



THE ECHIDNA

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Term 4, Week 6, Thursday 19th November 2020



Important Dates

Term 4

Music and Library on Mondays

Art Day Tuesdays— mosaics and screen printing

Sport on Fridays—Swimming 11am—12 noon at the pool week 1 to week 8
Please remember to bring :

- \$3 pool entry, swimmers, a towel, googles and a water bottle (sunscreen supplied)

Week 7-

Tuesday 24th Nov.— **Year 6 transition** to Kyogle High School.

Thursday 26th—**End of Year Excursion** to Murwillumbah Slide

Fri 27th- **StoryBoard (Yr 4 –6 only)**

Miss P at school with Puggles

Week 8—

Tuesday 1st Dec.— Year 6 transition to Kyogle High School.

Week 9—

Tuesday 8th Dec—Year 6 Dinner at The Sugar Bowl

Thursday 10th Dec— Presentation Night starting at 5:30 with a BBQ

Week 10—

Wednesday 16th Dec-student's last day of school for 2020.

From the Principal's Desk

The weeks are going by quickly and the end of year craziness seems to have set in already.

Students have been busily learning about NAIDOC week last week and limericks this week. The fortnight's spelling sounds have been oy as in boy and ear as in dear.

In Mathematics, the Echidnas have been practicing their multiplication while the Puggles were working on addition. All students investigated and built 3D shapes last week, while this week the focus has been on addition and subtraction strategies.

NO SWIMMING WEEK 7—Echidna students will instead be attending the COLOURSS Story Board writing workshops at Rukenvale PS (See detailed information on page 2). Puggles (K-2) should attend school as normal.

End of Year Excursion - Murwillumbah Slide is Next Week

Thursday 26th Nov- leaving Afterlee at 9am.

Permission notes went home last Friday and again Monday for this excursion. Please note the change in date as published in the last newsletter due to a clash with other important dates. Thank you to the P&C for their continued fundraising efforts and previous commitment to the 50% subsidy of all whole school excursions. The school is also contributing substantially to this excursion to minimise the cost to families. Without these subsidies, the cost to parents would be \$89.50 per child.

Sounds Write Training

Afterlee staff, along with COLOURSS staff, attended training all weekend to complete the 4 day sessions for Sounds Write. Thank you to Judy, Miss Fish and Miss Bendall for giving up two weekends to do this training for our kids. We are looking forward to seeing great results with our students and have already started to implement what we have learnt.

Presentation Evening

On the 10th December, starting at 5:30pm with a free BBQ provided by the P&C, we are holding an End of Year presentation. At 6:15pm our Presentation Assembly begins. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to invite our school's wider community. Only immediate family members and staff will be attending through special invitation.

Regards Kirsty Kelly

Thank you!

Mrs T was able, through a bit of leg work, to source some free musical equipment for our school.

Great work Mrs Tessmer!

Thanks to Rural Aid for supplying our school with a new drum kit, and an array of musical instruments and supplies.

Also a big thanks to Harley and Co for delivering them all the way from Brisbane at no cost to the school.

We love our fantastic community!



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



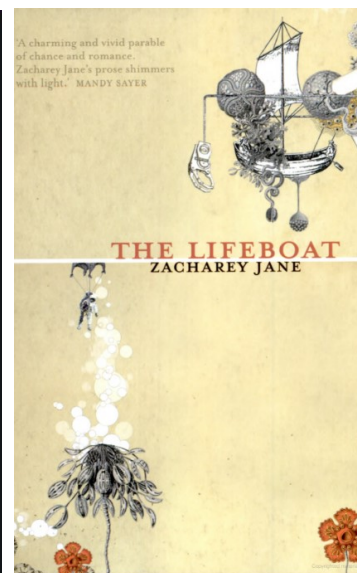
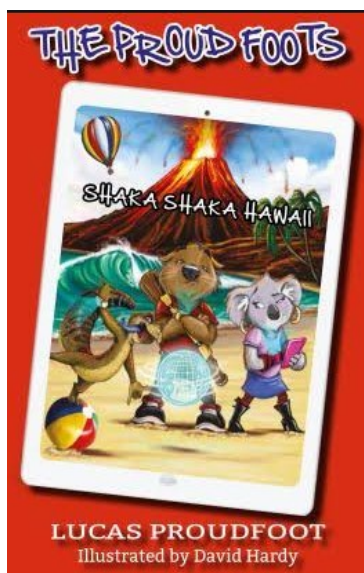
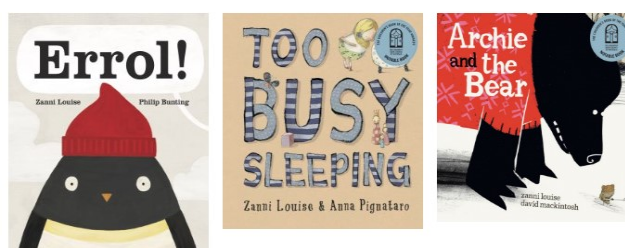
Storyboard for Year 3-6 COLOURSS students

