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Term 3 Week 2 Thursday 30th July 2020



From the Principal's Desk

This week students have been learning about the ar as in car sound, and its associated graphemes. Narrative writing proved to be very fruitful this week, with many great sizzling starts created- grabbing the reader's attention. Check out these heart stopping starts-

Bang! Attack! Crash!

The elephant got trampled by 100 lions.

By Jethro Year 2

I heard this scream from behind me. I turned and thought. "Should I help?" It sounded like a young lady. I ran and saw

By Izaac Year 6

"Ahh!" I screamed as the large male elephant charged straight at me.

"Drive!...DRIVE!"

By Odin Year 6

"Run!" I yell "We need to get her some water! We're losing her!"

By Joe Year 6

Attack! Trample! I was looking at the elephants...

By Stephanie Year 1

In mathematics, Echidnas investigated factors of whole numbers and prime and composite numbers, telling time and using timelines. Puggles also learned about telling the time, counting patterns and ordinal numbers i.e. First, second, third.

All students have been delighted with their new music teacher, Mrs Tessmer (Mrs T). Mr Nolan has been missed terribly but having a great musician and teacher in Mrs T has been a welcome diversion for students.

Our new Canon colour printer arrives on Friday and our new Smart Screen is in the library waiting to be installed in the classroom. We can't wait to have great quality images and text both in the classroom and on paper.

Our G.A. Wayne has outdone himself this week and created the most beautiful summer hidey hole with a fantastic view of the dam and nature walk. He also cemented in the pole for the new Afterlee School signage at the Afterlee Road turnoff. Thank you to Darcy Drayton for voluntarily welding and painting the post in preparation for the mounting of the sign.

Important Dates

Term 3

Week 5

Science Week Deep Blue Experiments Day at Afterlee Public School— Tuesday 20th August

Afterlee Book Fair postponed till October

Week 6—

Interrelate Year 5 & 6 at Wiangaree School, Tuesday 25 Aug and Wednesday 26th Aug—Under Scrutiny— may not be held.

Week 8

Energy Safety Week

COLOURSS Cultural Day, TBA

COLOURSS Interspeak—postponed to Term 4

Reminders

Monday—EAFS and Sport

Tuesday—Library & Music

Wednesday— Geography

Thursday— Science

Friday— Art, spelling test

Literacy and Numeracy

everyday

Toasted sandwiches for lunches



Wayne has tidied up a picnic area, rebuilt the old table and created a beautiful summer haven. Thanks Wayne.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews- It has been great to discuss Individual Learning Plans and the progress of students with most parents. By the end of next week I hope to have met with everyone. You should all be proud that you and your community are engaged and demonstrating to your students a value for education. It makes a huge difference to learning outcomes and the success of your children.

Well done Afterlee!

Regards Kirsty Kelly

Science Week 2020—20th August

The school theme for National Science Week in 2020 is Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans.

Each year we usually participate in a 'Science Day' with all our COLOURSS schools. The purpose of the day is to do hands on science activities in stage groups and give our COLOURSS students the opportunity to make friendships and connections.

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to visit and meet with other schools due to the uncertainty around the COVID-19 resurgence. We will however, have our own science day at Afterlee Public School on Thursday the 20th of August. We will provide as many hands on activities around our Deep Blue theme as we can throughout the day.



