



## **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE.**

### **Deadly Awards.**

The Deadly Kids Awards 2019 celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait students across the Metropolitan Operational Directorate. The achievements of over 200 students across 500 schools were acknowledged by parents, staff, community members and Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education at the Great Hall of the University of Technology. Jayden's progress and academic achievements were acknowledged along with the achievements of other Year 9 students. Well Done Jayden.

### **Staff Update.**

We welcome back Ms Jennifer from her maternity leave and look forward to her contribution and support of the literacy programs across the school. Michelle will be returning from leave at the end of week 7. A huge thank you to Ms Pip who has been leading Class 4 in Michelle's absence.

### **Upcoming Events.**

Students soon will be participating in a soccer tournament with Endeavour Sports High School. We wish them luck particularly after their successful participation in the State Futsal Competition.

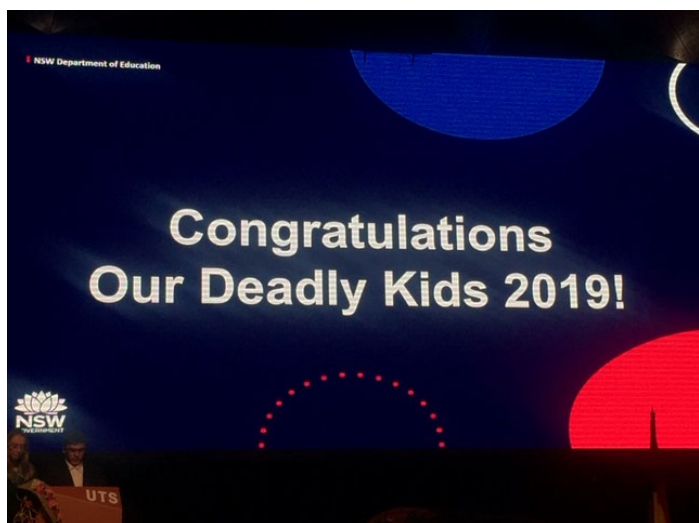
Sailing commences this week at Kogarah Bay. Over a 5 week period selected students will be learning how to sail small dinghies. Volunteers from Sailors with Disabilities will be instructing our students.

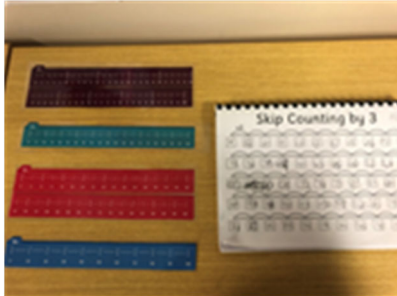
### **Annual Review.**

You will be receiving information shortly about the mid-year review of your child's Individual Education Plan and placement at the school. We have set aside Tuesday 10 September and Friday 13 September for face to face meetings. Parents can book a face to face meeting, phone meeting or send back feedback on surveys that will be distributed shortly.

### **Work around the school.**

When you next visit you will notice the small playground is being refurbished as with the food tech rooms and the classrooms. The Food tech room has special acoustic panels that has made a great improvement in the noise levels in the room.





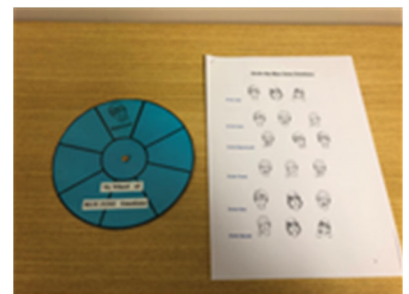
## CLASS 1 UPDATE.

In English, Class 1 read *“The Empty Pot”*. The story was about a *Chinese Emperor who announces an unusual test to choose an heir—the child who raises the best flowers from a seed given by the Emperor will be his successor. Ping, unaccountably, is unable to get his seed to sprout—but Ping’s empty pot is best of all.* Students then completed a book report by writing in the name of the author, illustrator, who, what, where, why and when questions and also a related art activity of Ping’s garden.



In Mathematics, class 1 has been learning about skip counting by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s. They have been using skip counting number lines and/or 100s chart to support their learning.

In recognition of the NAIDOC week, class 1 learnt about the significance of colours in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders flag and replicated the flags with the same colours. To help students identify different zone (blue, green, yellow, red) emotions, Class 1 has been looking at the *BLUE ZONE EMOTIONS* wheel everyday to help them identify the emotions on a related sheet.



## CLASS 2 UPDATE.

Class 2 had another fantastic start to term 3. Students engage in their morning routine work which includes walking on the oval, jumping on the trampoline and basketball. Class 2 continued with their studies on the novel *“Charlotte’s Web”* whereby students read chapters, answer questions and describe characters. For Arts and Craft activity students built a barnyard with farm animals including Charlotte the spider as seen in the photos. In Geography students are studying the topic *“Sustaining our World”* – learning about all types of resources, natural and man made. In PDHPE students are studying about safety including online safety.







