

Week 8, Term 1

Friday 17 March 2023

The POWER of reading!

Warami (Hello),

Sharing stories for education and enjoyment dates back to our First Nations people, storytelling is the primary way their history was recorded and how this history has been passed down through the generations.

At school we use storytelling and reading in a wide range of ways across all Key Learning Areas. Reading is not just limited to English. Reading and storytelling promotes brain development and imagination, it also develops language, social and emotional skills and strengthens relationships.

Reading is a great way to unwind and helps with stress and anxiety. Sharing stories with children about things they may be worried about can provide them with some strategies on how to manage their 'worries'. It also gives us an opportunity to imagine and believe about the endless opportunities that our world has to offer.

With technology inching in on so many aspects of our lives, the time that we take to share the joy of storytelling is becoming less frequent in our day to day lives. I strongly encourage you to take the last – or first 15 minutes of your child's day to share a story with them, it may be from a book, or it may be a story from your childhood, your child can also read to you, or they can share a story from their day. It really is a powerful time to connect and enjoy quality time together.

READING ALOUD TO KIDS...



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NAPLAN

NAPLAN started this week for our Year 3 and 5 students. This week our students completed their Writing, Reading and Conventions of Language assessments. On Monday they will complete the Numeracy assessment. We will then spend the rest of the week catching up on any assessments that students may have missed due to absence.

Possum

Last week we discovered a possum living under one of the covered walkways here at school. WIRES came to collect the possum and check over it to make sure it was healthy. Our possum is a healthy female who is approximately one and half years old. Because she is over a certain weight, she is classed as being an independent possum and therefore lives away from her mother. WIRES seem to think that the possum's mother has had another baby and our possum has had to find a new home.

After spending a few days with WIRES, the WIRES workers have provided a possum box and located it in the trees right next to the school on the council grounds. Over the past few days, the possum has made its way back into the same spot under one of covered walkways. We are going to reach out to WIRES to see if they can provide another nesting box for the possum that can be placed in one of our trees on school grounds so it can sleep there during the day.



Our students have been very curious about the possum and very respectful of its space. I have included a fact sheet about possums from WIRES with this newsletter.

P&C Update

On Wednesday 15 March we held our first P&C Meeting for the year. It was lovely to see so many new faces attend the meeting. Prior to the March meeting commencing, we called for nominations for the two vacant positions – Secretary and Treasurer. I would like to congratulate Amanda Clarke our new Secretary and Collet Montgomery our new Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May at 9am.

Yanu (Goodbye)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Clarke'.

Mrs Belinda Clarke
Principal

2023 Student Representative Council (SRC) Members



KW –
K/1LS – Lincoln
K-2F – Elizabeth
1T – Charli
1/2W – Emmi

2F – McKenna
2-5B – Samuel
3R – Hayden
3/4D – Lachlan
4/5C – Ruby

4/5G – Zac
4-6G – Prentiss
5P – Tyler
5/6T – Ruby-Lee
6G – Nevaeh

2023 Library Monitors



Amelia
Raadiyah
Asha
Ruby-Alice
Lexie
Nevaeh.T

Faith
Charlotte
Jorja
Brianna
Molly
Laylah

Mason
Mikaylah
Leotie
Jasper
Nevaeh.H

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Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners from...

Week 7	KW	K/1LS	K-2F
	Georgia Hugo	Addison Basim	Tylar
1T	1/2W	2F	2-5B
Charli Joshua	Kaiden Tarnah	Nicholas Reagan	Samuel
3R	3/4D	4/5C	4/5G
Charlotte	Wanda Gryphin	Jackson	Chelsea Loki
4-6G	5P	5/6T	6G
Ronin	Isaac Skye	Cooper Oliver	Asha Oliver

Week 8	KW	K/1LS	K-2F
	Neena Lilliana	Temika Zayn	Elizabeth
1T	1/2W	2F	2-5B
Lucy Nathaniel	Callum Annaliese	Tyler Harry	
3R	3/4D	4/5C	4/5G
Diona Noah	Harrison Ellie	Charlotte Ruby	Cooper Kaley
4-6G	5P	5/6T	6G
Bryce	Mia Amelia	Mikayla Oscar	Charlotte Flynn

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EASTER HAT PARADE

Tuesday
4th April
9:15am - 10am

More information to be given
closer to the date!



