



Newsletter

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Issue 08

- Friday 26th June
Virtual Assembly
- Thursday 30th July
Australian Mathematics
Online Competition
- Wednesday 1st July
Reports go home



- Friday 3rd July
Last day of Term 2
Casual Day
early dismissal 2:10pm
- Monday 20th July
First day back Term 3



Play in the shade
Term 1, 3 & 4

From The Leadership Team

Congratulations and well done to all staff and students on a very successful Term 2, amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic (most extraordinary) as we look back over the term. There are many achievements we can all take pride in and celebrate together. These include:

- Introduction of One Note & Class Dojo as school wide class communication channels.
- Moderation of writing samples using Brightpath scales.
- Staff, students and family preparedness for online/remote learning.
- The introduction of virtual assemblies.
- Social distancing, cleaning & hygiene practices introduced.
- Staff Pupil Free day on Formative Assessment.
- Participation in virtual Cross Country event.
- Reconciliation Week activities including a special 'Sorry Day' virtual assembly hosted by our Indigenous students.
- Simultaneous Storytime to promote the 'joy of reading'
- Student Voice initiatives including new sports equipment.

Online Gaming & Social Media

In recent weeks we have attended to a number of issues and safety concerns involving some of our students as a result of online gaming and access to social media apps such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat and Tiktok etc.

To support our students in making safe and responsible choices and protect their identity and digital reputations, we are providing all Year 5-7 students with 'Online Safety' lessons to compliment the workshop run by the Carly Ryan Foundation last year.

Staff & Parents/Carers of Yr 5-7 students can also be supported in their ongoing conversations with their children regarding online safety by visiting the Carly Ryan Foundation website.

In addition to this all Yr 3-7 students will participate in a live event next Thursday June 25th titled 'Australia's Biggest Child Safety lesson' run by the Daniel Morcombe foundation.

Mid Year Progress Reports

In week 10 all families will receive their child's Mid Year progress report. This provides you with an indication of your child's achievements to-date and identifies future learning goals for their development. Included with this report is a letter outlining the Reporting requirements and an explanation of how to understand the A-E grading system.

OSHC News

OSHC is now emailing the vacation care program to families. If you would like it to be emailed to you, please let the OSHC staff know of your email address. Paper copies will only be printed on request.

Families are reminded that our "Kiss and Drop" zone is intended to be a quick drop off and pick up point for students. **Drivers must remain with their vehicles in this zone at all times and a 2-3 minute time limit applies.** This is not an area for parents to "park and wait". Parents are also reminded to "move up" in the zone if possible when picking children up to allow for a consistent flow of vehicles through the zone.

School Dress Code Policy

I recent weeks it has been brought to my attention that several students are wearing inappropriate school dress code clothing and accessories.

The School Dress Code Policy was introduced by Governing Council years ago as a means of instilling a sense of pride and belonging to our school community, and for safety reasons.

This policy has been developed in accordance with our Sunsmart policy and Child Safety guidelines and can be accessed via our website or the front office in hard copy. We ask that you take the time to discuss this policy with your children and make every effort to adhere to the school dress code requirements in the interest of student safety.

Please feel free to discuss this policy with any member of Governing Council or the Principal should you have any concerns or queries regarding the wearing of school dress code.

Additionally, all teachers will discuss this policy at length with students to ensure we uphold our school expectations and maintain the highest degree of safety and duty of care to our students.

Thank you for your continued support in the implementation of this policy.



Canteen Volunteers

Required

Help! 

Our canteen is currently looking for volunteers. In order to keep this service operating we require volunteers to assist the Canteen Manager in the preparation of lunches and serving students over the counter at recess and lunch times. Please contact the office staff if you would like to assist as a Department Clearance is required. Grandparents and other extended family members are more than welcome!

Winter Meal Deal

Meat Pie or Potato Pie or Pasty
with a Juice or Milk

\$5.00



Science Week 2020

Deep Blue: Innovation for the future of our oceans

Design a Sea Creature Competition

Your sea creature:

- Can be based on a real or mythical creature.
- MUST be made from recyclable materials.
- MUST be student made.
- Please include a diagram/plan that tells us of any special features or adaptations that your sea creature has and why you chose to make this creature.
- Don't forget to put your full name and class on your entry.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each group of year levels, R-2, 3-5, 6-7

All entries must be submitted by Friday 7th August. (end of week 3).

