

Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

14th—15th Year 2 Lady
Northcote Camp

NOVEMBER

2nd— Melbourne Cup
11th—Incursion Flying Woks

MONDAY NOVEMBER 1ST
PUPIL FREE DAY

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Dear Parents,

Remote Learning

With yesterday's announcement of an extension to remote learning for the rest of term 3 (insert my tears here) I congratulate you and your children on the hard work and persistence to get this far. Today I have been involved in part 2 of the Education State Principal Conference. Experts and educators acknowledge the difficulties surrounding remote learning. Very few families would choose this as the preferred option.

Overwhelmingly the advice and research is showing that the most important things that you can do to assist your children are to provide support, encouragement, structure and routine. Some ways that you can do this in our setting are to ensure that your child is up dressed in school uniform and online for their WebEx meeting, engaged in their literacy and numeracy session, and getting back into their meeting if they have any questions or need help with their learning. Maintaining the structure as close to a school day as possible has allowed our students to transition from remote learning back to school easily and stay connected with teachers and peers. Once again I acknowledge how difficult this is for everyone but implore you to hang tough; our students who are engaged and completing tasks are overwhelmingly making good progress.

Foundation (Prep) Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for 2022. If you have a child starting school next year, or know someone who is thinking of joining our school community, please contact Amy in the office. We are starting to plan transition days and we don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity of participating in these important days for children and parents.

Attendance During Remote Learning

Schools are required to maintain attendance registers during remote learning, and our office staff have been tasked with following up on any unexplained absence.

If your child is unwell or there are other pressing family issues, please add an attendance note on Compass to let your child's classroom teacher know that they won't be engaging online that day. We encourage you to also write something in the comments section of the attendance note so that we can ensure the correct attendance code has been used.

NAPLAN

Schools received NAPLAN results this week and yet again the majority of our students scored above the state average. With the disruptions of Covid and remote learning this is further evidence that our program is comprehensive and how important it is to have your children participating every day. NAPLAN results will go home in packs with students on Monday.

OSHC Survey

As you may be aware, the school council has elected to put the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service out to tender. This is in order to formalise the agreement and to ensure that the school community is getting the best OSHC for our needs. This survey is not intended as a review of the existing provider but as a means to discover what is important to the school community. As such, it would be greatly appreciated if you are able to provide some feedback and direction to make certain that the needs of many families as possible can be addressed. Even if you do not currently use OSHC, your input would be welcome.

You should find the survey available the next time you log into Compass.

Principal's Reports cont

Curriculum Day

Friday 17th September was scheduled to be Curriculum day so that staff could complete the required cultural understanding and safety training. Unfortunately, the team that were supposed to present this module are unable to do so via WebEx and have been forced to postpone. Rather than continue on with our Curriculum Day, we will have a normal(ish) school day. Stay tuned to your classroom teachers for further news. All I can say is 'Go Doggies'

Shane West

Indo Lingo

Selamat Datang,

A big shout out to Alice (6C) who has participated in the annual National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA) speech competition for 2021. Alice wrote an Indonesian story to address the topic "Where would you like to travel and why?" Alice chose the Whitsunday Islands in QLD and spoke for almost 3 minutes barely using her cue cards. We wish Alice all the best in this Australia wide competition.

Here is a snapshot of some of the work the Indonesian students have been doing over the past week.

Sampai jumpa,

Ibu Dawson & Ibu Hager

F-2 Colour coding numbers and colours



Yrs 3-4 Celebrating Hari Ayah (Father's Day)



Yrs 5-6 Writing to an Indonesian penpal



Indonesian incursion





Unfortunately, we must once again postpone the Indonesian incursion (September 16th) due to the extended lockdown and Covid restrictions. The Flying Woks whole school Indonesian luncheon will now take place on Thursday 11th November.



Champion's House Challenge

There are no other words for it..... ABSOLUTE CHAMPIONS at N.G.P.S!

What a magnificent start to **PART 1** of the Champion's House Challenge @ home in our PE lessons this week. Congratulations to those students who dressed in house colours and completed the challenges wherever you were! It was a great joy seeing so many awesome photos and results uploaded to seesaw. Thankyou to all our families who joined in and/or assisted with the challenges. There were some bonus points awarded for these pics! We have been so fortunate this week to have had some sunshine to help motivate us all to enjoy the outdoors and keep active! Bring on SPRING! After this week's lessons the Year level House leaders are: Foundation - Devlin, Year One – Galloway, Year Two Devlin and Year Three - Galloway! Remember this is a running tally and results will be continually updated after specialist lessons until we reach the end of the Challenge.

