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Term 4
Week 6

21 November 2019

What's on?

NOVEMBER

- 27 Kindy Excursion-Calmsley Hill
- 28 Kindy 2020 Orientation Day
- 28 Social Inclusion Sports Day
- 29 Stage 1 Incursion - Fizzics
- 29 PSSA Summer Semi Finals

DECEMBER

- 3 Performance - Bowling Club
- 4 Holy Cross Invitational Chess Competition
- 5 Performance - Bowling Club
- 6 PSSA Summer Grand Finals
- 11 Scripture Assenbly
- 12 Year 6 Raging Waters
- 12 Years 3-5 Surf Education
- 12 Stage 1 Hall Party Day
- 13 Kindergarten Graduation Assembly
- 16 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 17 Presentation Day
- 18 Students Last Day

JANUARY 2020

- 29 Students Return for 2020
- 30 Swimming Carnival

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Remembrance Day

This year, Year 5 students were asked to lead the K-6 Remembrance Day Assembly on the 11th November. The students, under the guidance of Mrs Fisher and Year 5 teachers, researched the importance of this day and wrote poetry to share with students to help them understand the origins of this solemn occasion and the need to keep this tradition alive. LEST WE FORGET.

2020 Student Leaders

The process for Student Leadership 2020 has begun. Year 5 students have been informed of the process and nominations for School Captain, Vice Captain and Student Representatives are due to Year 5 teachers. This will be then followed by House Captain and Vice-Captain elections.

To begin the process, I spoke to Year 5 students about the importance of student voice in decision-making at Putney. I stressed the need for our student leaders to display initiative and demonstrate ongoing commitment to the role. I look forward to reading the nomination forms and hearing the thoughts and campaign speeches delivered by our nominees.

Kindergarten Orientation

It was wonderful to welcome the 2020 Kindergarten students and their families to Putney last week. With the help of senior students and kindergarten teachers, the preschoolers engaged in literacy and numeracy activities which allowed them to become familiar with the classrooms and playground.

There were many happy faces and smiles at the end of the session when they received their goodie bags!

2020 Kindergarten parents were provided with an opportunity to speak to the following:

Amanda Falconer - School Psychologist,

Madeleine Creighton - Speech Pathologist

Robyn McLean - P and C President

Rosie Pruscino -OOSH Director

Bree Totman and Lucie Munzarova 2020 Kindergarten Liaison Parents

and *Angela Ancevski* our Lowes representative.

I'd like to thank these people for being available to answer questions and allay any fears or concerns that parents may have had. It was also a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet and mingle. It was great to see so many familiar faces as 2020 Kindergarten parents due to a number of student siblings starting Kindergarten next year.

To further assist with the transition process to primary school, teachers have visited local preschools to observe our 2020 Kindergarten students in their familiar learning environment. The Learning and Support Team has also coordinated support meetings with parents when appropriate.



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Band

It was wonderful to have a chat with the Band Directors of Schools Band Australia. They were very excited by the enthusiasm displayed by the 2020 Year 3 students who are eager to begin with the school band. Mr Davidson also praised the Year 6 students for their talents and commitment during lessons and practice this year.

In 2020 we are looking to provide more performance opportunities to showcase the band's talents.

Maths Olympiad

I'd like to thank Mr Foo and Stage 3 teachers for implementing the Maths Olympiad with their students this year. The program provides challenging mathematical problems for students to solve, which meant our more capable students in Mathematics were extended and challenged. It also provided support to teachers to explicitly teach problem solving strategies to the remainder of the stage as they were presented with mathematical puzzles and problems to solve.

Social Inclusion Excursion

Some of our students will be attending a Social Inclusion Sports Day on the 28th November as part of the City of Ryde's Social Inclusion Week (23rd November-1st December). If your child is attending please ensure the permission note is returned to the office by next Monday to help with the organisation.

Maintenance Work

The next stage of the roofing maintenance work will begin at the end of this week, with scaffolds erected around Block I, which contains the library. As a result, the library will be out of action for the remainder of this week. I'd like to thank everyone for their ongoing support whilst the maintenance causes disruption.

