



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have just about made it through what was a very challenging and unusual term for us all. We started out with most children learning from home, but I have to say it is so nice to finish with all of our students back at school and learning face to face.

We are looking forward to more restrictions being lifted for term 3 and already children are allowed to play sport again, which will make them very happy. Some things will start to happen again in the first few weeks like Scripture and School Banking and we will continue to let you know as things change or are reintroduced.

Virtual Assembly

Last week 5/6M presented the very first virtual assembly in the history of Austral Public School using Zoom. It went extremely well and it was good to reflect on the reasons why we have school assemblies. They are:

- To come together as a whole school family – kinder to Year 6
- To acknowledge the traditional owners of the land
- To hear from our school leaders (not just teachers but students)
- To join together to show respect to the school and our country by saying the school pledge, singing the school song and the National Anthem
- To recognise and celebrate students' achievements and show respect for each other
- For students to develop confidence to speak and perform in front of an audience.

There were a couple of technical hitches, but overall it was just wonderful! Thank you Mrs Ayuso, Mr Thompson and the students in 5/6M.

Birthday and Celebrations Reminder

We love to celebrate special occasions with our students and understand that birthdays are always so important in a child's life. Sometimes parents and carers like to send in cupcakes for the birthday boy or girl to share with the class; however, due to health regulations, we can't allow anything made at home to be shared with other children in the school. Not only do we have children with serious allergies to some ingredients in cakes; in these particular times, we have additional hygiene concerns to adhere to. **We prefer that children do not share food at school at all**, but please make sure that the office have been notified of any allergies that your child has whether in food or to anything else.

Uniforms

I'm very pleased to see that most students have been wearing their school uniform to school each day. However, there are still some children wearing other jumpers or 'hoodies'. Sometimes the uniform may be in the wash or the child has outgrown it and we totally understand that this will happen occasionally. We would like to see all children wearing school uniform, so if you need any assistance to make this happen, please contact the school office.

Social Media

In the last newsletter I wrote about the concerns we have had to address regarding students using social media at home. Mrs Ayuso included some information about Tik Tok, but there are many other platforms that students are using such as Snapchat, Instagram and in fact most online games that children play have the facility to send and receive messages. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to supervise your child's use of social media, particularly over the holidays and not allow them to use apps that have an age restriction greater than their own. Inappropriate messages or cyber bullying can have absolutely devastating effects on children, regardless of whether they are receiving the message themselves or reading it about a friend.

School Canteen

As of term 3 Fresh Start Canteens will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Austral PS. A new winter menu is being sent home with this newsletter.

Finally

Today is the last day of term 2 and on the behalf of the staff at Austral PS I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday. School returns for students to start term 3 learning on Tuesday 21st July. Starting in term 3, I will be taking leave on Fridays and Mrs De Giorgio will relieve as principal on that day each week. Mrs De Giorgio is very experienced leader and extremely knowledgeable about the school and the Department of Education policies and procedures and I know that she will do a wonderful job.

Kind regards
Jan Rogers

GOLD AWARDS



Jackson



Noah

SILVER AWARDS

Skye Nasato, Layal Assoum, Nesrine Elkheir, Charlotte Lawrence, Annika Hollwey, Zane McPherson, Sara Cavallaro, Mason Morizzi, Indiana Graham, Imogen Madden, Aeden Sawaged, William Judson, Noah Assoum, Samuela Camera and Maya Hollwey.

