

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 9: TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

WATER BOTTLES

Please remember that students are currently not allowed to drink directly from the school water bubblers. This is a requirement from the Health Department as part of COVID-19 safety measures. Each child must therefore have their own water bottle, which may be filled up during the day from the bubblers. As the weather warms up, it is very important that students drink enough fluids during the day. Please help by providing a water bottle for your child.

SAFETY FIRST - TREE REMOVAL

Last week I wrote to inform the school community that we are in the process of having one of the large hoop pines on the school site removed because of rapid deterioration due to a fungal infection. During the week, arborists have raised concerns about the tree adjacent to the infected tree, which was struck by lightning at the beginning of the year. This tree has also declined markedly in the last few weeks, and so we are considering removing this one along with the other. Whilst the school is very reluctant to remove these beautiful and significant trees, we have to prioritise the safety of students, staff and the local community, many of whom have raised concerns about the state of the trees. I'll keep you informed as to a date of removal. Please let me know if you wish to discuss this with me.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS

Yesterday we filmed our three school finalists - Johnny, Frankie and Annika - as they delivered their speeches for the Far North Coast Public Speaking Competition. Today, these have been submitted to the adjudicators who will watch all the speeches from around the district and announce winners late next week. All three finalists did a great job, having worked one-on-one with Mrs Crump on Friday to make some final tweaks to their speeches and polish up their presentation skills. Well done and good luck to all!

MORE DRAMA FROM YEAR 5...

Year 5 students created some really great (and very dramatic!) tableaux in our drama lessons last week! Can you guess from the photos what might be happening in the scenes?

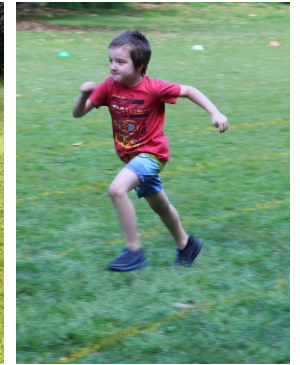


SIGHT WORDS - A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR READING
Well done to Daniel who has mastered all 10 sight word lists in Kindergarten!

A GREAT DAY FOR OUR TRACK EVENTS

We had a great morning today competing in all the track events as part of our Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many students proudly wearing their House colours, and getting involved in the running races. Well done, particularly, to our Kindergarten students who ran in their first ever races at school! They did really well, as did everyone who competed. Many of us enjoyed a sushi lunch to make the day even more special and thank you to the Singh family for providing every child with a banana for recess. Winners in each age will be announced as soon as we have verified all the times.

More photographs of the carnival will be available on the school's website and Facebook page.





WELL DONE TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

Sol has earned his Bronze EKIDNA Award and Azuren has now been awarded the Silver EKIDNA Award. Special congratulations to Bela who was awarded the Gold EKIDNA Award and it was lovely that her Mum was able to be here, albeit outside the fence, to pin on her badge.



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