



## From the committee

Hi All

Firstly, on behalf of the parent committee, we would like to apologise for not informing you in the last newsletter that Deborah had resigned. We will be having a parent meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> after school where Deborah will have a chat to us about her departure.

This is also an opportunity to let you know that Akash has also decided that at this point in his family's life he needs to spend more time at home with them and has decided to leave full time employment. We are sad to see them go, however both have expressed an interest in returning to us as casuals next year. So, we will be seeing them again.

Last night, Maximus excitedly set up three stools in the living room to play a 'game'. The game was a Theatre Sport's game called either 'The Interview' or 'Jibberish'. You need a person to interview, the interviewee is a person who speaks jibber and then you need his interpreter. I love this drama game as all three characters need to be quick witted and creative. A big thankyou to Leif for his funny and crazy antics in drama class with our students!! It is obviously infectious.

The school has been on a buzz lately with so much happening. What an amazing turn out it was for our Book Week parade. There was such an amazing array of characters and smiling faces, the students were clearly very proud of their costumes and enjoyed the celebration of their favourites books. We were very lucky to have had a guest appearance from Captain Underpants and a lovely pink Piggy! This is definitely one for the diary next year.

Bike riding on Fridays as always, is a big hit. Thanks again to Will for his skills with not only the bikes but his wonderful rapport with our kids. We will be putting all the skills learned in these lessons in an end of term excursion to Ballina. The date set for this excursion is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the last week of the school term.



## School calendar

**Term 3 Sport- Is Bike Riding**

**Parent meeting**  
Wednesday 29 August  
3 pm

**Nimbin Show** 22-23 September

**Last day of Term 3**  
September 28

**School and Pre-School Fete**  
Saturday October 27

**Stradbroke Camp**  
6-11 November

A very big thank you to parents who turned out on the work day on Saturday. It's not only fabulous to see the school being maintained and beautified for our kids, but also a great opportunity to catch up with parents and carers. Some families who couldn't make it on the day have asked for jobs that they can do on more suitable days. I will put a list in the back of the newsletter for those who would like to make up the day.

The parent survey has been handed out, please don't forget to hand it back as soon as you can. Your input is valuable and the committee would like to ensure that your ideas and concerns are discussed at our Strategic Planning day. Being a parent run school means that you have a say in what goes on.

Just a little reminder that regular attendance is important for the consistency of not only the learning, but also the teaching that occurs in the classroom. This term in particular, students are preparing for both the Performance night on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and their circus/drama afternoon the following day. For events like these to run smoothly our educators need all students on board.

Are there any parents out there who would like to be on a sub committee for FUNDRAISING? Please come and see a committee member. Also, thinking money for the school..... :) is there anyone out there who is good at finding and/or applying for grants. The school is in need of a playground revamp and it would be very exciting if we had some money to spend. This would be the perfect roster day activity for those who cannot come in to school to do one.

The school FETE will be upon us before we know it. The date set for the fete is early next term on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Please put this date in your diary and set the day aside so that you can be a part of one of our most successful celebrations. We will send out a list of activities near the end of the term, so families can designate something they would like to do on the day. Start collecting bric-a-brac, clothing and plants for our very popular stalls. If you have any great ideas for new stalls or activities, please see a committee member or become a part of the fete sub-committee. Days like this can only be successful if we all share the load.

Nicola will be away for the rest of term, with an unexpected family commitment. Emmy and Akash

will be sharing her teaching load, so as to ensure minimum disruption to the students learning. Enjoy the Book week photos on the next two pages.

Cheers Nicole

## Kindy News

Hello Dear Parents

Welcome to what is hopefully the last winter newsletter, spring must be around the corner! This reminds me that all this earthly energy must be going into growing little bodies, making for very hungry children. Please add an extra something to lunchboxes.

Our class teachers have included Bella and Lieka who have taught us about fairies and the Netherlands respectively. Thank you both for fun-filled learning. This week Frankie is our art expert and we so look forward to her expertise and that of her grandmother – Margo – whom she is bringing in for a visit.



We have started practicing 'Wombat Stew' for our performance night. We will need help with a few props and costumes so please let me know if you can be of assistance. This story is also our focus text in English.

