



## From the committee



I went to an amazing Norpa production on the weekend that celebrated the art of acrobatics. What makes me mention this, is how many of the movements (of course on a more basic level) were ones that Simon and his talented team practice with our own students.

We are incredibly lucky to have such a professional who can teach our students these age-old techniques. In the past weeks due to the hall being renovated



Simon has had to work in our own under cover area, still with amazing results. Thank you!

Thank you so much to all the parents who participate here at school. We have been enjoying some fabulous lunches, the gardens are coming along, the library books are looked after, classes are being supported and games are being played at lunch time, the list goes on. Thank you!

Our Stradbroke family gathering takes a lot of organising. Are there any parents out there who would like to help out? Talk to one of the committee members about this.



As usual we have some fabulous excursions coming up. This Wednesday, upper and lower students are heading to the Lismore Recycling and Recovery Centre, and next Wednesday they are venturing over to the beach with Rachel for an extension to their Karate lessons.



Many thanks to our wonderful teachers for making these experiences available.

Please read the attached information about attendance and the steps to take if your child will be absent for a day or for a longer period.

This is the last newsletter for the Term.

Have a fabulous Easter break with family and friends and an even better school break.

Cheers, Nicole

## School calendar

### Team building

Committee and staff  
Relief teachers & karate  
Tuesday 27 March

### Committee meetings

Wednesday 28 March  
Every Wednesday

### Recycling Centre visit

Lower and upper classes  
Wed 28 March

### Security camera family meeting

Thurs 29 March 3.30pm

### Karate by the Sea

Lower and upper classes  
Leave 9.10am, return 3.45pm  
Note - LATE RETURN TIME  
Wed 4 April

### Easter holiday

30 March – 2 April

### Last day of term

Friday 6 April

### Holidays 7-30 April

### Family work day and meeting

Friday 27 April

### CHANGE OF DATE

### Term 2 first day

Tuesday 1 May

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### Naplan 15-17 May

### AGM Fri 25 May 9.30am

### Holidays 7 – 29 July

## Kindy class

How fast the term flies by. As we reach the end of Term 1, it is such a treat to notice all the changes that have taken place in the Kindies. They really know their way so well as they navigate their way around the school day; anticipating routines and running about in a mob!

Thanks to the home visit program, they have really bonded quickly, so enjoying getting to know more of each other and exploring different homes and families. A big thank you to everyone for welcoming such a big group into your homes.



We are well into our letter sounds now and will have them completed by mid term 2. Thank you for supporting your children with the flash card words. Next term, this will also include words that cannot be sounded - sight words requiring memorisation.

Although the Kindies have dabbled with 2D shapes, exploring area and halves, most of our time is spent on number to really reinforce an understanding of early number concepts.



Games for home can include: what comes before or after a given number? Counting in tens, twos and fives. Recognising numbers to 30 and beyond. And of course traditional games like snakes and ladders, cards etc.

Our History of toys unit is a hit as children are bringing in toys to share. Next week we will incorporate maths: push, pulling and hefting so any suitable toys at home will be welcome for our investigations.

And that's all from the busy Kindies.

Easter Blessings! Deborah



# Emmy's STEM class

The kids have had a great start to the STEM program this term with lots of exploration and creation.

The kindys are developing their motor skills and scientific thinking building paper boats, parachutes and planes. Their understanding of how mass, surface area, gravity and air movement affects a falling object is impressive. Cornflour slime, marbles and little discovery challenges have also added fun. And it is excellent to see them starting to come together more as a group.

The lower class has been brainstorming and constructing boats from plant materials sourced around the school. They are now onto catapults and next week we will be testing their strength and accuracy.



A huge thanks to Nicole who has been a massive help in many classes. Trevor's knowledge and skills were much appreciated this week in making the catapults.

The upper class have been investigating the different properties of

different materials affect their use. The kids have looked at different fibres under the microscope, investigated the heat capacity of different fuels, the conductivity of different substances and built bridges out of different materials. It is wonderful to see their understanding of scientific concepts strengthening and their skills growing.

If any parents are keen to join us you are most welcome. Or even just drop in to take some shots for this wonderful newsletter, my hands are full most of the time.

Emmy



Two weeks ago, the children of the upper class filled milk cartons with cow manure in a science experiment dealing with bio gas. I am hoping that all the efforts and gagging will see the balloons fill with gas.



## Lower class

As Term 1 comes to an end, I would like to congratulate the Lower Class students on their positive attitude towards learning and the way they are working as a team.

I have particularly noticed improvements in concentration during handwriting and reading activities. Working with a variety of peers can be uncomfortable at first but the Lower Class students are discovering that it's a great way to get to know each other better.

Yes, it's true – we have a class pet! Well, two actually – Caramel and Midnight. The students are proving to be very responsible in their duties as well as very caring and good at sharing.

Families of students who catch the bus, please discuss:

- walking safely to/from the bus and respectful listening to supervising adult
- -safe and appropriate behaviour on the bus

Thank you to the parents who have already arranged a time to meet and discuss how their child is settling into the school year. Please contact me to organise a time to meet with me if you haven't already.

Enjoy your Easter break!

Jessica



*Trevor came in to help make catapults with the lowers as part of Emmy's science class last week.*

### How can you help?

The following jobs need doing by our roster parents. There is a chalkboard list by the art room.

- putting library books back on shelves and checking the books are in the right order
- lunch duty 1-1.45pm
- weed dragon garden
- clear spiderwebs in room and on the external windows (take off screens to do this)
- Move mulch around ethnobotanic trail
- Weed around table tennis



## Upper class

We were blessed by the weather gods on our camp at last week with beautiful sunshine for our seaside frolics.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the organised activities which included swinging in the chapel, sand sculpting and team work games on the



Rockit (a giant inflatable raft) in the river mouth.

On top of this we explored the beautiful rock pools at Goanna headland which feature prominently in the Bundjalung Dreaming we studied last year. We saw an incredible array of wildlife from starfish and sea urchins to sand hopping kangaroos. A highlight for everyone was discovering a family of wobbegongs feeding in the shallows which was a lovely moment.



The children were all well behaved, respectful and willing to challenge themselves which was great to see. Some even challenged themselves to swim across the river, overcoming their fears of sharks and feeling very proud of their achievements.

We still have two more excursions before the end of term to look forward to with our trip to the Lismore Recycling Centre on Wednesday this week followed by our Karate beach day on the last Wednesday of term.

A reminder that we are still seeking wood offcuts, random hardware (screws nails etc.) and broken electronics to use in our maker space.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone! Akash