(Please do not bring any entries to school until Term 3)

Entries will be on display outside the STEM room during weeks 4-6

Winners will be announced at the Community Assembly on Friday 14th August.

Gulfview Heights Primary School Out of School Hours Care



Dear Families

Return to Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Due to the impact of COVID-19 the Australian Government introduced the *Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package* to support early childcare services to remain operating and ensure that families were able to access quality education and care for their children during the pandemic. The package came into effect on Monday 6 April and during this time, families and carers have not been charged any fees to access childcare. In effect this has been 'free childcare' during this time.

As the package is now scheduled to conclude at midnight 12 July 2020, we are beginning to plan for the return of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). During this time, we may have provided a change in care sessions for your child or your child may not have attended our service at all.

To assist our forward planning, we would appreciate you notifying OSHC to discuss your ongoing care needs by Wednesday 24th June. If we haven't heard from you by this time, we will assume you no longer require your bookings and they will be cancelled.

This week, the Department of Education, Skills and Employment have requested all services to forward the following information to families.

If you received Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for 2018-2019 you are required to confirm your income with Centrelink. This includes CCS paid directly to you and CCS paid on your behalf to your childcare provider.

Most parents have already confirmed their income, but if you haven't, do it now.

If you don't confirm your income by 30 June 2020, your CCS will stop on 13 July 2020.

To confirm your income with Centrelink, you and your partner need to either:

- o lodge your tax returns with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- o complete an 'Advise non-lodgement of tax return in your [Centrelink online account](#) through [myGov](#) or your [Express Plus Centrelink mobile app](#).

If you've already confirmed your family income for 2018-2019, there's nothing else you need to do.

Once the current Relief Package concludes, our service will reintroduce fees. As per our Fees Policy, non-attendance of bookings will be absented and we require 24 hours' notice to cancel a booking and not be charged.

To ensure a smooth transition back to CCS, please do not hesitate to speak with Jackie or Debbie personally if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support during the past few months. We are excited to return to the 'new normal' and enjoy our days educating and caring for your children.

Kind regards

Jackie Cridland
OSHC Director

10/06/2020

Year 3B MY8 with Mrs Thames & Mrs Panagopoulos

In Literacy, our class have been unpacking different types of text, including Procedures. We looked at 'doing' verbs and directional language. We then worked in small teams and followed the steps to make our own Birdhouses from recycled plastic milk or juice cartons. We used nature inspired paint colours of green and brown, then added bird seed and leaves to create a feeding post / possible future nesting site. ***We are proud of our efforts and hope you can spot them nestled around in Nature Play!***



BUILD A BIRDHOUSE

SAFE AT HOME

Many birds build nests to lay their eggs in. Nests are often made of sticks and grass. Some birds build nests on the ground. Other animals can easily reach nests there. It can be hard to keep the eggs safe. Some birds make nests on rocky ledges. Others build nests in trees. These places are safer for small birds. A plastic bottle can make a safe nesting place for birds. You can recycle while you help birds! Let's find out how.

MATERIALS

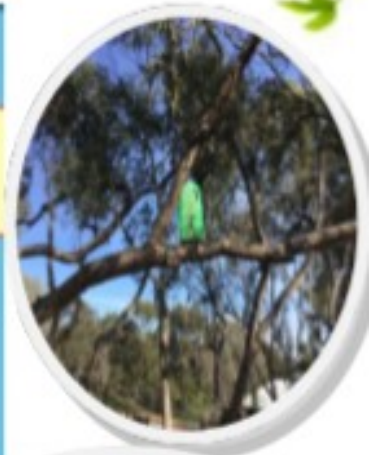
You will need

- one large, empty plastic bottle or jug
- string
- scissors, glue, a marker and a ruler
- paint

You will also need an adult helper.

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1 Wash the bottle. Make sure it is clean and dry.



DID YOU KNOW?



People use millions of plastic bottles every hour. Most of them do not get recycled. They may end up in landfills. Bottles may wash into the ocean. Plastic injures many sea animals every year. Plastic takes a long time to break down. It's not good for the environment. Remember to reuse and recycle all you can!