Students are invited to make their
Easter hats at home

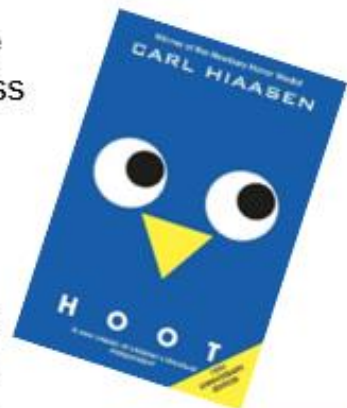


Stage 2 News- Term 1

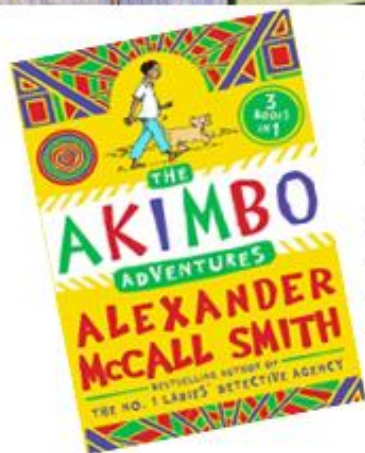
Stage 2 students have had a fantastic start to the year and are completing some amazing work with Ms Ross, Mr Duncan, Miss Catto and Miss Gubbins.

3R & 3/4D

Students in 3R and 3/4D are reading and exploring *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. Classes have been examining and responding to quality literature through composing narrative and persuasive texts, in preparation for NAPLAN. Students had the opportunity to free draw an owl and design their own endangered owl species, which was quite a hoot!



4C & 4G



Students in 4C and 4G are reading *The Adventures of Akimbo* by Alexander McCall Smith. Both classes have been responding to issues raised in the text and learning to justify their ideas with evidence from the novel. Using oil pastels and water colours, students created artworks inspired by Akimbo's love of the wildlife around him.

Saved to this PC



BE A HERO FOR POSSUMS AND GLIDERS

While commonly sighted animals such as Brushtail possums and Ringtail possums have adapted well to living in urbanised environments, they are under increasing pressure from loss of habitat and native food sources.

Here are some of the actions we can all take to co-exist harmoniously with our possum and glider populations.



If you find an injured possum or glider, or an infant that appears to be on its own, contact WIRES.
Call: 1300 094 737
Download the app:
wires.org.au/rescue/rescue-app
Report online:
wires.org.au/rescue/report-a-rescue



If you think you have a possum in your roof, it is recommended that you use humane methods to encourage the possum to move outside by providing an alternative nesting spot in a nearby tree. It is illegal to kill or relocate a possum; or trap one without a licence. You can find out more at the NSW Government link provided below.



It's easy and relatively inexpensive to create an artificial home for Ringtail possums, using wire hanging baskets with coconut fibre linings, which most closely replicate the size and comfort of a natural home or 'drey'.

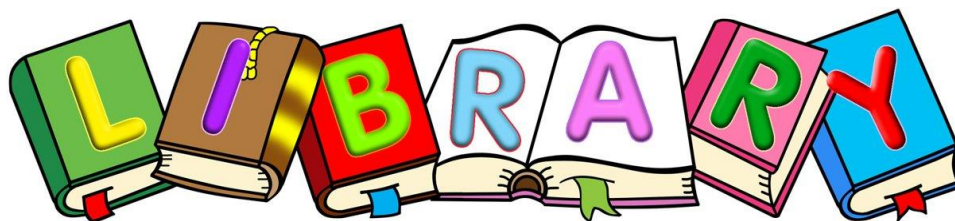


It's important to remember that possums and gliders are protected in NSW. You can find out more about living harmoniously with them and other wildlife at www.wires.org.au

You can buy nesting boxes or build your own, which are favoured by Brushtail possums. It's recommended that you locate a suitable tree in your backyard and fix the box at least four metres above the ground.