In Maths the focus is number as usual, as well as geometry: 2 & 3 Dimensional shapes and area. This is always such fun in Kindy where it all turns into games and winter walks. The children have also been studying flight, looking at how birds (and fairies) fly and this week they will compare this to the way insects fly. A big thanks to Emmy for her STEM input.

Winter Blessings

Deborah & the Kindies





## Lower class

Happy Book Week!

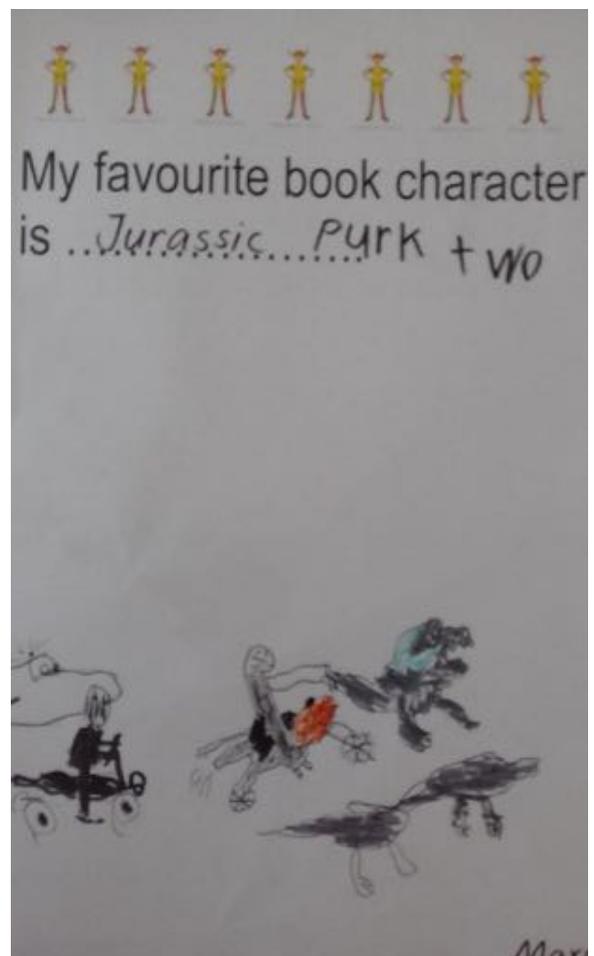
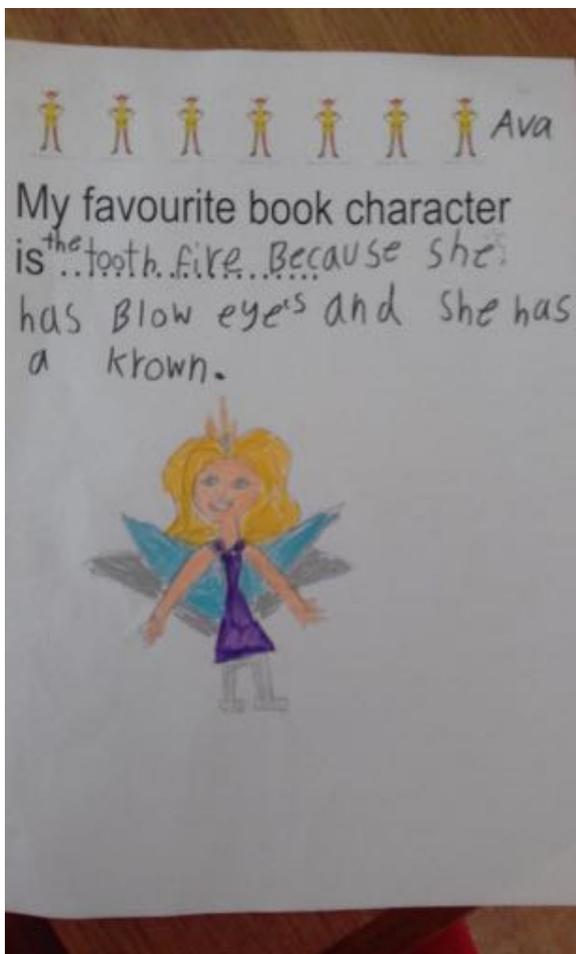
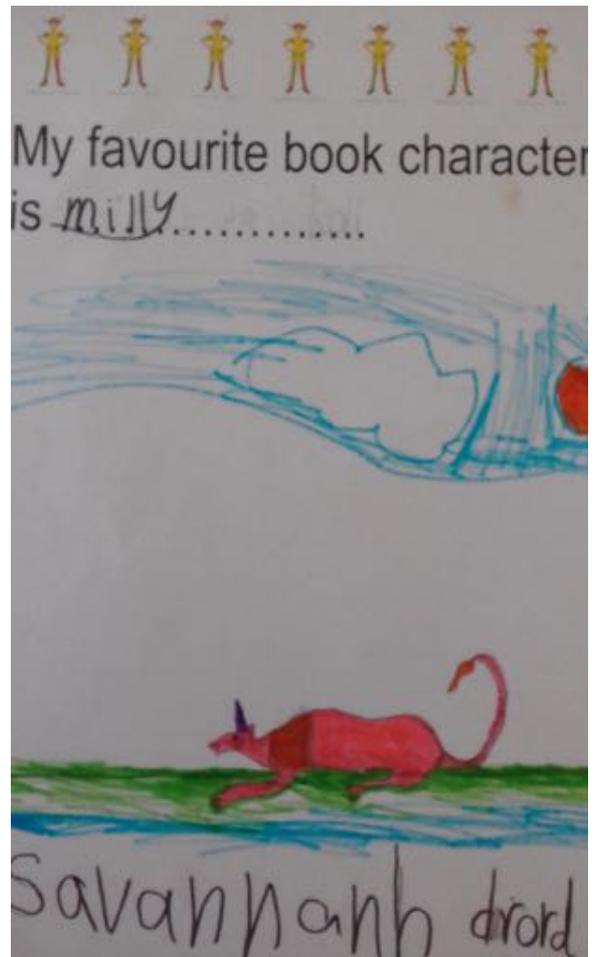
I hope we all find some time to enjoy a classic story book, discuss some news from the local paper, follow an instruction manual/recipe or flick through a quality magazine with our children this weekend.

