## USC NEWS



#### COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE US GREAT!

We have had another great fortnight of learning here at USCPS! It has been great to see students settled within the classroom, even though this term has turned out busier than expected.

Students had a fantastic day at Cross Country. Thankfully the weather turned out great and all students put in a terrific effort. It was great to see many of our parents make it along



to support the students running. The F-2 race was as exciting as ever with some students collecting in excess of 15 beads. We calculated that collecting

that many meant they ran further than the 12/13 year students!! Big congratulations to Remi, Jorgia, Jesse, Ryder, Halle and Mayah for making it to the next



level which will be held on Friday 31st in Wodonga. Communication has been sent out regarding this.

Feedback from the Year 6 Transition day has been extremely positive. The students had a fantastic time doing the activities and meeting up with students from across the area who will also be attending high school.

The F-2 Cluster day was also a big hit. The f-2 stu-

dents enjoyed an amazing day participating in a range of activities aligned to the book titled "Bowerbird Blues". Special thanks to Eskdale Prima-



ry School for hosting such a fabulous day.

Last week, we completed our session with Jai and the Pillow-case program. Students learned all about different disasters and what is essential vs. not es-



sential to pack. Students then spent some time designing their own pillowcases to take home and use. Special thanks to Jai for running the fabulous program.



Music this term has been focusing on pitch and rhythm. Students have been learning this whilst playing in a band like environment, complete with some digital backing

music. We will shortly commence lunchtime band for students who are interested. We look forward to hearing what they come up with.

We have a few things to look forward to coming up. We have the Year 5 BBQ tomorrow, please support the students efforts to raise some money for our local CFA. \$2 per sausage.

We have a working bee on this Sunday from 8am-12pm. We have a few jobs to complete so hopefully many parents will head along.

The PJ day and movie night is also on next week on Thursday and information has been sent out regarding this.

School Council will be meeting on Tuesday the 11th at 4.30pm after the Kings Birthday long weekend. We also have a pupil free day on the Friday the 7th making it an extra long weekend for students.

Cael wythnos wych!



## **NEWS FROM THE CLASS**

#### Year 5/6—Mr Shaw

We've enjoyed another great week at school and are excited to welcome Sierrah to the 5/6 class. A big thank you to all the students who helped her feel welcome!

In reading, we continue our journey with the book *The Last Bear*. We're also expanding our vocabulary and exploring homophones. To enhance our learning, I've made some changes to encourage the use of new vocabulary words in daily activities. This week's focus words are: eerie, elated, eloquently, embarrassed, and enchanted. Feel free to ask your child to use these words in sentences at home.

In Numeracy, we've just completed our unit on addition and are now moving into subtraction. I've also introduced a small amount of homework. This serves two purposes: to establish a homework routine and to review previously covered material, reinforcing students' understanding.

Looking forward to another great week ahead!

Mr. Shaw

#### Year F/1/2—Mrs Holloway

In the last couple of weeks, we have started to do a speed read for the first 10min every morning the students are enjoying the challenge. Wordshark is also a celebrated word reading and spelling activity. It is computer-based program where I set the word list, if students wish to log on at home, they are welcome to.

We have begun the topic of subtraction in math this week. Some of the vocabulary we will be using are less than, fewer and take away. We will be drawing the student's attention to the relationship between addition and subtraction and building on known number facts. We will be continuing with subtraction number stories/worded problems making students aware math is not only numbers written on a page but can also include real life scenarios.

Another small change to our classroom organisation is the addition of a job's list. The jobs are about keeping our classroom in a state we can be proud of and gives the students a sense of importance and belonging. The student jobs change each week.

#### Deanne

### NEWS FROM THE CLASS

#### Year 3/4—Ms Hanby

A great fortnight of learning has been had in the 3/4 room.

In Reading, students have been working on using evidence in the text to predict what will happen next and/or what the text will be about.

In Writing, students have been learning how to construct a persuasive piece of writing. They have been learning about *why* we would need to persuade someone. Then, students identified issues or concerns in their local community that they feel they might be able to do something about.

In Maths, students have completed some pre-tests in preparation for our new unit on Subtraction which we will start next week. Please keep an eye out via uEducateUs if there is any communication regarding work your child can do to help them progress with their maths learning.

Please remember to keep up the home reading and remind your child/ren to bring in their reader folders every day.

Shelby

#### **VALUE OF THE WEEK**

# CARE AND COMPASSION



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**Empathy:** Show understanding and concern for the feelings of others. Students will comfort a classmate who is feeling sad about not winning a game.

Kindness: Demonstrate acts of kindness and consideration towards

Students will help a peer or a teacher with a job without being asked.

**Helpfulness**: Be willing to assist peers and teachers when they need support.

Students will assist a friend who is struggling with a difficult task.

**Inclusion:** Include everyone in activities and be mindful of those who may feel left out

Students will invite a new student to join their group during recess activities.

**Sympathy:** Express sympathy and offer support to classmates facing challenges.

Students will express sympathy and offer a listening ear to a classmate who is going through a tough time.

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#### **WHATS ON**

Don't forget to check in with the calendar on the uEducateus app to see what is happening this term.

#### MAY

Wed 29th Yr 5 BBQ (Fundraiser)

Thur 30th 4-6 Student Survey

#### **JUNE**

Sun 2nd Working Bee 8am-12pm

Tue 4th MARC Van

Tue 4th SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tue 4th Year 6 Science Visits

Thu 6th PJ & Movie Night

Fri 7th Pupil Free Day

Mon 10th Kings Birthday Holiday

Thur 20th NAIDOC DAY—Bethanga

#### WOOD RAFFLE

We will be holding our annual Wood Raffle this term. Ticket books have been sent home with the students and more are available in the office. Tickets are \$2 each or 3x\$5. There are three prizes. Each is a tandem trailer load of mixed red gum and red box. Raffle drawn on 28th June. Get your tickets quick!