Storyboard is a free travelling creative writing workshop fostering the next generation of readers and writers in the Northern Rivers. It brings acclaimed authors and illustrators directly to schools to work with students in all forms of creative writing.

Again this year, Afterlee students in Years 4 – 6 will be attending this COLOURSS day on Friday 27th November 2020 at Rukenvale School. Transport is being provided by Mrs Kelly in her private car and will depart Afterlee School at 8:45am and return to School by 3pm. Students will need their full school uniform, hat, water bottle, recess and lunch for the day. There is no cost for this excursion.

Kinder, Year 1 and year 2 students should come to school as normal. Miss Perrin and Mrs Carter will remain at Afterlee school to teach and supervise for the day.

Author workshops include Zanni Louise, Lucas Proudfoot and Zacharey Jane.



COVID Updates for the remainder of Term 4

The following activities can now take place:

- Year 7 transition to high school in Term 4
- School planned end of year events can proceed in a COVID-safe way while adhering to relevant COVID-19 Safety Plans
- P&C meetings may occur on the school sites with executives and invited guests. These meetings must occur outside of school hours and are limited to a maximum of 20 people. Physical distancing and hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times. All attendees must sign the visitor acknowledgement form upon arrival.
- Interschool activities can continue to take place.
- Kindergarten orientation can commence in Term 4.
- Field trips, excursions and overnight camps (including to the ACT) with restrictions
- External providers delivering educational services can proceed during Term 4 2020 with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place

The Department of Education are working closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health and other agencies to ensure our schools continue to operate in the safest ways possible during the COVID-19 environment. Therefore the following restrictions remain.

School activities and school site usage :

P&C or other community social events or functions, fundraisers, fetes and barbecues are not permitted in Term 4.

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives
- to purchase or pickup uniform from the uniform shop
- picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
- to attend special end of year events at the invitation of the school provided that these events can be hosted while maintaining a COVID-safe environment . E.g. Graduations, award ceremonies and other presentation events
- when required as educational support roles for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups, music and kitchen garden areas. Schools are required to have scheduled programs in place and remind parents and carers that they must not attend school unless it has been previously arranged.

Infection Control

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

- Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.
- All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).
- Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.
- Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.
- Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

