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School vision: Connecting communities to enhance the development of students' living and social skills through innovative practice. Empowering students to become independent successful lifelong learners.

PLEASE NOTE:
STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 1ST MAY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This has been a very busy term with a number of exciting sporting activities engaging our students along with the commencement of work experience, travel training and community based activities to support the development of communication and social skills. It is pleasing to see the number of students engaging in some form of physical activity at school and developing the necessary 'turn taking' and 'waiting' skills that are required when joining in team games. All sporting activities will continue into term 2.

Our hospitality program is also up and running with the 'Zen Zone' café open each Thursday from 12.00pm along with a variety of cooking programs and our 'Healthy Canteen' which operates each Monday from 12.00pm. Thank you to all those parents who support these student focussed programs and send money in to purchase food.

The school would like to thank the P&C for their support of our annual Easter Egg hunt again this year and for their organisation and raffle prizes of which there were many. The students enjoy this opportunity and thank you for forwarding in your egg donations in support of the raffle.

This term has also seen the return of our 'community kitchens' program and we welcome Mary Enkababian to our school who will continue the program after Katie Trinh moved on at the end of last year. Mary has been instrumental in bringing opportunities to the school for parents and carers to engage in social situations. Our community kitchen will run each Wednesday morning from 9.30am and this week we will be preparing Chicken Beryani. The cost for each cooking session is nil as the school absorbs all costs.

Please come along and enjoy this very social occasion. Cooking will not be the only focus this year. There will be gardening, coffee mornings and excursions. This coming Friday will see our first family excursion to Mt Annan botanical gardens, hosted by Mary. The excursion is free to all participants and will include lunch at the gardens. The bus will leave the school at 9.30am and return by 2.00pm in time to collect your child from school. **Please note that you are invited to bring siblings with you on the day to be included in the excursion.** We look forward to welcoming you.

Also, in addition to the cooking program on Wednesday, Peter Dawe from Centennial Parklands will be visiting this Thursday to do a mass planting of donated plants and herbs in our school garden. You are most welcome to come along and support this unique opportunity. Our students will be engaging in this activity as part of our school gardening and hospitality program. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for more information.

Our Harmony Day celebration was a great success and thank you to all those who participated on the day in recognition of our students' diverse cultural backgrounds. It was an amazing day.

Next term will see the school welcome two new permanent staff members as a result of merit selection. Congratulation to Alison Kell and Sara McNaughton. Alison is currently working in our school and we welcome Sara from Koronga SSP. Sara will commence on class Dalmation from week 1, term 2. Alison will remain on class Mouse. Our Deputy Principal position has also been filled by merit selection. Congratulations to Jacqueline Hamilton on being the successful applicant. We wish her well in her new position.

A reminder that the school holidays commence from this Saturday, 14th April and school returns on Tuesday, 1st May. MONDAY, 30TH APRIL IS A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY. NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you a very happy, safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday, 1st May.

Karen McDonell

Principal

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Class Butterfly



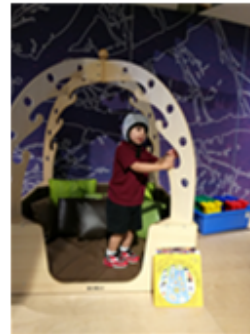
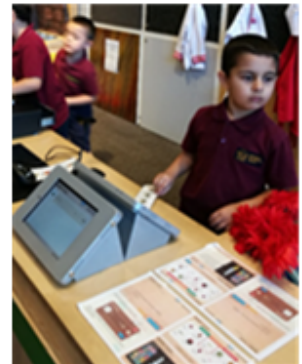
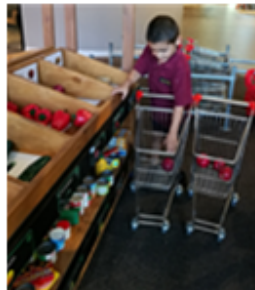
Students in Class Butterfly enjoyed an action packed excursion to the Early Learning Discovery Space in Wollongong last week. Students participated in a variety of fun activities and imaginary play such as preparing food in 'Little Critters Cafe', serving customers in 'The Market Place', navigating electric trains and creating bright light displays. We all had a fantastic day.