For more information on making possum boxes and dreys visit: www.wires.org.au/wildlife-info/wildlife-factsheets

The NSW Government has useful information at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/questions/possum-removal-roof



Congratulations to our Library Award Winners from...

	K - 2	3 - 6
Week 7	1T	4/6G
Week 8	K/2F	4/5G



Issue 2 of Book Club was handed out to students this week.
 Orders will close **Friday 24th March**.
 Spare copies are available from the library.



Book Club **LOOP**

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
 Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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 App Store

Mrs Baxter
 Teacher Librarian



The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge is off and running! Congratulations to:

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

Sophia

Your certificate will be presented at a future assembly.

If you would like your child to complete the K-2 PRC at home, please return the permission note below or send in a handwritten note.

Mrs Baxter
Teacher Librarian

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To Mrs Baxter

The following students **(K-2)** wish to undertake the Premier's Reading Challenge **at home**:

_____ (name) _____ (class)

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I understand that it is a condition of entry that students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive an official PRC Certificate.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

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Term 1, 2023 Overview

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 Jan HOLIDAYS	24 Jan HOLIDAYS	25 Jan HOLIDAYS	26 Jan AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 Jan STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
2	30 Jan STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	31 Jan Students in Yrs 1-6 Return Special Education students move into 2023 classes	1 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	2 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	3 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments Students move into 2023 classes Newsletter Day
3	6 Feb Kindergarten Students Commence	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb
4	13 Feb Anniversary of the National Apology	14 Feb Swimming Carnival notes due back by today	15 Feb K-6 Assembly – 2pm P&C Meeting – 9am	16 Feb	17 Feb Newsletter Day Book Club orders close today
5	20 Feb	21 Feb Twilight Swimming Carnival for students aged 8 and above at Ripples Penrith 7-9pm.	22 Feb K-6 Assembly – 2pm	23 Feb	24 Feb NAPLAN Practice Test (Yr3&5)
6	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar K-6 Assembly – 2pm Meet the Teacher Parent Information Night	2 Mar	3 Mar Newsletter Day
7	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar K-6 Assembly – 2pm Zone Swimming Carnival	9 Mar	10 Mar Youth Leadership Conference for Student Leaders notes due back by today
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Our School Values and Expectations

We are **Curious**, **Collaborative** and **Compassionate**

		Step 5 Purple Slip 	
		Principal	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually doing the wrong thing Brought a weapon to school Being physically violent and attempting to harm others 	
		Step 4 Red Slip 	
		AP Reflection Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing on school or another person's property Hitting, punching or kicking because you want to hurt someone Stealing Repeatedly being disrespectful or disruptive Repeatedly not keeping your hands to yourself Bullying Cyber bullying Racist language Repeatedly using rude words Repeatedly in the wrong place at the wrong time 	
		Step 3 Orange Slip 	
		AP Reflection Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not following instructions after being asked multiple times Not keeping your hands and feet to yourself Hurting others on purpose Using rude or inappropriate language when speaking to someone Wrong place at the wrong time multiple times, on purpose 	
		Step 2 Yellow Slip 	
		Take 5 Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throwing objects in the classroom Back chat Not following instructions Not completing your work 	
		Step 1 Name on Chart 	
		Time to have a chat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking when someone else is talking Using the furniture in the wrong way Using equipment in the wrong way Not sitting on the floor correctly Distracting yourself or others Leaving rubbish on the floor Implementation of Berry Street/Bill Rogers Strategies to assist in turning behaviour around. 	
		Verbal reminder 	
		Back on track and Chill Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can turn this around 😊 Think it through Take some deep breaths Move on from the mistake 	