Putney Street Fair

I look forward to attending the Putney Village Street Fair next Sunday. I was surprised last week by a visit from an ex Putney student, Irving Quinn whose parents own IGA in the village. Irving informed me that his family would like to give back to the school. They have decided that on Sunday, they will give visitors to IGA a Goodie bag in return for a gold coin donation. IGA will donate all money raised to the school. I'd like to thank IGA for their ongoing support of our school.

Healthy Harold Hyundai

Hyundai have donated a Hyundai i30 (RRP \$26,273.00) to Life Education to be raffled online this term and drawn on the 17th December.

Tickets are \$5 with around \$2.47 of each ticket sold being returned to the school nominated. Members of the public can also buy tickets and scroll down to select the school they would like to support.

See Flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Social Media Seminar

We welcome Alison Hallworth who will be presenting a Social Media Awareness Seminar today to Stage 3 students.

Reach Workshops

Reach is a youth-led not-for-profit organisation that was founded by Jim Stynes and Paul Currie 25 years ago. Their mission is to improve the wellbeing of young people so that they can meet life's challenges, fulfil their potential, and become the best versions of themselves.

This week Year 5 students participated in the Primary School Workshops which seek to assist students in their day-to-day social and emotional experience of school – and help them make positive connections with their peers, understand group dynamics, and build resilience.

Reflections from Year 5 Students about the Reach experience:

It was good because it made me feel calm and happy as I was able to see how many people care about me"

I liked that it helped you learn new ways to release your anger.

It was honest and awesome.

Operation Baby Shower Congratulations Ms Donnelly!

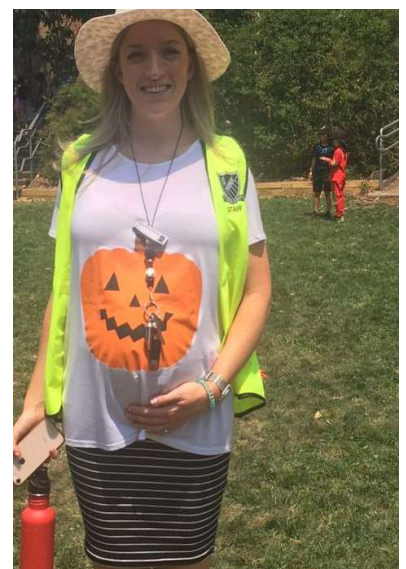
It was precision organisation and stealth planning that resulted in a very surprised Ms Donnelly on Wednesday morning when she entered her room to a beautifully presented baby shower.

KD were very excited to read a poem, give gifts and say farewell to their much-loved Kindergarten teacher Ms Donnelly and wish her all the best for the safe arrival of her baby girl.

Thanks you to the parents who assisted Mrs Ezekiel in giving Mrs Donnelly a baby shower. Ms Donnelly begins Maternity leave on the 29th November. Miss Colosimo will be teaching KD for the remainder of the year.

M. Brooks

Relieving Principal





INTERVIEW WITH MR DAVIDSON AND MRS DEMICHELI

By Duc-Tri N, Ollie H, Tahlia H and Tegan F

Mr Davidson and Mrs Demicheli have been our band directors for a long time but after asking them some questions this is what we now know.

Mr Davidson and Mrs Demicheli both started their music careers as singers for different bands and then learnt the piano. Later Mr Davidson learnt the saxophone and Mrs Demicheli is learning how to play the clarinet.

During the interview, we asked Mr Davidson what inspired him to become a school band teacher and he replied "I have always been a musician and I have always taught students music. I think that the best way for students to learn music is in a band so I created SBA (School Bands Australia)."

Mr Davidson has been teaching music to students for twenty two years but five years ago he created the School Bands Australia, where harnessing a child's enthusiasm and directing that energy into learning an instrument is the main priority.

