

Hijau (Green) Hub News

Term Three, Weeks Tiga (Three) and Empat (Four)

As this is being written, our hope is that we will see you all back at school on Wednesday. We've missed you!



Fingers crossed our National Tree Planting activities will go ahead this week and we would love some paperwork-approved volunteers.

Last year, we still managed to squeeze this in between lockdowns. Keep an eye on Seesaw for notification of which day we will fit it in. IF Preps have gardening gloves at home, they can bring them along to use.



Look who said hello to Miss Georgia and Prep G with a little video over Seesaw last week!

(via Angus' Mum Gemma...thank you!)

We saw lots of great learning come back to us and understand how challenging it is to get school, work and everything else done whilst in lockdown.

Thanks for all of your wonderful efforts and support during the latest challenging lockdown. Be very proud of all you have managed to do!





This term our Inquiry Learning is all about weather. We are also wanting to do more of our learning outside.

There is lots of research about how important a strong connection to nature is for our children, their wellbeing and development.



“Some of the benefits to children include:

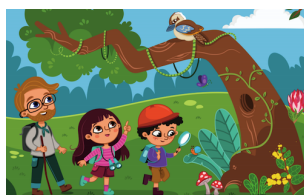
- Decreased stress levels and better mental health
- Improved behaviour overall including better communication skills
- Increased motivation resulting in better grades, and;
- Stronger connections to the natural environment

In addition to the benefits listed above, delivering outdoor learning opportunities can also work to significantly improve the physical activity levels of Australian children.

A study undertaken by the Australian Government entitled ‘Growing up in Australia’ uncovered that “...one generation ago, 73% of children’s playtime was spent outdoors” compared to recent figures, “13% of children’s total playtime is spent outdoors”. Startlingly, in the early 2000s, it was reported that only 1 in 5 children have ever climbed a tree, an experience enjoyed by two thirds of their parents. (Bitu, 2012).

According to the Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Young People, Australia only received a D- for ‘Overall Physical Activity Levels’ when compared to their international peers. When it comes to physical fitness, our children and young people are not moving enough.”

(Taken from the ACHPER website, Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation)



Prior to lockdown, we started our visits to Kingston Park, which will form part of our outdoor program.

We are also looking at weekly timetables and utilising opportunities to take our learning outside whenever we can.



Preps require a raincoat or waterproof jacket (not puffer jacket) and gumboots that they can leave at school.



They don't have to be pretty or of great quality, just need to protect their clothes and feet from getting wet. Thanks to many of you who sent them straight in...love your work!

A change of clothes in bags would be great too, as we don't want to miss out on one of life's greatest pleasures...jumping in puddles!

(or maybe it's just the teachers that like doing that!)



These sessions will also have specific learning objectives, around our Inquiry learning, or with an indigenous, Literacy or Maths focus. It's not just "Go off and play"

For the first one, we set up expectations and boundaries, then explored our surroundings.



Outdoor learning is the life!
Thanks for helping us to have our
all-weather gear 🍀



Some outdoor problem solving! 🧠👉



Today we had fun in
the sun!



Don't forget to make a 100 days of school t-shirt, ready for next week hopefully, (we'll tell you the date via Seesaw) once we know we are back to face-to-face.



Some Preps chose to find out the Indonesian for our Season's activities home.

BAGUS (good job!)



Musim dingin has been particularly chilly so far, hasn't it?

(this one is from Lenny in Prep



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Got your disco outfits dusted off?



At this stage, our School Disco will go ahead this Friday. Prep-2 4:30-6pm



Practise those dance moves with Bu Bree's Phys Ed activities on Tuesday!

Book Week is Week 7 of this term.

We will celebrate with a school dress up day and activities on **Friday, 27th August.**

This year's theme is: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds. Students can dress to match the theme or just come as a popular book character.



Green Hub will host a **Grandparents** morning next term, on **Friday 29th October.** The Pope declared a Grandparents Day last Sunday, which took us by surprise and we wanted to give you plenty of notice. Sunday 31st October is Grandparents Day in Australia, so we have kept our celebration for then.

Obviously it will be Covid-restrictions dependent but hopefully you will be able to arrange a 'special grandparent figure' in their lives to come to school for the morning.

More information closer to the date.

And for surviving another lockdown...

♥ Here's sending you love, luck ✨
..and magic fairy wishes! ✨