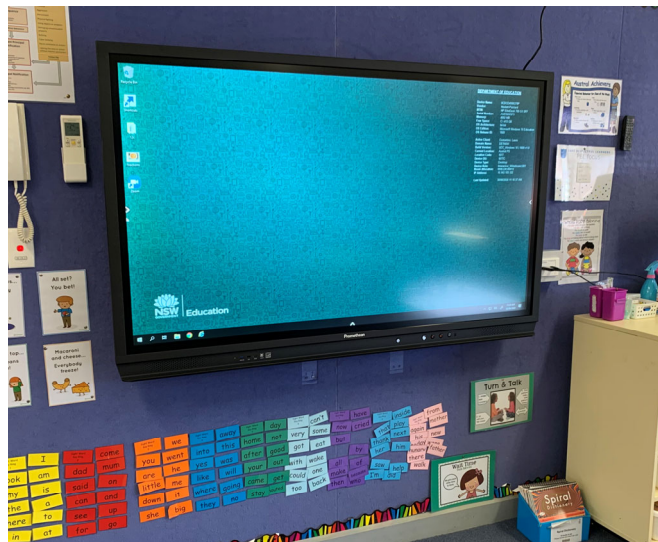
AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



Olivia



Joseph



TECHNOLOGY NEWS

This week saw the remaining classes receive their new ActivPanels. These new panel displays have replaced our old interactive whiteboards, which were constantly failing and required a huge amount of maintenance. The ActivPanels are easier for students to see – no more blurry pictures or having to turn the classroom lights off! The panels also offer greater interactivity for students with more advanced touch sensors and the ability to 'screen share' from other classroom devices. The teachers are keen to spend some time on staff development day learning how to integrate the new tools and features into their teaching routine.

REFUND FOR STAGE 3 CAMP

As you are already aware the Stage 3 Canberra camp has been cancelled for this year. If you have made any payments towards the camp this money has been 'credited' to your child. This credit can be used to pay for future uniforms, excursions, voluntary fees or end of year functions for any child in the same family. When making a future payment please just request to use your 'credit'.

GOLD CHANCE CARD WINNER

Congratulations to Bengamin from 2/3K who received 2 Flip Out vouchers from the whole school assembly. His gold chance card was drawn out of hundreds of entries. It's great to see so many students receiving gold chance cards for being safe, respectful learners at Austral Public School.



Thanks again to our wonderful P&C that provide the tickets and for always supporting our school.

2/3K The Great Barrier Reef

Throughout the term 2/3K have been learning about the Great Barrier Reef and the sea animals that live there. The class have been developing their writing skills to engage the reader using techniques such as sizzling starts, fun facts and rhetorical questions to make the reader think. Here are some excerpts from the information reports that 2/3K wrote about the Great Barrier Reef and the animals that live there.

Clown fish live in the Great Barrier Reef. They live in sea anemones. The anemone protects the clown fish and the clown fish protects the sea anemones from the butterfly fish who try to eat it.
By Aavyan

Did you know that coral grows slowly like a sloth? Coral lives in shallow water. If people keep littering the reef won't grow and we won't have fish or coral!
By Adele

Swoosh, swoosh did you know that the Great Barrier Reef is only found in the tropical seas and the salty oceans in North Queensland.
By Aliyah

We need to stop polluting and illegal fishing because if there is no fish the sharks will die, then the killer whales. Then the sea food will die forever.
By Alyssa

Rubbish is the main part killing the reef so stop it now! It is bad for the reef, animals and the coral. Now it might be a ghost reef. If we keep on throwing rubbish in the sea we will not have the reef.
By Ella

The Great Barrier Reef is 500 000 years old and it is one of the largest coral reefs in the world. The coral is only in shallow water.
By Hsna

Hey! We cannot live like this. We need to make this right again. The Great Barrier Reef is polluted and it is killing all the sea creatures.
By Lucas

The Great Barrier Reef is going to die. There is not just turtles who live in the reef, there are lots of animals. We need to save the reef for the sea creatures.
By Noah