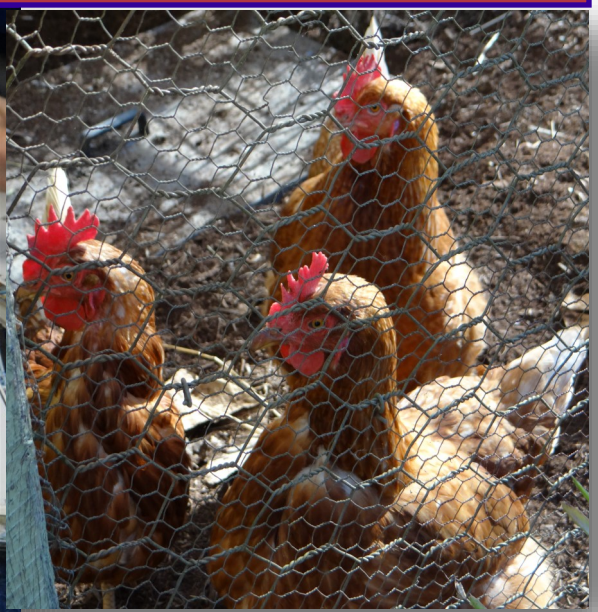
Happy smiles.

Steph working on the theory behind Push and Pull in science last week.



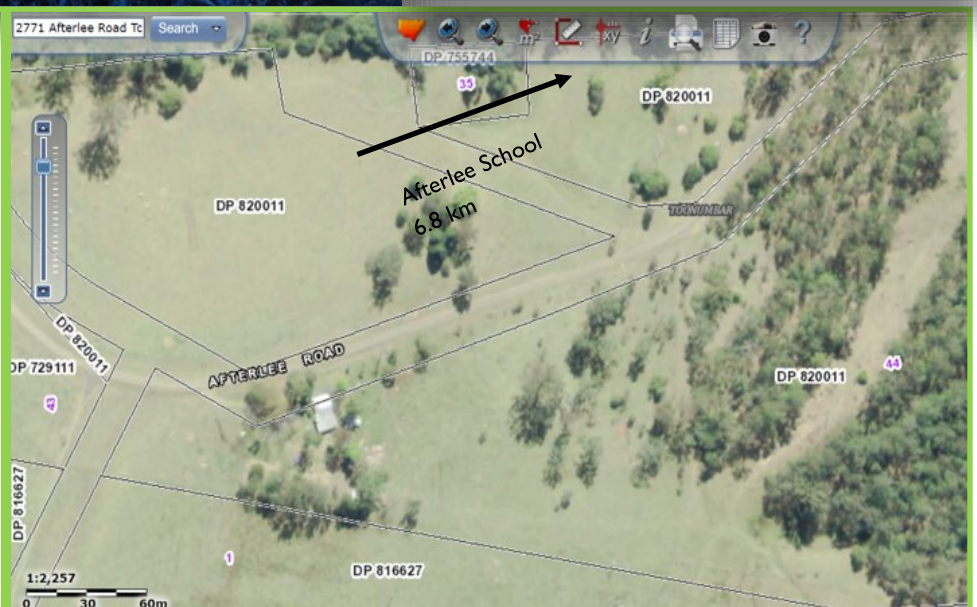
Our hens— donated by Wendy and Paul Carter have settled into their new home.

Students are looking after them very well.



Mrs Carter has been investigating the possibility of a rental property suitable for a family. It's known as the Toonumbar school house to locals and is in the hands of the Lands Department in Grafton. More information to come once we can confirm details. It is situated at 2771 Afterlee Road and may have some land with the lease. Watch this space.

Please keep your eye out for any possible rentals in the local area or family contacts that would love to be part of or Afterlee School community.



P & C are having a socially distanced meeting on Wednesday the 12th August on school grounds but outside and unfortunately without the usual fan fare of shared foods and a cuppa thanks to COVID 19. We will however talk through a lot of important issues including our Street Stall, play equipment, positive rewards program and badges, School uniforms, farewell gifts and cards and raffle. We hope to keep the meeting on track and as brief as possible. All welcome but please sign on and wash hands on arrival.

Thank you everyone for staying outside the school grounds unless you have an important reason to be on grounds. Please remember to social distance even outside the grounds to ensure the safety of yourselves and others, remembering you are modelling for the students how we work as a team to beat a pandemic. Things are changing quickly on the COVID front and more and more restrictions may be implemented at school and across the wider community. Please stay safe!



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Drawn: Friday, 21st August 2020

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