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Term 1 Week 2 Thursday 4th February 2021



Swimming Carnival Tomorrow

Date: Friday 5th February

Time: 10:00 – 2:30pm approx. (please arrive by 9:45am)

Where: Kyogle Pool

Who: Juliet and Peppa will represent Afterlee. Mrs Kelly and Miss Fish attending.

Food options: The Risk P&C are catering, bring your own food or purchase from the canteen. **Don't forget your water bottle and hat!**

Kinder- Year 2 and non-swimmers come to Afterlee School as normal. Mrs Tessmer and Judy will be at school and lots of fun leaning is planned.

Some main events up and coming in 2021

- Homework goes out in Week 3.
- Week 5 student Goal setting and Parent/TEACHER meetings.
- Planned Interschool visits—on site and at other schools
- Durroughby Science Excursion- Week 10 Term 1
- Transitioning for 2022 Kinder Student starts Term 2
- One on one SoundsWrite lessons 4 days per week for students.
- Canberra and Snow excursion Year 5&6 - 6 nights – July 19th to 23rd
- Roxy Gallery—August (Afterlee coordinating)
- Year 6 Camp—Term 4

From the Principal's Desk

A very warm welcome back to our students and their families. We are so happy that you are on this learning journey with us at Afterlee Public School. Unfortunately, I have been sick for most of Week 2 and have missed out on spending time with our wonderful students. They have been having a great time with Miss Fish and Judy, settling into their routines and discovering new resources, games and ways to learn and have fun with 5 students. We are definitely falling in love with the caring family atmosphere we have here at Afterlee.

The students have been learning about writing informational texts and reviewing their reading knowledge and skills this past week. They are being introduced to VCOP writing and will be learning writing skills through games and short activities in order to complete a weekly Big Write that showcases their learning. VCOP stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. This is an evidence based approach to teaching writing that incorporates all the important elements of being a great writer. This combined with Seven Steps to Writing Success activities and planning will support our students to reach their potential in writing. In mathematics we have been looking at patterns in our environment, number patterns and whole number. There has been lots of sorting, creating and completing number and object patterns.

Students have been playing games and consolidating learning with worksheet tasks to build learning sequentially.

Music has started again and students have been asked to choose an instrument they would like to learn for the year. We are so grateful to be able to offer these lessons and have such a multi-talented music teacher who can deliver a wide range of learning opportunities. Thank you Mrs T.

This year is a Roxy Gallery year. Students will be learning about and creating artworks from a variety of media. Our theme this year is FOOD— Different by Design and will reflect the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables. If you have any ideas or art skills to share with the students and staff please let us know. Tuesday Afternoons are Art days. We will also need some ideas and support in August when we set up the Roxy Gallery displays and would love parental input and energy. Thanks in advance for your thoughts and efforts with this.

The staff and I are looking forward to witnessing with you, the growth and achievements that our students will make!

Thank you so much to the P&C for the beautiful glass butterfly which you gave me as a retirement gift at the end of last year. I have it hanging from the verandah and every time I look at it, it reminds me of the school and the many wonderful times I have shared with students, staff and parents over the years. So thank you again - it is a gift I will treasure always.
Jenny Kitchener



The school grounds are looking beautiful after the rain and Wayne's attention over the holidays. Wayne has also been busy erecting new wheel stops for drop off and pick up parking at the front of the school. These are looking great and will make the stopping area safer for everyone. Thanks Wayne.



Blue Quandong tree in our garden—Bush Tucker.

Elaeocarpus angustifolius is a large and fast growing rainforest tree, native to Australia, in the Elaeocarpaceae family. It is commonly known as Blue Quandong, Blue Marble Tree, Bracelet Tree or Blue Fig, although it is not closely related to the genus of figs.