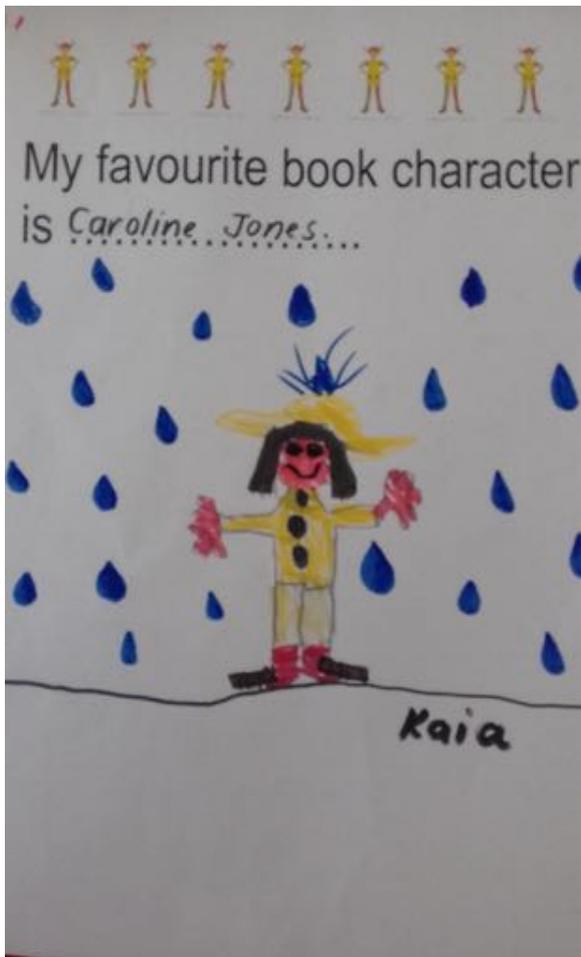
I feel excited for the students who are proud to display their illustrations in the newsletter for our community to see. It was quite tricky for the Lovers to choose one favourite character from a book so we discussed books that we enjoyed before deciding who to draw. Some students could only identify movies that they liked! Thank you Lovers for dressing up and contributing to the spirit of Book Week.