All Year 4-6 classes will be completing their PE challenges this Thursday and Friday. Stay tuned for their amazing results in next weeks newsletter. Students are encouraged to continue to wear House Colours on the day they have their PE lesson scheduled. Blue , Red , Green  or Yellow .

Mrs Mason

HOUSE POINTS ACROSS THE SPECIALIST CLASSES

Next week we are ramping up the competition for **PART 2** of the Champion's House Challenge with the chance to earn House points across **ALL Specialist lessons**. YES! For every Specialist lesson completed, students will earn HOUSE points towards their Year level tally. All students need to do is make sure to include the name of their House in any work uploaded Seesaw for Visual Art, Indonesian and Performing Arts lessons. Points will then be awarded to the corresponding Champion's House Tally. Make sure to follow the seesaw instructions carefully for each specialist activity for details on how to do this! It's that simple!!

The more people in each House that complete the challenges and activities, the more points each House receives.

Looking forward to seeing your progress on Seesaw!!

Good luck Champions, The Specialist Teachers!



Premier's Reading Challenge

16 DAYS TO GO!!

Please note that the finishing date for the 2021 Premiers' Reading Challenge is Friday 17th September.

Thank you very much to the students (and parents) who have entered their books online. With only 2 weeks to go until the Challenge finishes we would like to see as many students as possible achieve their goal of completing the reading challenge. So, please keep reading and remember that books cannot be entered online after **September 17th**. I would highly recommend getting books entered before this date as the web-site slows down considerably with many students and schools logging on at the last minute.

At this stage we have 52 Foundation – 2 students who have completed the Challenge and 80 students from Years 3-6 have reached their reading goal. Many students are only 2-3 books off finishing the PRC so if you are one of these students, please ensure you enter your books on line before the cut off date.

Happy Reading everyone.

Prue Dawson

PRC co-ordinator



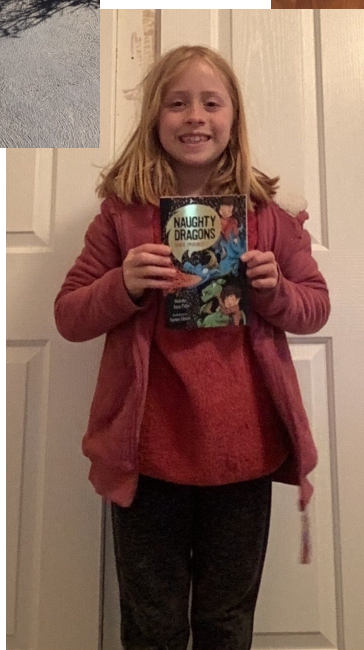
NGPS Book week Dress-up— Teachers



NGPS Book week Dress-up— 4B



Me as
Maleficent



Alex-Paul
Dune

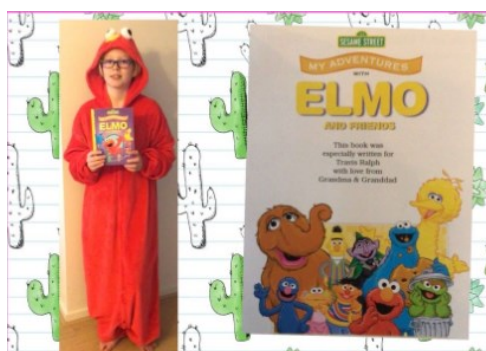
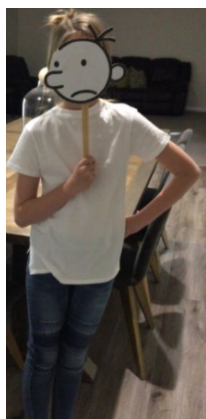