To be a great band director, Mrs Demicheli and Mr Davidson believe you need to have a good understanding of music and the various instruments in the band. You also need to have a passion for teaching children and effective organisation skills especially with timetables.

Thank you to Mr Davidson and Mrs Demicheli for taking the time to answer our questions.
We encourage all students to have a go at band as we have enjoyed the experience.



Remembrance Day, Putney PS 2019

Last Monday, Year 5 students were proud to lead the Remembrance Day Assembly for students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

At 11am, on 11th November, 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than 4 years of war. The Germans accepted the terms of unconditional surrender, bringing an end to the First World War.

Five divisions of the Australian Corps were part of the allied advance to victory.

Our servicemen and women also assist in peace keeping missions.

This is the story of the hope given to a refugee in Rwanda.



Hope for the future Private Theogene Ngamije

In April 2017 a group of recruits marched out of the Australian Army training centre at Kapooka. Among them was Theogene Ngamije, whose enlistment held particular significance.

Theogene was born in Rwanda. He was separated from his parents in the Kibeho refugee camp as a child, never to see them again. He said "no day was easy, it was hard. I was always scared, hungry and intimidated."¹ Theogene felt little hope for the future, but one act of compassion helped to change this:

On the good day ... a tall Australian soldier took a knee and offered me a piece of biscuit and Australian flag patch from his uniform. That kindness came when I needed it most ... It is stuck on my heart and it feels like it was only yesterday.²

Theogene carried the patch on his long journey to safety, through refugee camps across four African countries. After moving to Australia and gaining citizenship, he decided to join the army to show his



Theogene shares his story at the Australian War Memorial in 2017.

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appreciation to the peacekeeper who had helped him in his childhood. After Kapooka, Theogene joined the **Ordnance Corps**. He hopes to be deployed as a peacekeeper, and prays "that someday I get to change someone else's life".³

Why do you think Theogene kept the flag patch?

Australian peacekeepers talk to children in Rwanda, 1994.

Geoffrey Fox, AWM1401/94/0014/01

Australian flag patch

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Here are some of our poems which we read at the assembly

People from all over the country
Overseas for the first time
Playing crucial roles in battles
Part of a distant past
Yet we will always remember them

Remember those who fought
Every 11th November
Many brave soldiers
Everyone be thankful for them
Many lives were lost
Brave, strong, fierce and never gave up
Each year always remember them
Respect all who died for us.

By Isabel P



Remember those who fought for us,
Ending lives upon dusk,
Memories never faded away,
Everyone remembers what happened on those years and days,
Many people risked their lives,
But most did it all for pride,
Everyone should remember,
Remember, remember the 11th of November.

By Louisa J

Peace is wonderful if
Our countries come together and not fight,
Perhaps if we do that maybe our world will become a better place, so
Please stop war to stop people from dying.
Yet we still fight but we can make the world better.

By Kaitlyn F



Blood is soaking through the floor,
The guns have made us all sore.
The shouts and screams of innocent lives,
Are defending us so we can survive.
This is war,
We are all sore.
The poppies blow,
Here comes foe,
They shoot their guns so we shoot ours,
After that we all have scars.
The guns will trigger at the digger.
Now he has gone and we think they've won,
But actually the war has just begun.

Lest we forget

By Alexandra O

As red as cherries
The poppies grow
And we wear them to remember the fallen and foe
We stand as one and fight for freedom
Thanks to the soldiers who have fallen for us.
Still from this day we remember and will never forget
For those who fought are truly priceless
They are he dead laying peacefully in the fields far away
They still watch over us as the sun rises and sets.
For those who fought are brave and willing to leave their homes to fight for us
But it's done, done thanks to the soldiers who fought for our freedom.

By Zara A

During the playing of the Rouse, Alanah and Jasper, the School Captains, laid a wreath at the flagpole.



DID YOU KNOW THE CANTEEN IS AT RISK OF CLOSING?

The canteen is suffering significant losses and we need your help!

Please support the canteen by placing lunch orders at school24.net.au or volunteering your time.