Scientific name: Elaeocarpus angustifolius

Species: E. angustifolius

Family: Elaeocarpaceae

Quick care

- Suitable for full-sun
- Suitable for pots

Dimensions:

- Height 10-30m
- Width 5-8m
- Tolerates sandy soils
- Fruits from 7yrs onwards
- Bird attracting
- Attracts bees & insects
- Provides shade



Canteen/Pie Day moving to Friday

Term 1 2021	Monday Mrs Kelly Miss Bendall Mrs Tessmer Wendy	Tuesday Mrs Kelly Judy	Wednesday Mrs Kelly Miss Fish Wendy Judy Wayne	Thursday Mrs Kelly Miss Fish Judy	Friday Mrs Kelly Miss Fish Wendy
Week 2	1 Feb Library & Music Day	Sounds Write	Sounds Write		COLOURSS Swimming Carnival 8 Years & over Sounds Write
Week 3	8th Feb Library & Music Day	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Swimming 1:30-2:45 Pick Up from Pool Chinese New Year
Week 4	15th Feb Library & Music Day	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write Swimming 1:30-2:45 Pick Up from Pool
Week 5	22 Feb Library & Music Day	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write Swimming 1:30-2:45 Pick Up from Pool
Week 6	1 Mar Library & Music Day	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write Swimming 1:30-2:45 Pick Up from Pool Clean Up Aust Day
Week 7	8th Mar Library & Music Day World Womens Day	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write Swimming 1:30-2:45 Pick Up from Pool
Week 8	15th Mar Library & Music Day Anti Bullying Week	Harmony Week " Everyone Belongs"			Sounds Write Swimming 1:30-2:45 Pick Up from Pool
Week 9	22 Mar Library & Music Day	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write	Sounds Write Swimming 1:30-2:45 Pick Up from Pool
Week 10	29th Mar Library & Music Day	Sounds Write Science Excursion TBC	Sounds Write	Last Day of Term	Good Friday 2nd April



Students have painted multiple prints of foods of their choice in alternating colours . These artworks have been influenced by Andy Warhol's pop culture art.
The new farm and jungle animals and shop toys have been the student's free play choice at lunch and recess this week. They are getting very good at collaborating despite age and ability.

Wanted- Parents and community members with skills to share. It takes a community to raise a child, a community to teach a child and a community to show a child how to be part of a great community.

The A Team is back for 2021



COVID –19 School activities and school site usage

What's changed- The following activities have been updated:

- Schools can now turn on water fountains and bubblers for students to use.
- Schools in the border regions can recommence swimming and other activities using venues in other states or territories if border requirements permit.
- P&C meetings can continue.
- Field trips, excursions and camps to VIC, QLD and ACT can continue where interstate border requirements permit.
- Orientation programs for department Preschools, Kindergarten and Year 7 can continue.
- School activities and school site usage without change

Schools will apply the following guidelines to adhere to NSW Health advice:

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Interschool activities can continue to take place.
- External providers delivering educational services can proceed with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.
- Activities involving musical instruments can proceed. Students playing non-reeded woodwind instruments such as flutes and recorders should be positioned so that they can maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from all persons (including other members of the musical group). They must also maintain a minimum 3 metres space between the direction of airflow from their instruments and other performers.
- Singing and band rehearsals and performances should take place outside or in well ventilated indoor spaces.

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at off-site school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- Essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives, with a scheduled appointment. This includes scheduled meetings with parents and carers of prospective students.
- Parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school.
- Parents and carers who need to be on-site for canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms.
- Parent or carer volunteers required as educational support roles for activities essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups, music, dance and kitchen garden areas. Schools are required to have scheduled programs in place and remind parents and carers that they must not attend school unless it has been previously arranged.
- Parents and carers can attend parent orientation meetings and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year/stage groups. Meetings should be limited to 1 hour where possible. A COVID-19 Safety must be in place.
- P&C meetings can be held after school hours with a COVID-19 Safety. Gatherings are limited to 30 people indoors and 50 people outdoors for schools within Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong. For regional and rural schools, up to 50 people can meet indoors or 100 people outdoors.