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Term 3, Week 8 Thursday 10th September 2020



## Important Dates Term 3

### Week 8

Energy Safety Week

Week 9 COLOURSS Cultural Day  
Cancelled

COLOURSS Interspeak—postponed to  
Term 4

Last day of Term 3—Friday 25th Sept  
**Mufti-Day!**

## Term 4

**First Day—MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER**

Music and Library on Mondays

Week 1 Book Fair

Week 5 Wed 11th Nov—Photos

## From the Principal's Desk

The weather has warmed up significantly and spring has finally sprung. It is lovely to see all the flowers in bloom and hear the chicks growing in their nests.

Primary students have been busy learning about the v and w graphemes. Early Stage 1 are powering through the Sounds Write scope and sequence and are decoding more and more words confidently. In Mathematics lessons over the past fortnight, students have been developing their understanding of angles, area, volume and division.

The Afterlee cow is slowly nearing completion, Mrs Jenny Kitchener will be spending the whole day at school on Friday in order to move the process along. We are at the final stages, adding familiar, identifiable objects and finer details. The cow is looking great!

Staff have been continuing to develop their skills in teaching mathematics by participating in online training in inquiry based activities and planning after school.

Thank you for your continued patience around COVID-19, social distancing and the Health and Safety rules for our School and Community.

**Regards Kirsty Kelly**



## Work Health and Safety Visit

This week, we have had the help of Alexis Malcom from the Work Health and Safety Directorate to keep us up to date with policy and compliance for our school's site. There is an attached notification about the new pro-active approach to bushfire safety. Please read this carefully and ensure we have your latest contact details on record. Our experiences during the bushfire period last year have enabled us to prepare more fully for the coming season.

*Mufti Day*— Last day of Term 3 Friday 25th September.

No singlet tops or strappy dresses and no thongs.



**Reminder— Pie and Pizza day is Wednesday so please send in your \$3 if you want to order lunch for your child. If you want to prepay for the remainder of the term or Term 4 you can do so.**



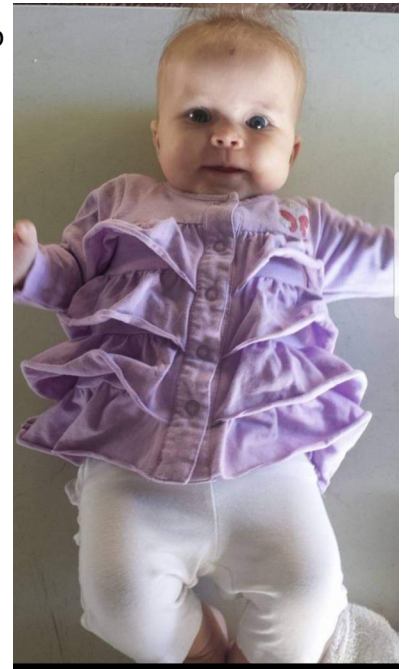
## *History Unit—Our Past*

Miss Fish would like to thank the families who have provided family photos and baby photos for the history unit we are currently focusing on for our past. A reminder for those who have not yet sent something we would like both Puggles and Echidnas to send in (preferably by email) a baby photo of themselves and a family photo please.



Guess who this cute baby is?????

The answer will be revealed in next week's newsletter.



## *Science Unit— Push and Pull*

Puggles have been working through a unit of work called Push and Pull which has provided them with hands-on opportunities to:

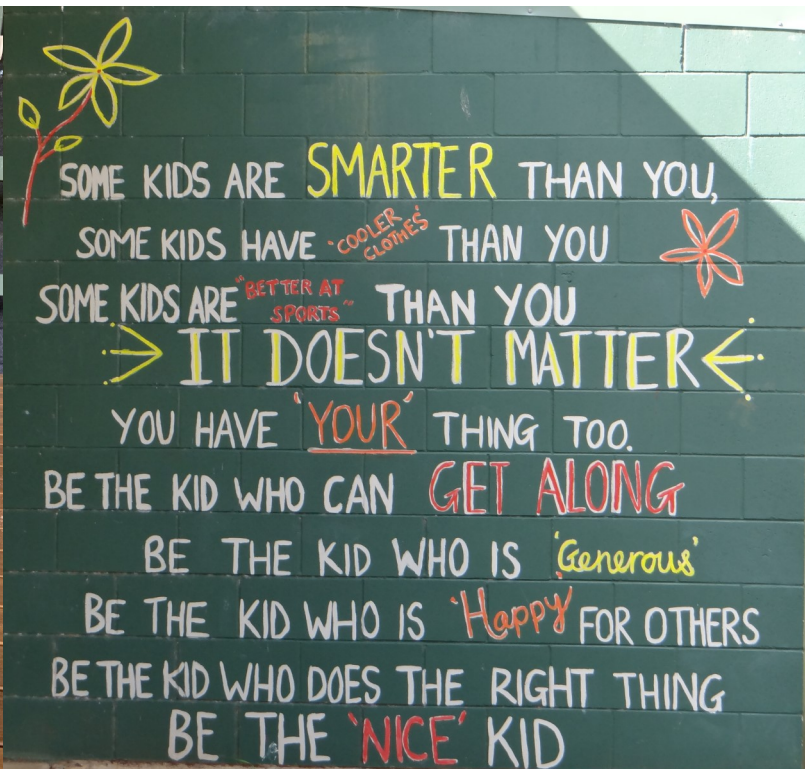
- explore pushes and pulls
- observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground
- identify the effect of the pull of gravity
- learn that both air and water can 'push'



Stephanie and Noah creating a marble maze from cardboard boxes, straws, pompoms, bottle lids and marbles.







Top Left– Stephanie tames the chickens and teaches them tricks on the stage.  
 Top Right– the message our students receive daily thanks to our fantastic P&C.  
 Bottom Left– Odin contemplates why chickens are so calming.  
 Bottom Right– Noah happily walks the 'tight rope' line around the playground equipment.





# Rocking Recording Studio



## Music with Mrs T on Tuesdays

This term Mrs Tessmer has been working one on one with our students to learn chords to produce a musical recording to the song "Don't Worry Be Happy". Mrs T has also been recording the students' individual voices to loop and layer to create a wonderful version of the song. We are looking forward to the finished product.

A big thankyou to Joel, Mrs T's husband and former student of Afterlee (pictured), for working behind the scenes assisting with technical issues, repairs and general support. Thanks Joel we appreciate it.

Next Term, Music and Library will move to Mondays instead of Tuesdays.

