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## From the Principal's Desk

This week students have been learning about the s sound, and its associated graphemes such as s, ss and c in spelling, reading and writing. Narrative writing has continued, with some interesting stories being created while focussing on building tension.

In mathematics, students have been working on whole number and 2D shape enlargements.

I was away sick at the beginning of the week and am thankful that I have such capable and resourceful staff to replace me when needed. Thankyou Mrs T, Miss Bendall, Miss Fish and Sandy for being able to step in where needed. We appreciate you and all that you bring to our school.

Our new Canon colour printer has arrived and has been getting a work out with the creation of some new math resources. The time spent stapling work booklets and office documents has been reduced greatly with the new stapling capability. In addition to that—the cost of printing has been reduced significantly.

Our new school counsellor/psychologist, Bronwyn McNulty, has had her first visit with us at Afterlee Public School. She is keen to get to know the students and work with student groups to support wellbeing.

Thank you for staying outside the school grounds unless you have an important reason to be on grounds. **Please remember to social distance inside and outside the school 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!

Regards Kirsty Kelly

## Important Dates

### Term 3

**P&C Meeting- Wednesday the 12th August**

#### Week 5

Science Week Deep Blue Experiments Day at Afterlee Public School—  
Tuesday 20th August  
Monday 17th Mr Nolan's support raffle tickets due into school.

#### Week 6—

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

#### Week 7

Sunday 6th September Father's Day

#### 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

The Afterlee School signage has finally been placed at the Afterlee Road turnoff.

Needed— Empty small or large Pringles containers and cardboard egg cartons.



**P & C** are having a socially distanced **meeting on Wednesday the 12th August** which was originally planned to be on school grounds but is now to be held outside near the Fire Shed. Unfortunately without the usual fanfare 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, fundraiser for Mr Nolan, farewell gifts and cards and raffle. We hope to keep the meeting on track and as brief as possible. All welcome but please sign in on the P&C attendance list and sanitise hands on arrival.





# Raffle

SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
FUNDRAISER

FOR GREG NOLAN

## PRIZES

➡ 1ST

**SAMSUNG GALAXY TAB A**

(32GB - 8MP CAMERA - 5,100MAHZ BATTERY)

➡ 2ND

**\$100 WISH GIFTCARD**

➡ 3RD

**JEWELLERY BOX**

➡ 4TH

**BEAUTIFUL POTTED PLANT**

**\$2 per ticket  
or 3 for \$5**

Drawn: Friday, 21st August 2020

This weekend our teaching and SLSO staff have undergone the first 2 days of an intensive 4 day training on the Sounds Write program. Thank you to staff for giving up their weekend to do this very valuable professional learning. Our next and final planned session is the 22-23rd August.

What is Sounds Write? It is a highly structured, cumulative, sequential, explicit and code-oriented instructional programme for teaching all children to read and spell in Early Stage 1, throughout Stage 1 and into Stage 2. In addition, the programme also provides a highly successful intervention for special needs teachers and SLSO's working at primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education.

Sounds Write provides clearly structured, easy-to-follow lesson plans developmentally appropriate for beginning readers in K, Y1 and Y2. It offers fast and highly effective intervention for children at all levels who have fallen behind in their reading and spelling. It demonstrates how the sounds of the language are represented by the writing system and places emphasis on giving three essential skills of segmenting, blending and phoneme manipulation necessary for reading and spelling and with daily implementation all pupils achieve the fluency of a successful reader.

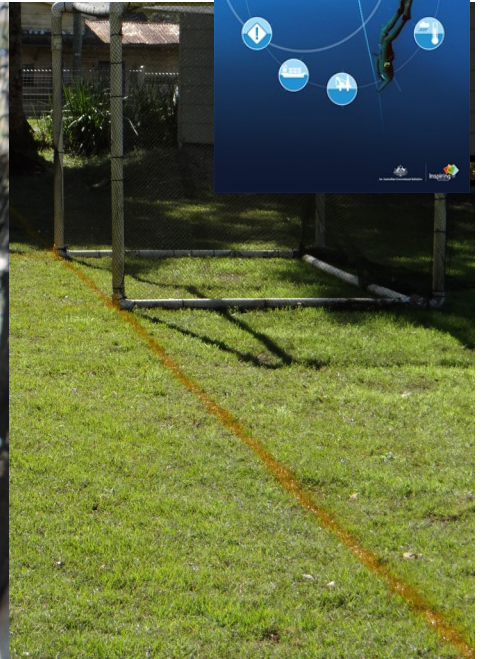


Please slow down to 40km  
when passing our school at  
drop off or pick up times.  
We love our children!



## Science Week 2020—20th August

We are looking forward to our 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.



Expelliarmus – the Disarming Charm—used by Odin and Noah during their Harry Potter duelling game.

Odin, Noah and Noah check in on our chickens and hens at Recess.

Shane did a great job of marking new soccer field lines in the playground.

The Afterlee Cow is progressing to the more intricate and artistic details.