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Term 3, Week 9 Thursday 17th September 2020



Important Dates Term 3

Week 10

Mufti Day— Last day of

Term 3 Friday 25th September.

No singlet tops or strappy dresses and
no thongs.

Term 4

First Day—MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Music and Library on Mondays

Sport on Fridays

Week 1 Book Fair and Book Week
Dress Up day on Thursday 15th October

From the Principal's Desk

Week 9 has been a lovely week. Students have been engaging positively with one another and applying themselves quite well to their learning.

Echidnas have begun a VCOP focus in their writing. They have been identifying and highlighting interesting Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation within sample texts and then learning how to use these effectively in their own writing. All students have been learning about persuasive writing techniques and developing these skills as writers.

Puggles have been writing about which animal is better, cats or dogs? As well as continuing to build their phonemic awareness, blending and phonic decoding skills.

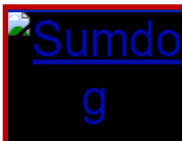
In mathematics, we have been learning about volume and fractions.

Students entered a Sum Dog Math contest last week and gained 3rd place against many other schools. The score was calculated on the percentage of correct answers and number of questions answered. Well done Afterlee!

Regards Kirsty Kelly



The stakes were high in handball this week.



North Coast Maths Contest

It's all over!

Sumdog's North Coast Maths Contest is now over!

In total, 114 students answered 25061 questions correctly. Well done to them.

These are the results for the classes in your school who entered:

Class	Students played	Score	Position
Afterlee	8	250	3rd

The overall winners are the classes which scored highest throughout the contest. The top three classes are:

Position	Class	School	Score
1st	Year 5/6	Dungay PS	358
2nd	8R MATHS	Banora Point High School	302
3rd	Afterlee	Afterlee	250

Did you guess who this cute baby is?

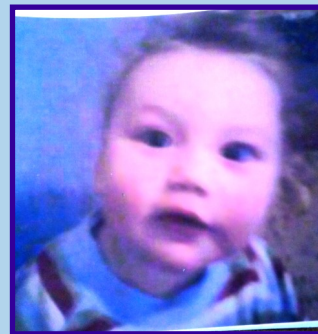
The answer is : Stephanie.



This weeks guess who this baby is?

Clue— he is a boy

All will be revealed next week.



Preparing and Responding to Bushfires



Respond to bushfire activity - Stay informed

It is important to stay up to date on fire activity. You can do this by:

- ☑ Knowing the FDR for your NSW Fire Area (especially on hot, dry and windy days) by actively monitoring information on fire activity through TV, radio and the [NSW RFS website](#)
- ☑ Staying alert for warnings such as Alert Levels issued by RFS
- ☑ Watching for signs of fire, especially smoke or the smell of smoke
- ☑ Consulting with your Principal for up to date school information and possible changes to daily procedures
- ☑ Calling the RFS Bushfire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)
- ☑ Monitoring road closures on www.livetraffic.com.au
- ☑ Download the [Fires Near Me](#) and [My Fire Plan](#) apps for live updates or contact the Health and Safety Directorate for information and support on 1800 811 523 (Option 1).

Over the coming weeks at Afterlee School we will be practicing emergency evacuation and lock down drills. Students and staff will learn what the warning signals are, what to do in an emergency and how to follow instructions to stay safe and calm. These drills are important for bush fire, building fire or unwanted dangerous visitors including snakes or animals.

Evacuation:

1. Air horn- 3 long blows

Lockdown:

1. Three triple whistle blasts/ loud voice will sound if an intruder and or threat is identified.

Student Work Sample

"Jack, come on," on that day I lost my one and only brother!

The fire is back and bigger than ever, tall as a skyscraper, we trying to stop it.

The fire was hot as an oven on full throttle. It was raging red in colour and it was roaring like an engine from a rocket. It was burning cities in its path as fast as lightning. The people were rushing trying to escape. Two years later, the people were safe and we stopped this menace by being determined. We won ! Written By Joe



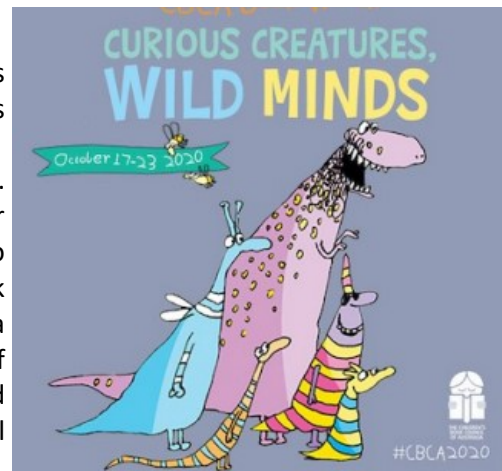
Book Week Dress Up Day and Book Fair- Term 4 ,Week 1

On Thursday 15th October , Afterlee students are invited to dress up as part of our Book Week celebrations. This year, the theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.

Also on this day we are having our annual book fair in the school library. Due to current restrictions we unfortunately cannot invite all families for our usual viewing of books all at the same time however we would like to extend an invitation with timeslots for parents to come in and have a look at the beautiful books available for purchase. The school will receive a commission for any books sold which we use by making a selection of books from the Book Fair to add to our library. Please see the attached form to indicate your interest in taking a look at the Book Fair. The school will notify you of your allocated time slot to visit the library.

Why do we celebrate Book Week?

It provides new experiences, awareness building about the world outside home; improves communication, building greater vocabulary, speech patterns and enunciation; improved concentration, story time providing an ideal incentive to build concentration; and a lifetime love of books!



SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

SNOW MUCH TO SEE AND READ AT OUR BOOK FAIR

BOOKS START AT \$5

Student Work Sample

Students are preparing for their COLOURSS Interspeak Public Speaking competition in Term 4. Noah is in Year 4 and has chosen the entertaining topic of ;

BEING AN ONLY CHILD IS BETTER THAN HAVING SIBLINGS.

Hi my name Noah and I'm here to convince you that being an only child is better than having siblings.

I interviewed some people that love being an only child or hate having siblings.

These are their opinion's:

Being a sibling is the worst because you have to share everything.

The best things about being an only child is you get to play the console by yourself. It's a miracle, and, also you get more food. Just imagine all the food and it's yours. And the activities outside like motor bike riding, BMX and mountain bikes you can do.

Here are the reasons it's better to have no siblings and I'll tell you some reasons why I think it's bad to have siblings.

The bad thing about having siblings is they will steal your clothes and eat your snacks, they'll be taking all the attention from your mother or father or worse, both!

If you go fishing or you want ask your parents something they will just ignore you because you're a sibling.

Siblings are like zombies staying up planning to eat me, it is scary knowing there is someone else there all the time.

Money how much money do you get when you are a sibling?

Well if I do chores I get nothing, nothing at all even though I do them doesn't mean anything.

If I get something for my birthday for example like I a Guinea Pig, then my older brother also got a Guinea Pig for his birthday. He got a female that turned in to a boy and they were in one cage. My older brother one night saw a little baby Guinea Pig and guess what, it's my little brother's Guinea Pig now.

Worst of all they punch you and fart in your face and blame everything on you. It's not fair!

Now this is why it's bad to have siblings.

If you have any siblings please put your hand up.

(Say that's more than I expected or that's not as much as I expected)

Well I hope you are fully convinced that being an only child is better than having siblings. Well this is the end of my speech so thank you for listening.