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Term 2 Week 8 Thursday 18th June 2020



Important Dates Term 2

Week 10

Tue 30 June —Student Assembly
School reports go home.

Last day of Term 2— Fri 3rd July

Term 3

First day back is Tue 21st July

Week 1

Parent teacher interviews

Week 2

Transition starts for 2021
enrolments

From the Principal's Desk

Wow! Week 8 Term 2. The weeks have definitely flown by this term.

This week in reading and spelling we have been learning about the long i graphemes i_e, ie and y. Students have also been enjoying the book Vincent and the Grandest Hotel on Earth. In writing, students have recently completed persuasive texts and have begun researching and writing in preparation for their news day. They will be presenting information about an Australian Animal of their choice. You could help by asking your child which animal they are talking about and helping them find and some interesting facts to share about the animal.

In mathematics, students have been focussing on multiplication and area. Primary (Echidnas) have also been working hard on learning their six times tables. Why not give them a few 6 times, pop quizzes at the dinner table?

In P.E and sport students have been learning soccer skills through drills and games.

Work is well and truly under way on the new covered entry and walkways. Painting has begun and we look forward to having a beautiful tidy school once again.

Reports- Semester 1 reports will go out in week 10. Parent teacher interviews can be organised for week 1 Term 3 to review Individual Learning Plans and discuss any questions you may have about reports.

Student Assembly- There will be a student assembly on Tuesday of week 10. Senior students will receive their badges and photographs will be taken for parents. We will also record a performance of a musical piece students have been working on with Mr Nolan.

NAIDOC Week is usually in Week 10 but has been postponed until Term 4. COLOURSS Schools are planning to have a combined schools celebration to recognise, learn about and value the culture of our First Nation's People.

Transition- Transition for students looking to start Kindergarten in 2021 will begin in Week 2 Term 3 and continue one day per week throughout Term 3 and Term 4. The day most likely to be Transition Day is Mondays. This will be confirmed on enrolment for transition. If you know anyone in the area who has children aged 4 to 6 years who may be interested in transition, please let them know. There are information packages available from the office.

Tiles for mosaic art- we are collecting a variety of tiles for the creation of a mosaic table top. If you have any floor or wall tiles laying around (broken or intact) we would love to take them off your hands. Please drop them into the school at your earliest convenience.

Chicken- Unfortunately, only one of our eggs seemed to be fertilised but we have been lucky enough to welcome a lone chicken to our Afterlee family just last night. The children have fallen in love with it.



Garden- potatoes are shooting, tomatoes are growing and cherry guavas are fruiting. The students have been munching on parsley, rocket and aniseed leaves and enjoying the sweet cherry guavas all week.

Compost- Students have been keeping their scraps for compost and encouraging worms in the garden. If anyone has an old composting bin or worm farm they are no longer using, we would quite happily use them here at school.

Professional Learning- Staff at Afterlee have been spending considerable time upskilling to support the administration of the school and the teaching and wellbeing of students. We are also spending 4 days of our weekends next term to complete a Sounds Write reading and spelling program. Our student's needs are our priority and we are working very hard to ensure that they receive the very best learning opportunities.

Volunteers— Do you have knowledge and skills to share? As soon as it is safe to do so, we would like to make the most of local skills and knowledge. If you have any skill that can be shared with or taught to our students we would love to hear from you. Volunteers within the school must complete a free working with children's check before spending time with our students. Volunteers are highly respected and valued members of our community.

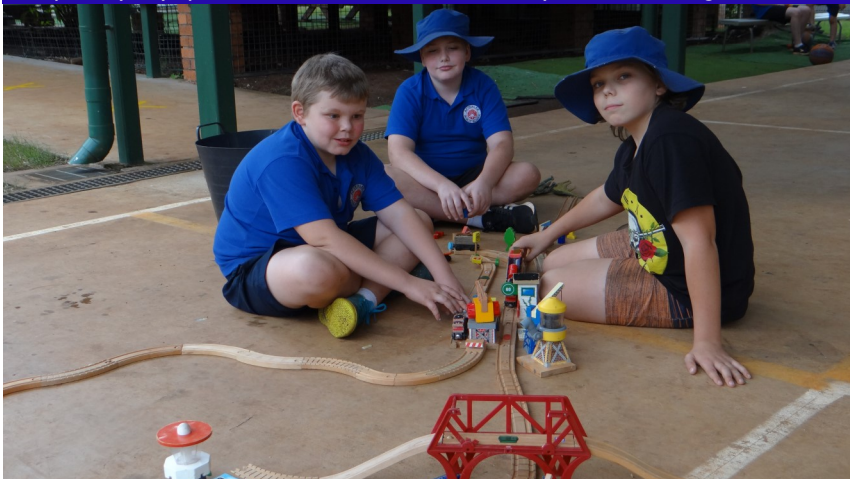
Goodbye Peppa. We will miss you!

Sadly we are farewelling Peppa from Afterlee School who has succumbed to the lure of the city lights at Kyogle Public School. We wish her all the best and hope she will stay in touch with her friends at Afterlee. I remember Peppa's first outing at Afterlee School as a baby only 3 days old, with mum bravely attending a school function. An amazing beautiful baby with a crop of magical black hair. Staff will miss Peppa's wonderful humour and her determined efforts to give everything a go, like running the cross country with a sprained ankle. Congratulations on all your fine efforts and awards in Art, Swimming, Athletics and representing the school in Public Speaking. Good luck Pep you will be dearly missed.

Mark and Lea have been devoted and hardworking community and P&C members since Mallee began school in 2013. I would like to personally express my thanks to Mark and Lea for always promoting and positively speaking of Afterlee School and our great little community. Much effort on their behalf has been put into fundraising and projects around the school which has shown their love of our school. Thank you for your devotion, it has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Remember our door is always open and you are always welcome at Afterlee School. Thanks again for all your hard work.



The primary boys prove trains are still fun, even when you become a big kid.



Playing dragons in the sandpit entertains our Puggles.