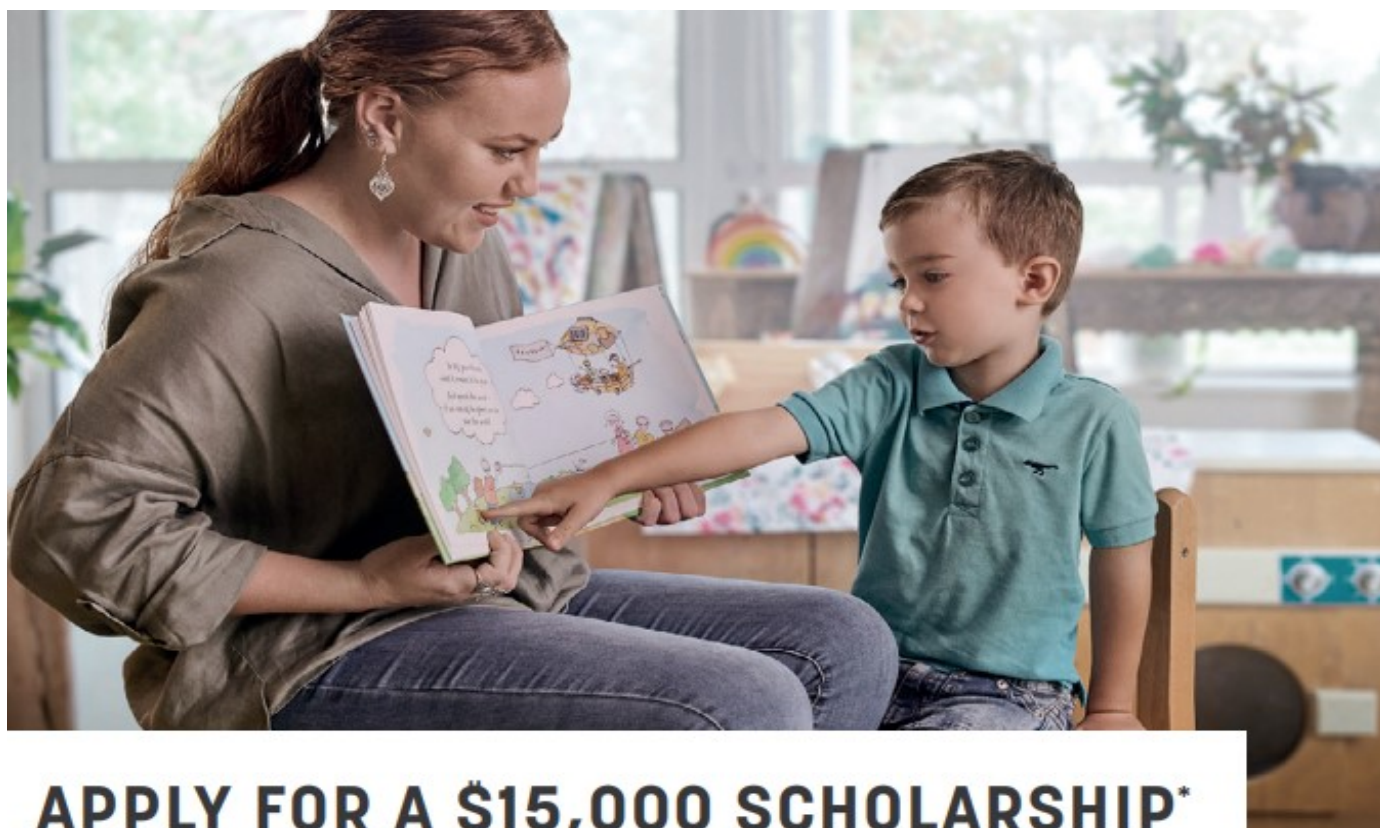
- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to maintaining a healthy and strong community.

P&C NEWS

Thank you for those parents who were able to make our P&C Meeting last week. We are currently selling raffle tickets with half the proceeds going to the Nolan family to help with medical expenses and the rest is for our P&C funds. Please support this by selling or buying tickets which are available from the school's office—tickets are \$2 ea. This will be drawn on 10th December.

Our End Of Year Presentations has been set for 10th December starting at 5:30pm with a free catered BBQ. We will be holding our usual raffle this night which is a Christmas hamper. We are collecting donated non-perishable hamper items from our families for this please. Donated items can be sent anytime from now until 9th Dec in to school. Thank you everyone for your commitment to our school and P&C.



APPLY FOR A \$15,000 SCHOLARSHIP* TO STUDY IN WOLLONGBAR, NSW.

Destination Australia Scholarships are funded by the Commonwealth Government and have been designed to attract and support students who choose to live and study in regional communities.

Scholarships of \$15,000 (per year of study*) are available now to students enrolling in the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113) course at TAFE NSW Wollongbar.

The accredited Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care course will equip you with the specialised skills in childhood development to become an educational leader, supervisor, or manager in the early childhood education and care sector.

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must:

- be a new student commencing in the course in 2021
- be able to attend full time classes on campus of approximately 20 hours per week
- live in, or near, Wollongbar NSW for the duration of the course
- be able to meet the course entry requirements and pay any upfront associated fees.

APPLY NOW FOR SEMESTER 1, 2021

*Eligibility, terms and conditions, and application closing dates can all be found at:
tafensw.edu.au/scholarships/DestinationAustralia