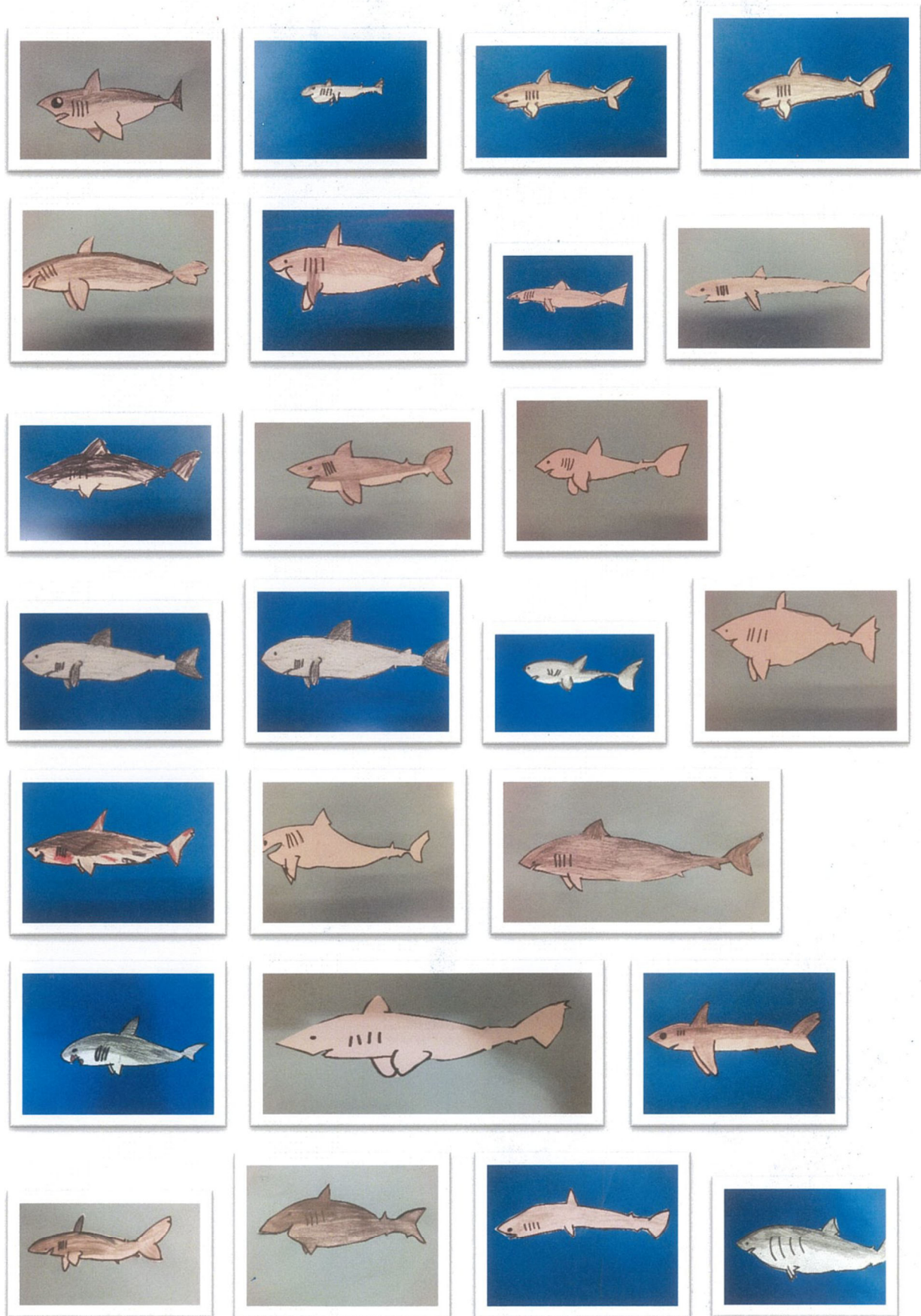
The Great Barrier Reef has lots of places for fish to live and tropical coloured coral. But the coral reef is dying, it is getting sickened by pollution and it will soon be a ghost reef instead of the Great Barrier Reef.
By Olivia

What is the Great Barrier Reef? It is the biggest coral reef in the world. It's off the coast of Australia in North Queensland and it's found in tropical ocean water. Did you know that the Great Barrier Reef is so big you can see it from space? Well, if you didn't that is a fact for you!
By Raritia

Many kinds of ocean sharks live under coral and behind coral to scare fish and eat them. Seahorses live near coral too and they can be the same colour as the coral.
By Samhitha

Splash, splash the Great Barrier Reef is where there is lots of fish and other sea animals. Lots of people throw rubbish in the sea and it is not good for the animals, they can die because the rubbish can tangle them. We need to take care of the reef.
By Siya

2/3K also researched the White Tip Reef Shark. Here are some of our drawings.