### CLASS 3 UPDATE.

This term class 3 is reading the “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” novel written by Jeff Kinney. The book is about a boy named Greg Hefley and his attempts to become popular in middle school. Boys find this novel very humours.

This term we are learning about balanced lifestyle. Students explored four possible areas of health: Physical health, Social health, Mental health and Spiritual health.

Hadi is passionate about building electric cars. He followed a nine step instruction manual to make a battery powered car. This car uses batteries and belt drive for movement. A belt drive allows for the transmission of power between two rotating shafts that are a distance apart.

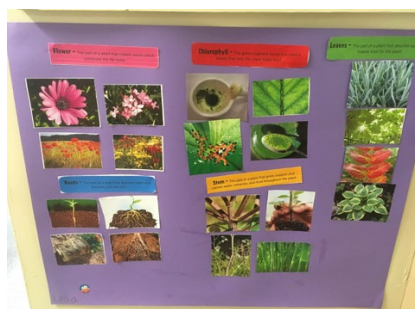


### CLASS 4 UPDATE.

This term Class 4 have enjoyed a lot of hands on learning about the Life Cycle of Plants; how plants grow, survive, and how they reproduce. The class has taken on the responsibility of a garden bed and the students have had a great time planting seeds we have germinated in class.

We’ve also had plenty of fun learning how to draw and paint plants in the style of French painter, Henri Rousseau.

Our Wellbeing topic this term has been ‘resilience’. Students have investigated what it means to be resilient and how we are able to strengthen this valuable life skill. The class has also been learning about Impulse Control, practicing strategies to manage these reactions, as well as, having a ball playing a number of interactive games to practice control over our impulses.





## CLASS 6 UPDATE.

Class 6 have enjoyed their first 5 weeks of Term 3. We have a big Term ahead with exciting things such as; a soccer tournament at Endeavour High, Camp 2019, and of course a whole lot of learning!

Students have been working hard towards reaching their literacy and numeracy goals. Well done to Khade Brooks who has reached his goal of reading CVC words and working hard at this daily.

We have a new Mathematics bump it up wall in class 6. We are focusing on reading time, as well as percentages and fractions for some. Well done to Jamie and Jayden for bumping up this week!

Congratulations to Jayden Hawley on receiving the 'Deadly Arts Award 2019' for outstanding academics this year. Well done!



## SPORT UPDATE.

A big thanks to our Tennis coach Craig for his expertise and patience with our students as everyone learns about trapping balls, donkey drops and forehand and backhand rallies. The basketball court on Tuesdays is certainly a very busy place! Junior students have also been learning how to play Dodge Ball and senior students have been trying out the new goals and hockey equipment in the hall.

This week we wish our Soccer team Good Luck as they play a round robin against Endeavour Sports and Picnic Point HS support units. We know they will try their best and do the school proud.

In Week 9 (19,20<sup>th</sup> September) a select group of students from the Senior Classes will be attending School Camp at The Tops Conference Centre. Get ready for Bush Walking, Giant Swing, Archery and Go-Karting. Make sure you bring your best behaviour!

Weather permitting we will also be holding our annual Sports Carnival and BBQ in Week 10. The date is to be advised.







**CLASS 8 UPDATE.**

This term so far in Class 8 Sam has continued to work consistently on his Distance Education subjects (Music, Maths, Science and English). Aidan has started to explore Distance Education English in preparation for continuing his studies in Year 11. There are many challenges in Distance Education and we continue to wish them well.

Last week Luke completed his Tafe Business Studies Certificate 11 mandatory work placement at Sutherland Courthouse. Luke was required to wear business attire, work office hours and travel independently on the train. Luke was asked to hand papers to the judge, count money, collect evidence papers, look up case numbers, and many other tasks. This was a huge achievement for Luke-well done and congratulations.

Aidan has also finished 10 days of work experience over 10 weeks (on Thursdays) at Woolworths Balmain. Aidan has been given positive feedback for the many tasks he was asked to complete-including working in the bakery, stacking shelves and working behind the cash register. A great achievement for a Year 10 student.

In class we have been learning about Colonisation in Australia and the effects on Aboriginal people, we have studied Forensics in Science, including collecting finger prints, plaster casts and DNA samples. The students are becoming adept at sleuthing. Our STEM Tiny Houses and Boat Building are slowly taking shape and students have been practicing letter writing and poetry in writing classes.

I am very pleased with the engagement of all students in our novel study Jasper Jones this term. The class has been reading and reflecting on the whole novel, which requires a fair amount of concentration. Well done.

