hard work. THANK YOU!!!

The EG&O is used during the school week in so many ways....we would like to thank you all for your help in maintaining this environment so our students and families accessing the 'School as Community Centres' (SaCC) Project can use it to its' maximum capacity.

We will be organising another day in the garden before the end of the year. We look forward to improving the event based on the received Parent/Care and Student Surveys.

Please see at the back pages of this newsletter the information flyer for the parent program Tuning Into Kids. This program assists parents to build emotional intelligence to support their children. If you would like to know more about the program or register please see, email or phone me.

Reminder: Breakfast Club is offered two days a week... Monday and Thursday mornings 8:30am - 9:00am.

The students can enjoy breakfast together in the SaCC rooms located at the end of the D block verandah.

This is a lovely way for the students to start their school day and to kick start their brains with a healthy breakfast ready for some great learning. And...It's FREE!!!

If you are a family with a child under five years of age and you'd like to join any of the SaCC initiatives please contact me I'll be only too happy to accommodate. The Term 3 Program List is at the back pages of this newsletter for your reference.

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Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

What's happening in Kindy Koalas



Welcome back to Term 3! It's going to be a busy Term in **Kindergarten Koalas**. We will be focusing a lot more on working independently and solidifying what we have learned so far. We have started NEWS every day! This is a speaking and listening component. We have also started going outside and completing some maths lessons in the beautiful weather! For science we have also started using magnifying glasses to explore our surroundings!



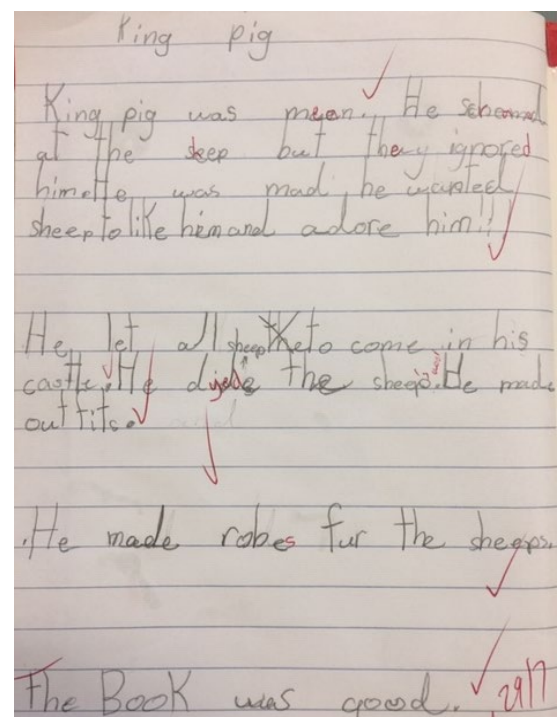
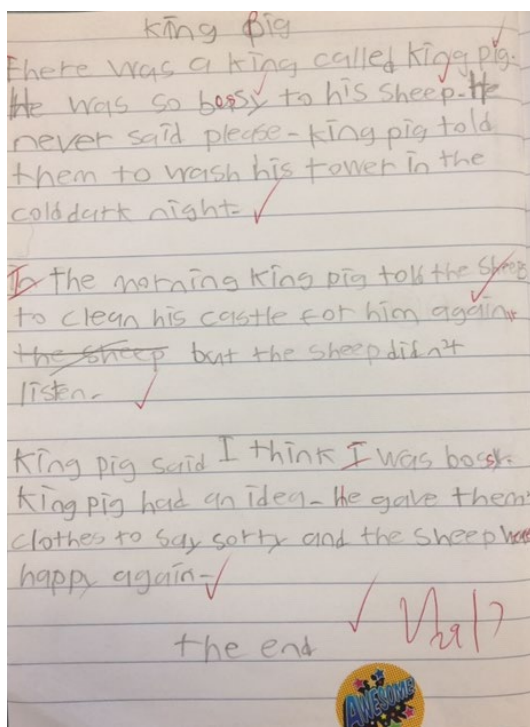
What's happening in 1 / 2 Bandicoots



We have been very busy this term writing, illustrating, solving multiplication and division, observing the Earth and Sky, reading and exploring Space!

We read a fantastic text titled 'King Pig' by Nick Bland. The story is very

interesting about how to have good relationships and treating people well. We wrote retells of the text. Here are some samples by Demi and Jasmine in year two.