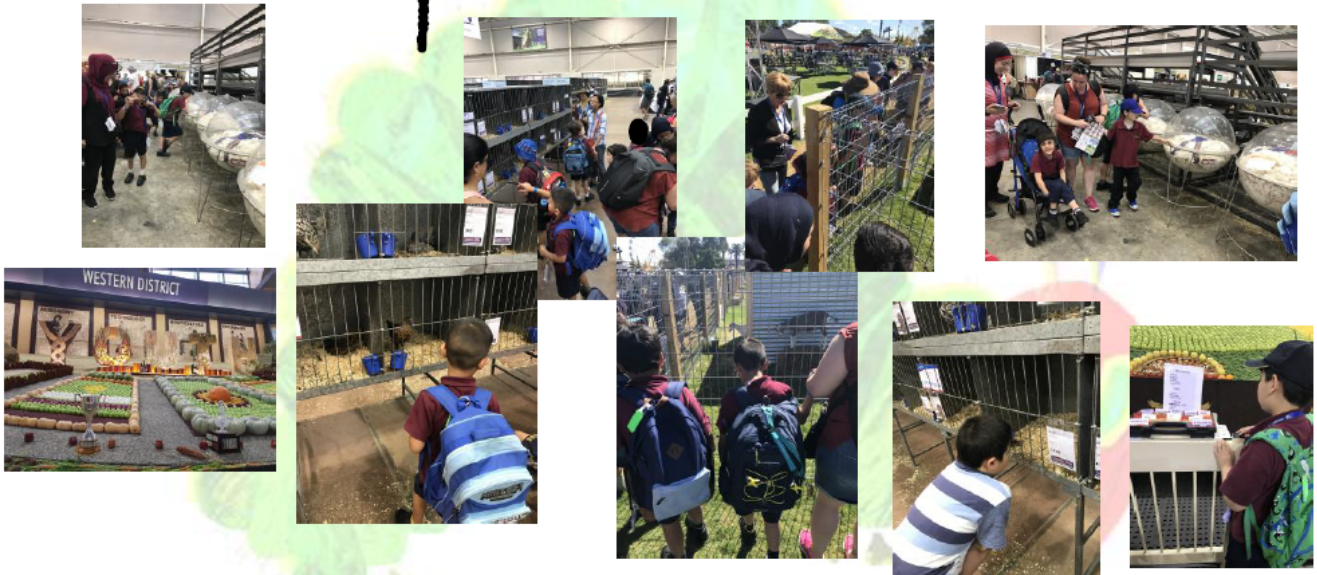
Bandicoot Class 2018



This term, our class went to the Discovery Centre at Wollongong. Great place for kids, lots of different sensory learning opportunities both inside and outside. There's water play, Lego room ship, building space and supermarket area. Excellent space for the little learners.



Caterpillar Class



Caterpillar Class had a FANTASTIC day at the Sydney Royal Easter Show on Wednesday the 28th of March, joined by our friends from Bear Class. We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the parents who spent the day with us.



Class Chipmunk

Class Chipmunk have been participating in a Science unit of work on the five senses this term

Look at some of the work we have done!



Class Dragonfly 2018

Rabih watching favourite show

Olivia interacting with Shore School students

Ibby bowling during Sporting Schools

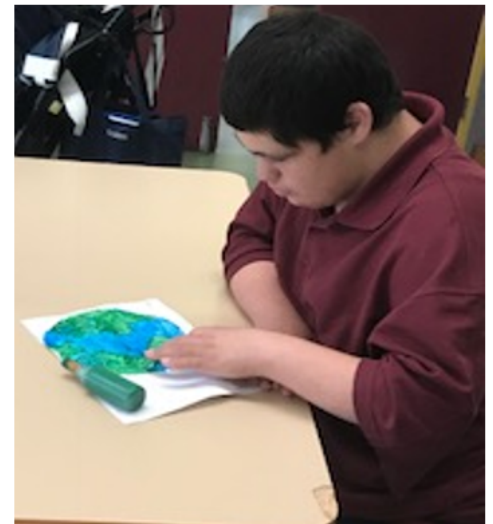
Meena out and about

We have been engaged and learning through the various programs including sporting schools, community access, reverse integration and cooking