Email info@putneypc.org.au

All meals are made fresh daily





WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT

On the 6th and 7th November, Sora W in Year 2 competed in the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. She placed 7th in the Junior Girls 100m and 200m Finals, 8th in discus, 9th in Shot Put and 11th in long jump.

Congratulations Sora! Fantastic effort and such a wonderful achievement!

Ellen Russell

SPORTS COORDINATOR

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Throughout Term 3 and 4, Stage 3 students competed in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) and Mathematical Games. Students participated in weekly sessions consisting of both workshops and competitions where students learnt valuable problem-solving skills and explored the application of mathematical problem solving strategies and techniques. The sessions are unique in that they focus on the students' ability to solve mathematical problems in a creative manner - as opposed to simply reaching a solution using a prescribed method.

The main aims of the competitions are to:

- Introduce students to important mathematical concepts
- Teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving
- Foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- Stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment of mathematics
- Provide for the satisfaction, joy and thrill of meeting challenges.

Each year thousands of schools participate in the competition from around Australia and New Zealand. The following students have scored in the top 25% or higher:

Top 25%

Mitchel B
Charlie B
Top 20%
Max Pr
Catherine D
Jordan P
Luc B

Top 10%

Logan W
Jasper L
Joshua O

Top 2%

Benjamin B



A massive congratulations to these students and to all of Stage 3 for your hard work and achievements.

Christopher Foo

Stage 3 Maths Olympiad Coordinator



SUMMER UNIFORMS

Boys Uniform

Grey shorts, grey shirt, grey socks, (all available from Lowes)

Black shoes

Girls Uniform

PPS Dress (available from Lowes) OR

Black skorts (available from Lowes) and plain white short sleeved shirt

white socks and black shoes

Sports Uniform

Black PPS sports short and sports shirt (available from Lowes)

white socks, sneakers

All uniforms

A PPS hat

A reminder that a new sports shirt is being phased in from the beginning of 2020 (there is a two year phase in period if you happen to love the current one). It will be available at Top Ryde Lowes from December. In the meantime, Lowes has discounted the price of the white sports shirts if you want to have a SPARE!

A. Hallworth

on behalf of
Putney P&C

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

(Smaller sizes only!)

9am-10am on Thursday 28 November at Kindy orientation.

Visit us under the COLA at drop off and grab a bargain.

Putney P&C Uniform Committee

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In Term 1, 2020, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ / piano lessons at your school.

Students would be taught by Mrs Chiara who has been teaching group keyboard lessons for over 20 years for Top Note Music School.

Tuition is \$20.00 for a 45minute lesson per week. Family discounts for siblings are available.

To express your interest in providing this program, fill in the form, and return to your school or email at topnotemusicschool@gmail.com Friday 29th November, 2019.

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MUSIC LESSONS



Yes, I'm interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child's Name Class.....
School.....

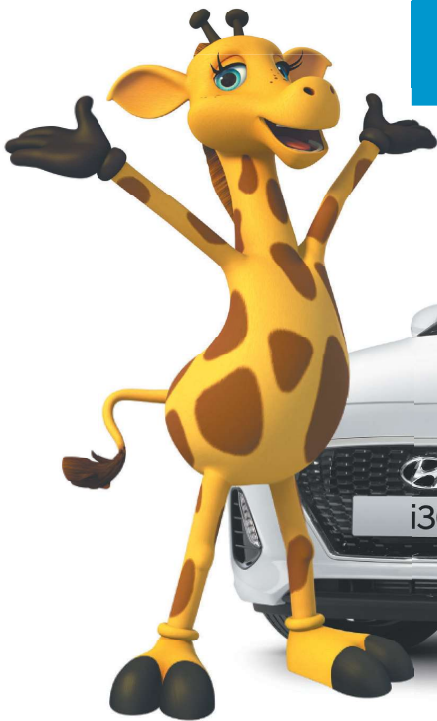
We have our own instrument Piano Elec. Organ/Keyboard None

Parental Approval.....  Contact Phone No.....



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