



Principals Message

It has been a pleasure to see the school to continue its focus on positive behaviour.

We have been rewarding students on a daily basis for being kind, being safe and trying to be their best. It has been rewarding to see *students sense of pride as they focus on their best. In the last few weeks there have been more and more students achieving maximum points for their efforts in the classroom, in the playground and with others.*

This term has seen some improvements around the school. New signage has been installed in and around the school. A huge thanks to “Out of the Woods “Design Company for their thoughtful representation of our school. The new school logo looks fantastic and as one parent said “makes me feel happy when I look at it. The term “Carinya” in the indigenous language is “happy home”.



Thank you to the Landcare group for making the pathway into the school look so fresh, over 80 mariah’s have been planted along the pathway. Thanks for the digging and planting.

Parents, carers, teachers and students have spent time this term identifying and working on plans to achieve learning goals for the year. All students have individualised learning plans that are rigorous, meaningful and relevant. Thank you for your contribution. We look forward to celebrating with you as students move towards achieving their individual goals.

Each of our classes have worked hard at delivering lessons across all the same curriculum areas that students in NSW have access to. Our senior classes continue to assist students as they prepare for post school life. Well done to these students who have commenced work experience and Yes TAFE courses.

This term Carinya staff have continued to develop their professional practice through participation in professional development in literacy, mental health support, behaviour management, technology. Our students and school will benefit from this ongoing investment.

Lastly thank you to the members of St Joseph’s church Oatley who provided Easter activities for our students. Most classes have enjoyed preparing for the Easter break.



Leadership by the River

Megan, Luke, Bailey and Sam participated in the Leadership by the River Conference last week at the Kyle Bay Club. This initiative brings leadership teams from primary, high and special schools in our local school area together to hear from inspirational speakers and to learn about what it means to be a great leader. Students participated in workshops and were given opportunity to present their ideas in front of the other 200 students. Sam and Luke spoke with confidence and Megan and Bailey were very keen to share their ideas in our workshop groups. I can't wait to see what project our keen young leaders develop for our school. Well done Megan, Bailey, Luke and Sam.



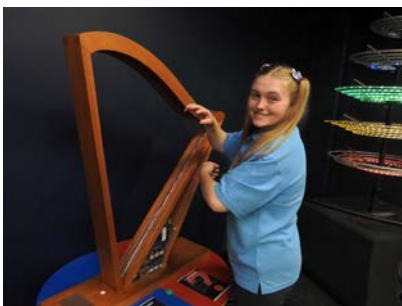
Class 8 Update



Class 8 have been busy in their STEM studies this term. We have looked at forces and motion, in particular how cars move. We made two different car designs. We first tried propelling our cars forward with a mouse trap. Then we used corflute and different types of wheels to see which drive the furthest and the straightest. Our challenge in the second car was to see which car design would drive the straightest and the furthest. Megan won the mouse trap car challenge and Luke won the egg car challenge. Well done everyone!



Last Friday students from Classes 6 and 8 went to the Science Space Museum at Wollongong for an excursion to support our studies of the Solar System this term. We first went into the planetarium and were amazed by the size of our Universe and we learnt about the Big Bang theory of how the Universe was made. Then we had fun with all the hands-on exhibits, where one of the highlights was testing our throwing speed. After this we saw a Science demonstration, where Jye (the scientist) used Liquid Nitrogen to freeze things so hard that they smashed into pieces. He also made huge clouds appear by mixing boiling water and liquid Nitrogen. At the end of the day we went to the park for lunch and raced each other on the flying foxes. We had a great day!



Class 4 Update

Class 4 have been learning all about the systems of the Human Body this term. As you can see from our wall display the students have been very creative. Our brains have been put to the test, labelling parts of the skeleton, identifying muscles and matching organs to their function. The activity we enjoyed most was making Brain hats! The students cut out the templates, labelled parts of the brain and pasted it into shape. I think they did a great job!

I have enjoyed working with all the students in class 4 this term. They have worked well together and deserve a happy and safe break. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have visited our class or have come in for meetings at various times. I hope you all have a relaxing holiday together.