A vibrant collage of various fruits and vegetables, including blueberries, cauliflower, pears, watermelon, tomatoes, mushrooms, strawberries, grapes, broccoli, kiwi, corn, and oranges.

HOME MADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP + BREAD \$4.50

MEATBALL SOUP MEAL

HOME MADE MEATBALL SOUP + BREAD \$4.50

LASAGNE MEAL DEAL

LASAGNE + WATER \$6

- * MAMEE NOODLE CUPS (CHICKEN & BEEF)
- * MEATBALL SUB
- * MEATBALL PASTA
- * FLAVOURED MILK

* LOOK OUT FOR MORE WINTER SPECIALS COMING!

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUL

3 End of Term
20 Staff Development Day
21 Students return

Uniform Orders

Uniform orders are to be placed at the office no later than Thursday morning 9.30am. Orders are filled on **Thursday only** and delivered to the child's class. Please place correct money in envelope with their name and class.

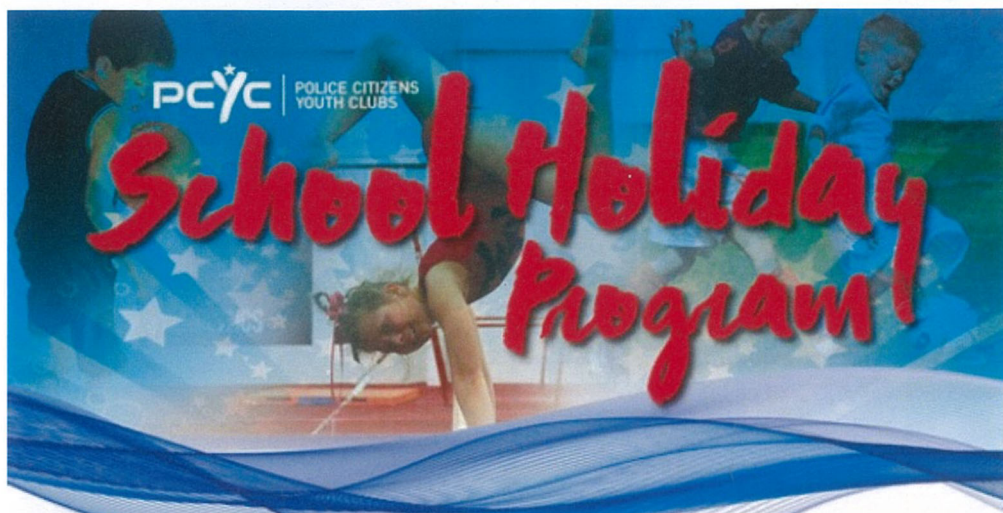
Change of Clothes

It is a good idea to put spare underpants and either grey shorts or pants for boys and skorts or royal blue pants for girls for Kindergarten and Year 1 students in their bag as the office only has a limited number of spare clothes.



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Monday 6th July

Slime and Fit ball Soccer

Tuesday 7th July

Multi Sports and Bubble Art

Wednesday 8th July

Tumbling and Team Building

Thursday 9th July

Boxfit and Science

Monday 13th July

Obstacle Course and Tie Dye

Tuesday 14th July

Bootcamp and Aboriginal Art

Wednesday 15th July

Boxfit and Musical Games

Thursday 16th July

Fit ball Soccer and Clay Art

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