What's happening in 3 / 4 Wombats



This Term the 3/4 Wombats are studying 'The Interplay of the Sun, Earth and Moon' in Science. We have designed some artwork for the classroom window using butchers paper and sharpies. This makes them transparent so the light can still enter the classroom. We have also made some mosaic pictures of the sun.

What's happening in 5 / 6 Emus

Stage 3 have had a busy start to Term 3. We enjoyed presenting a short science show to the rest of the school during Tuesday's assembly. Students were able to demonstrate some of the experiments they had completed in class such as turning a balloon into a speaker, using static electricity to lift paper with a balloon and creating a tornado in a jar to represent the conservation of angular momentum. We concluded the show with the 'Solar System' song.



MONDAY	<p>Foodbank 'School Breakfast 4 Health' Breakfast Club 8:30am to 9:00am Teloepa SaCC Rooms. A healthy breakfast is provided free for Teloepa Public School students in a friendly, inclusive environment.</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Sing Rhyme and Story Time 10:00am to 10:30am Teloepa Public School, SaCC Rooms DROP IN GROUP A weekly Early Literacy Program for parents/carers and children birth to 5 years. This program was developed and is facilitated by the Teloepa SaCC Facilitator. The session will support parents to assist with their children's literacy development. The program was awarded Honoured Nominee in 2011 Kookaburra Awards.</p> <p>Early Years Garden Club 10:30am to 12:00noon Teloepa Public School Edible Garden & Orchard. Seed Harvest Spoon early childhood environmental garden program for parents and children up to five years. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</p> <p>Meet and Greet 1:00pm to 2:30pm Teloepa SaCC Rooms Information session for parents with baby birth to 12 weeks. Facilitated by Community Health</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Preschool Playgroup 10:00am to 12:00noon Teloepa SaCC Rooms REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL Organised indoor and outdoor activities, story time, music and dancing for families with children eighteen months to 5 years. A friendly, inclusive and supportive playgroup where adult involvement is encouraged and supported. PRIORITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.</p> <p>Tuning Into Kids 12:45-2:30 This program helps parents with children 2 to 12 years to support the development of their child's <i>emotional intelligence</i>. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL Children with higher emotional intelligence: *have greater success with making and keeping friends *have better concentration at school *are more able to calm down when upset or angry. Full attendance is required. Free child care available for participants. Afternoon tea provided.</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Foodbank 'School Breakfast 4 Health' Breakfast Club 8:30am to 9:00am Teloepa SaCC Rooms.</p> <p>Jiggle'n'Jam Music Program. Teloepa SaCC Rooms Structured music classes for families with children birth to 3 years. Facilitated by 'Music In A Box' Music School in Teloepa SaCC Rooms. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved to support their children.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>3x half hour baby classes (birth to 12mths@9:15am and 12mths to 18mths@10:00am) DROP IN GROUP for baby classes</p> <p>2x Toddler Music Classes 10:45am and 11:15am (18mths to 3years) TERM REGISTRATION is ESSENTIAL for the toddler classes.</p> </div> <p>Baby Playgroup 10:00 to 12:00noon Teloepa SaCC Rooms DROP IN GROUP Social gathering for families with children birth to 18 months in safe, air conditioned environment with toys. Enjoy spending time with friends after the music class.</p>
FRIDAY	<p>Preschool Playgroup 10:00 to 12:00 Teloepa SaCC Rooms REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL PRIORITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.</p>

Teloepa 'Schools as Community Centres' Project (SaCC)

Based in the grounds of Teloepa Public School. Chestnut Ave., Teloepa N.S.W. 2117

Please direct all enquiries to SaCC Facilitator **Pip Martins**

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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A five week parenting program for
parents of children aged 2-12 years.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?



'Tuning in to Kids' shows you how to help your child develop **emotional intelligence**

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres' (SaCC) Project Rooms

When: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August and 4th September 2019 (5 weeks)
(full attendance required)

Time: 12:45pm-2:30pm

Free childcare will be provided for participants.

Call or email to register and for further information:

Sharlene: 0439 978 721 (Family and Community Worker) Parramatta Mission

Pip Martins: 9898 3448 (Telopea SaCC Facilitator)

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Afternoon Tea provided