Regards,

Michelle

Class 6 Update



Class 6 have had an exciting term 1! We have been engaged in a lot of learning and fun times! All students enjoy playing Basketball for sport and have become very involved in their teams.

Community Access: Students have enjoyed accessing the community on Thursdays to practise train travel, behaving in the community and following directions.



Space centre: We enjoyed our Term 1 excursion to Wollongong at Space Centre with class 8! We have been learning all about the Solar System this term, so this was a fun experience to consolidate our learning!

Land care: This term in land care we have weeded, mulched, and planted many native plants! We particularly enjoyed putting in our new Bird of Paradise plants! Thank you to Khade and Sam for cleaning up the front garden ☺

Class 3 Update



This semester students will be learning about the biological science of plants and about living world around us. Students will gain skills in planning and organisation through tending for the class garden.



As a part of the PDHPE Mindfulness curriculum students practised the Bubble Journey meditation. This meditation practice is a body scan, which helps students become aware of their body.



As a part of morning routine students have to complete: spelling, grammar and maths. Nice to see everyone is on task!



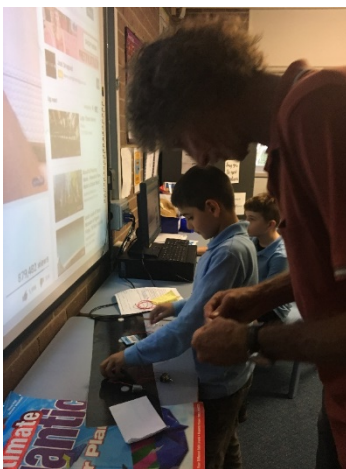
This term students have been learning about First Contacts. Using research about the First Fleet *Ships* class 3 *made* these models.

Class 3 are working towards developing skills that will enable them to participate in community access activities.

Collaboratively, we have developed a community skills program where students can practise certain skills before we could participate in the community.

Every Thursday students learn new skills. For example, how to behave on the train, road safety, café etiquette. As a reward students play bowling, participate in the races or go to the park.

We are making another boat!! This time it is a motor version! Thank you Steve for your effort!!!



Class 2 Update

Class 2 had a fantastic first term. Students participate in their morning routine activities which included a morning walk. Apart from keeping fit and healthy students are working towards being able to go out on community access in the forthcoming terms. Everyone starts of their day in the morning by writing up a behaviour goal in their journal sheet. If they achieve their and receive and receive over 65 points their rocket moves up a level as shown in the picture. By the end of the week all students on level 10 receive a chocolate milkshake as a reward.



Woolworths Earn & Learn Is Back!



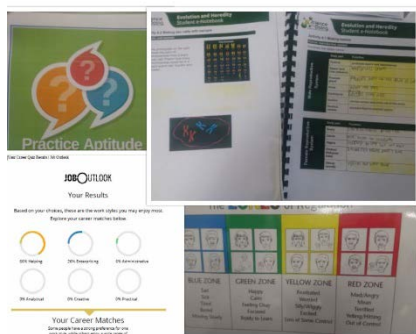
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 1st May and Tuesday 25th June 2019. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and once it is completed bring it back to school.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we would like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Class 7 Update.



Class 7 has had a great start to the year. They have started investigating jobs that they are interested in and examined what qualifications and further study they are required to complete to work in these fields. For many they have started work on Tafe and other work qualification courses. They have been learning about emotional intelligence, zones of regulation and DNA and Genetic selection in class

Class 1 Update



Class 1 have been very busy this term learning lots of new and exciting things. We have spent the term learning about Life Cycles in Science. Students have created their own food chains and learnt how organisms live together both positively and negatively.

Students have also spent each week focusing on a different narrative. Each week students participate in a number of activities relating to the narrative including sorting, matching and organising as well as a range of creative art activities.

Students in class 1 have also been learning about the history of Australian convicts. Students have been busy making their own convict identification cards as well as learning about Aboriginal heritage.

Class 1 have been very busy this term!