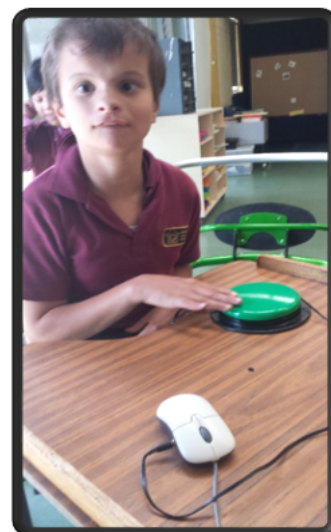
Phu engaged in the cooking program

Class Dalmatian

In our Celebrations unit work this week we have focused on Earth Day. We have been learning about recycling and reusing and how we can help our planet. Next term we will be investigating recycling.



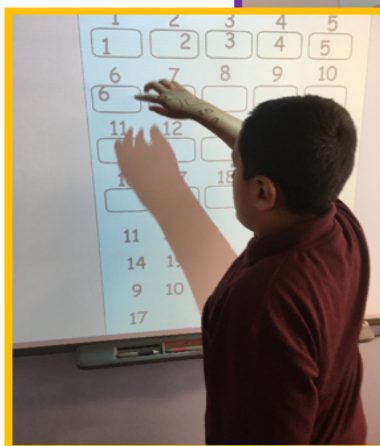
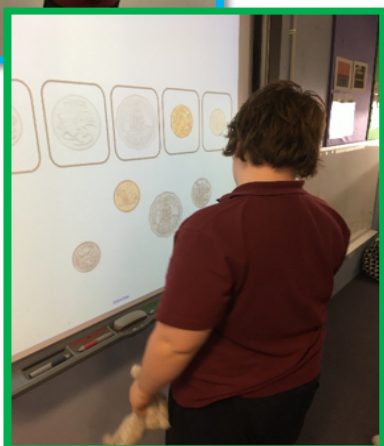
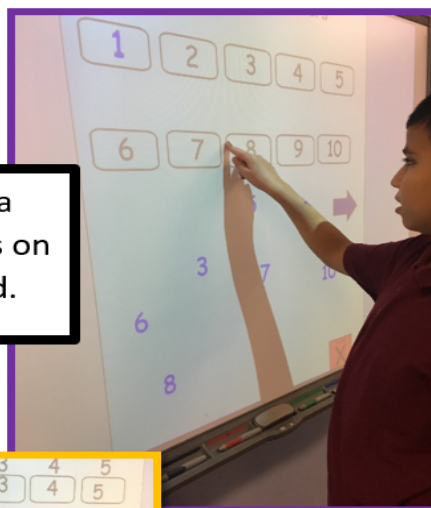
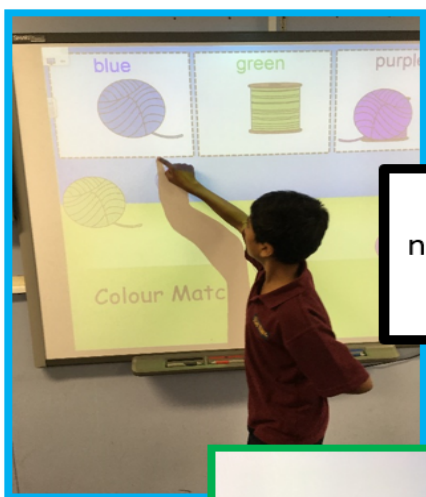
These photographs show some examples of how Class Dolphin uses switches within the classroom. We use Big Mack switches to interact with others such as meeting and greeting and during story time using pre-recorded lines. We use jelly switches to interact with book reading on the Interactive White Board when the pages need to be turned.



Mouse Class



Mouse Class has enjoyed a number of learning activities on the interactive whiteboard.



Macaw Akuete's class has been participating during sport activities. The focus is on gross motor skills for physical and mental development. Gross motor skills require whole body movement and involves the large muscles of the body to perform everyday functions. Students have the opportunity to practice different skills such as balancing, jumping, walking, kicking, throwing and standing as well eye-hand coordination.



MEERKAT CLASS



Meerkat Class have extended their work on gardening and Australian features, visiting the Auburn Botanic Gardens. They identified common Australian animals, like emus and wallabies, and walked through the Japanese and Scented Gardens, where they could take some photos of the views and smell the flora. They observed the grounds keepers feeding the animals and tending to the gardens, which they could relate back to looking after the sensory garden at school.