As the date for our performance approaches, please start to organise 'theatre blacks' for your child - plain black, long tights/tracksuit; plain black, long sleeved top/shirt, black socks and shoes.

Please pop in to see me if you haven't collected your child's Semester 1 report yet.

Jessica



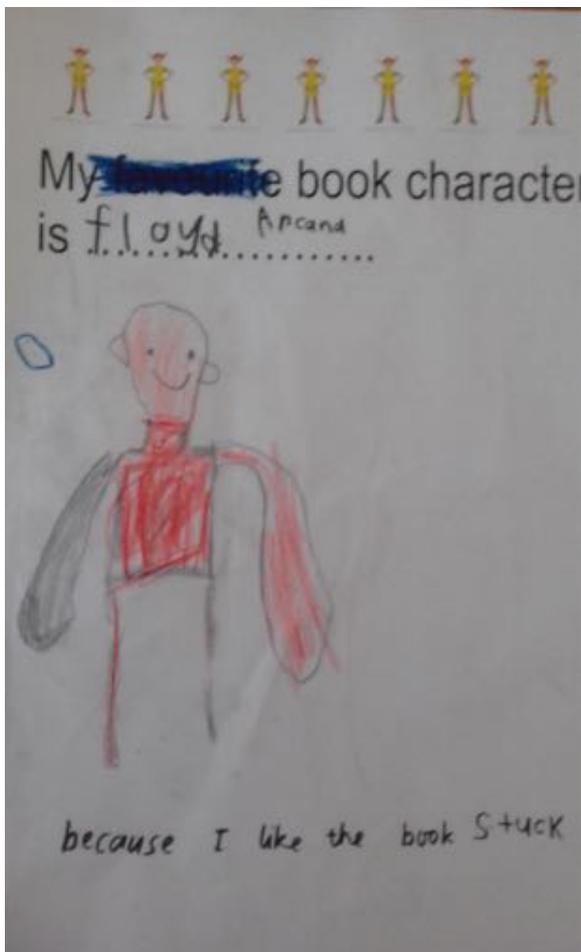


## Uppers news

As we enter the middle of term we have been very busy in the Upper primary getting ready for the performance night. This year the Uppers have written their own play about an oil spill in The Great Australian Bight. It is very funny and the children are proud of their efforts. For the next few weeks our program will be focussed on learning our lines and stage directions as well as making props and backdrops. This is truly a self made production. Please talk to your child about their costume and anything they may need to bring from home so that they can truly embody their character.

In Maths we began the term by focussing on converting units of length and have since moved on to estimating and measuring angles with protractors.

Just to inform everybody about changes to staffing, Nicola has requested to have the rest of the term off in order to care for her son. As such I will be delivering the SEE program on Thursdays and Emmy will replace me in the Upper Primary on Fridays. The Ballina bike ride is happening in week 7, a note will go home about this soon. The excursion will be free of charge. I am hoping to have an overnight camp on Robb Rd Community for the Uppers in the last week of term but am still waiting for confirmation of this, I'll let you know more soon. Have a fantastic week everybody!  
Akash.



## Jobs for Work Day Substitute or Roster day

- Garden around Akash's classroom needs weeding and mulching
- Windows in the office need cleaning (front ones done)
- Gutters needs cleaning
- Windows in the kitchen storeroom need cleaning
- All classrooms (pick one) need webs removed and shelves wiped down
- Any garden bed that hasn't been done could use a weed and mulch.
- New plants on the Ethnobotanical Trail need mulching.
- Up behind and around the main garden could use a tidy up. Brush cut etc

If you can see any jobs that need doing in and around the school, please let the committee know or put it in the maintenance book. This can be found in the office. Just ask.

With the fete coming up and quite a few new interested families in the school, it would be great if we could all pitch in. Many hands make light work



## Ballina bike-riding excursion

Return  
this form

We have an excursion to Ballina, where all children will be bike-riding for the whole school on Tuesday **11 September, 2018**

- Travel is will be by bus.
- Leaving school at 9.00 am and returning to school by 4.00 pm

Late  
return

I have read and understood the information provided about the excursions, and I give consent for my child or children \_\_\_\_\_ to attend.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_