This is a photo of me and Alex

Me-Wren
Wings of
fire
legends
Dragonslayer

NGPS Book week Dress up —5C

5C-Book Week

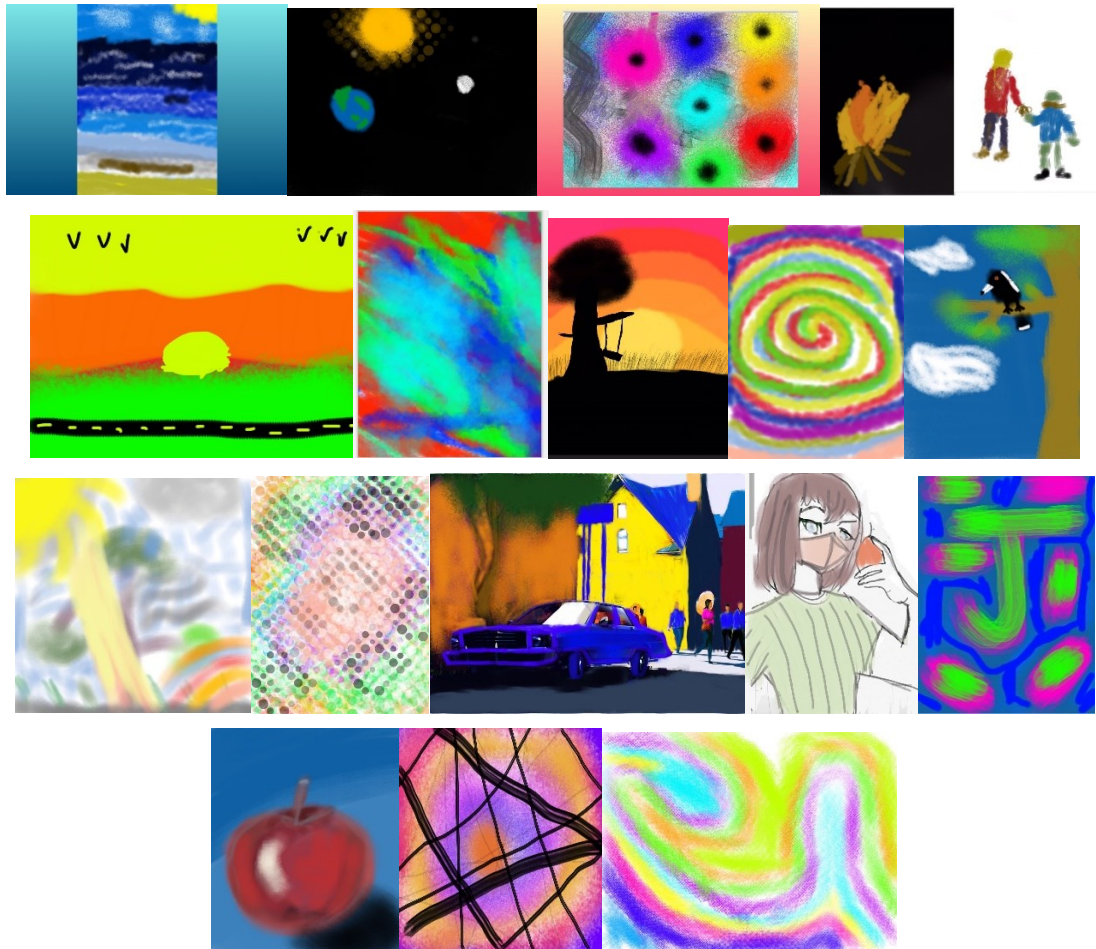


Remote Art works

Creating puzzle pictures...



Exploring the BRUSHES REDUX app



Parents Association

NGPS BEST “BAD DAD JOKE” WINNERS 2021

(& EXTRAS FOR A GIGGLE)

FIRST PLACE

GRACE 5C & CLAIRE 3D

I accidentally swallowed some scrabble tiles...Now I can't control my vowel movements and my next trip to the toilet could spell disaster!

EQUAL SECOND PLACE

JESSIE L. 2B & LILY C. 2A (same joke)

Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use a honeycomb

FOURTH PLACE

LAUREN S. FC

I got mugged by six dwarfs yesterday...
Not Happy!

FIFTH PLACE

INDIE C. FA

Why don't eggs tell each other jokes?
Because they'd crack each other up!

EXTRAS FOR A GIGGLE:

OSCAR L. 5B

Want to know why nurses like red crayons?
Sometimes they have to draw blood.

HARRY E. 1B

Why are basketball players messy eaters?
Because they are always dribbling.

BLAKE R. 1D

Why do cows make good singers?
Because they are so MOO-sical

KARA L. FC

I went to McDonald's today and ate a Kid's Meal. It was great, but his mum was furious...!



EVIE C. 3A

If you see a crime happen at the Apple store,
what does it make you?
An iWitness.



JAKE H. 5A

What's brown and sticky?
A stick

ELOISE S. 2A

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school?
He's fine. He woke up.

OSCAR S. 4C

How much did the pirate pay to get his ears
pierced?
A buccaneer. (with pirate accent)

AILA, ARCHER, KADE O.

What is the worst thing about buying a new
boomerang?
Throwing the old one away.

QUINN C. 2B

Where do you go to learn how to make a
banana split? Sundae School

CHARLIE S. 2B

I've started telling people I know about the
benefits of dried grapes... It's all about raisin
awareness.

FLORENCE B. 2C

There's a lot more to learn on my engraving
course...I've only just scratched the surface.

SOPHIE M. 1C

What do you call a line of rabbits hopping
backwards? A receding Hairline!

The top 5 winners will each get a \$20 Bunnings
voucher. We hope you all have a great Fathers'
Day. Thank you, to all who entered.
The Parent Association



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