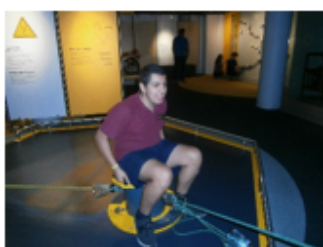
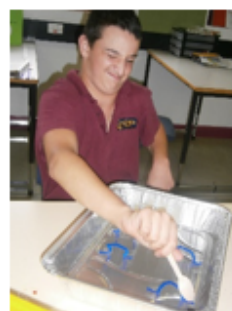
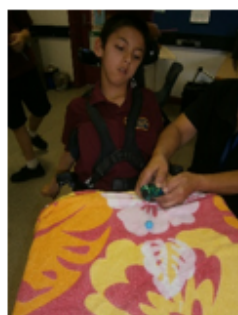
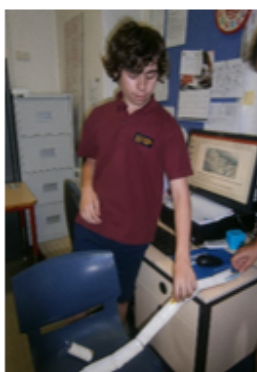
Class Anteater 2018

Class Anteater has been busy getting down and working around the school for their work experience programs. The class has been busy setting up and packing away the hall for assemblies each week, making sure that for functions the right number of chairs are in the correct places around the school and cleaning up after whole school events.

Moving into the colder months and into spring we plan to be out and about in the school cleaning and storing things around the school.



Class Albatross



This term in Science, class Albatross have been learning about forces. Students have participated in various activities moving an object to identify if it is a push or a pull force. During the term the Class Albatross visited the Power House Museum to experiment with different materials.



Bear Class

Thank you to all the parent volunteers that have supported our community participation programs.

We joined all our B Block friends with a visit to the Early Start Discovery Centre in Wollongong. After a long drive we reached the Discovery Centre and enjoyed ourselves with all the interactive activities. We have some great imaginations as we explored all the imaginative play areas – there is even a pretend construction site!

Later in the term we joined our friends in Caterpillar class in a trip to the Easter Show.

We had a great time exploring and played animal bingo as we followed the Animal Walk and saw many different farm animals.

Kristy, Bronwyn, Ali H, Ali M, Andrea, Ayan, Jordan, Kenny and Soli



Harmony Day



Week 8 marked our Harmony Day celebration, with the theme 'everyone belongs'. The students came in cultural dress or orange, and there was a special assembly at which we also presented the year 12's with jerseys. We even had a visit from a Chinese Dragon! Students enjoyed the day's activities, and thank you to all the families who could make it along to help us celebrate and teach the children about other cultures.





PARENT 3 DAY WORKSHOP REMINDER
COME AND ENJOY OUR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
MAKE A CONNECTION AND HAVE FUN

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Wednesday 11 th April 2018	9:30 - 12:00	Cooking with Mary Enkababian Health Service SSWLHD (Free Lunch – Chicken Biryani)
Thursday 12 th April 2018	9:15 – 12:00	Garden Workshop with Peter from the Royal Botanical Gardens (Free Lunch)
Friday 13 th April 2018	9:15 meet at school 9:30 bus leaves school 2:00 back at school	Excursion to Mt Annan Royal Botanical Gardens (free transport and lunch)



Chicken Biryani



The Connection Garden Mt Annan



A big thank you

Thank you to everyone who sent in stickers – this is what we have been able to add to our science and garden resources!!



Inclusive Soccer



Sutherland Titans FC are looking for kids with special needs to join for their upcoming season.

Players are encouraged to play independently, however a parent or guardian may accompany them on the field. Games are played on Saturdays at Coachwood Oval, Alford's Point. Registration and uniform is \$100 and this can be covered by the State Government's Active Kids fund.

Important Dates

Wednesday 11 th April –	9:30 Community Kitchen (all parents welcome) P&C Meeting 6pm
Thursday 12 th April –	Parent Gardening Morning
Friday 13 th April –	Parent excursion to Mt Annan Botanical Gardens School Photos Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 1 st May –	First day of Term 2 for Students