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Term 4, Week 2, Thursday 22nd October 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 swimmers, a towel, goggles, a water bottle, sunscreen, and \$3 for entry.

Week 3 Wed 28th Oct Endangered  
Animal Workshop.

Week 5 Wed 11th Nov—School  
Photos

Week 5 Fri 13th Nov Interspeak

Week 7 Fri 27th Nov StoryBus

## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to school everyone!

I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled holiday!

We have a busy Term 4 planned already, please remember to check the dates in the newsletter, especially as we are now moving to fortnightly newsletters.

There has been lots of work done at Afterlee over the holidays, including our new concrete paths and concrete under the shade sails. We have had a new air-conditioning system installed in the classroom; just in time for the hot weather!

Wayne has been working hard on the gardens which are filled with flowers and now they have our veggies starting to grow.

This fortnight has been filled with book fair, swimming for sport and the use of our new tags for a variety of dodging and chasing games.

In Week 1 our focus on Literacy was the oo sound and spelling patterns, while this week we have been learning about s and z sounds and their associated spelling patterns. In Mathematics, we've continued with whole number, position and this week a focus on time.

Music has continued, with students learning to play Riptide on their various instruments.

The cubby house and slide have been purchased and are on their way! We are all very excited for our new additions to the playground.

*Regards Kirsty Kelly*



A huge Thank you to Mr Nolan.  
Sandy caught up with Mr Nolan who has donated a brand new amplifier to our music room set up. Mr Nolan is doing well and excited about a new treatment that he begins shortly.  
Good luck Mr Nolan!

## Upcoming events

Endangered Animal Workshop provided by Macadamia Castle will be held at Afterlee Public School on Wednesday the 28th October from 1:30- 2:30pm.

Interspeak at Barkersvale has been postponed to Friday the 13th November.

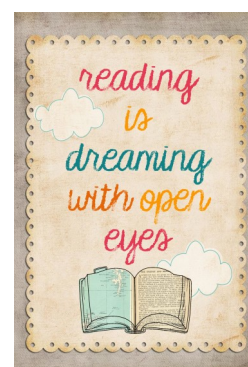
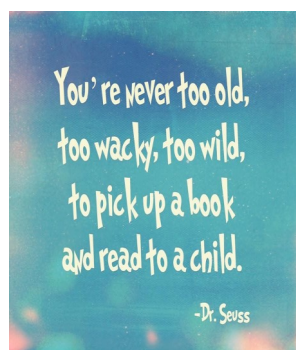
Story Bus Friday 27th November at Rukenvale. More information to come.

# Book Fair 2020

Snow much to Read theme.  
We sold nearly \$500 worth of books which earns the school around \$150 to put towards book purchases in the school. A fantastic effort!



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**Students have been loving our new AusTag set!**



**Update on our Cow**



Students researched Rene Magritte. Magritte is famous for his floating objects on cloudy blue skies.

Influenced by Magritte and the theme Past , Present and Future Jenny and the students created a wonderfully unique and personalised tribute to Afterlee Public School.



# 2021 school travel



2021 school travel applications are now open  
Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.  
Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).  
Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.  
\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.  
Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.  
Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.  
Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.  
If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>  
Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their

application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.  
Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address.

Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.  
Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards  
Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement

Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- ☐ Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- ☐ Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)

- ☐ Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to

Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

With the hot weather we have been having, please remember to send your child with a drink bottle.

Don't forget Pie Day is each Wednesday \$3. Pies, sausage rolls, cheese and spinach rolls and pizzas are available.