



Jerry's Journal

Term 4 Week 6
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Bush Fires

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who hastily made arrangements to look after your children on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week when the school was closed. We understand that it was short notice. I know a number of you are members of the RFS, and I'd like to especially thank you for the time and effort you have been putting in to fighting the fires.

The fire season is well and truly with us, and is expected to continue through until next March, or beyond. Thank you for the recent donations of towels, sheets, masks and gloves. We have put these items into our bushfire kit. Hopefully we will never need to use them. However, if we are impacted by smoke from a fire, the sheets and towels will be used to fill the gaps in the classrooms, where smoke could enter. Our aim is to ensure that students and staff have clean air, and that our asthmatic students be able to breathe easily. Please be assured that if the school is threatened by fire, we have a number of contingency plans to ensure everybody's safety.

Leadership Speeches

Congratulations to Jesse, Briony and Dakota on your fabulous Year 6 Leader Speeches yesterday. You also showed a great deal of courage to stand up in front of the school and community and tell us all why we should vote for you. The Year 6 Leaders will be announced at our Presentation Evening, on the 16th December.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

In Week 8, we will be travelling to Singleton each day for the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. Thanks to the generosity of Peter Nichols and the P and C, we have been able to cover the costs of transport, pool entry and the swimming lessons for every student.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Morning Teas

I have very much enjoyed the recent weekly morning teas with students. Each week, 3 students have a chat with me over cookies and flavoured milk. We have had some fantastic conversations, ranging from the songs that should be played over the P.A. system, to their desire for a new uniform, why we cannot afford a pool, and why I think AFL is better than rugby league!

Carpet

The new carpet was scheduled to be laid in the classrooms earlier this week. Unfortunately, it has been delayed. We are hoping to have it laid by the end of the year.

Michael Frith

Principal.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2/12-6/12	Intensive swimming all week
11/12	Year 6 Farewell at Game On in Muswellbrook
16/12	Australian Wildlife Display Presentation Night
18/12	Last day of school for students
29/1	Students return to school for 2020
31/1	P & C AGM

Respect—Organisation—Commitment—Kindness—Safety

READY4SCHOOL

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It was wonderful to see so many of our Ready4School friends join in on the fun at the Halloween Disco! They all looked amazing in their costumes!



Miss Schreiber

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Ready4School have been learning about space. We began by reading *The ABC book of Rockets⁸ planets and outer space*. This told us the names of the different planets and what they look like. It also taught us about a special piece of equipment called the telescope, that we can use to see the night sky. To finish off our learning we created a beautiful artwork of our very own night sky and shared this with the rest of the school at assembly.

Miss Schreiber

K-2 Classroom

On Wednesday morning Miss Schreiber was in Singleton for some professional learning so we took the opportunity to bring our future Kindergarten students into the K-2 classroom to join us for our literacy session. We buddied up our Ready4School students with a Kindy or Year 1 student (and a couple of Year 2 students) and completed a series of activities together. They had a choice of playdough sounds, tracing letters, making a puzzle, drawing a picture, writing a story, counting, reading a book together and threading.



Miss Renneberg

3-6 Classroom

A peek at the week



Celebrity of the Week



Braith stands proud as 'Celebrity of the Week'

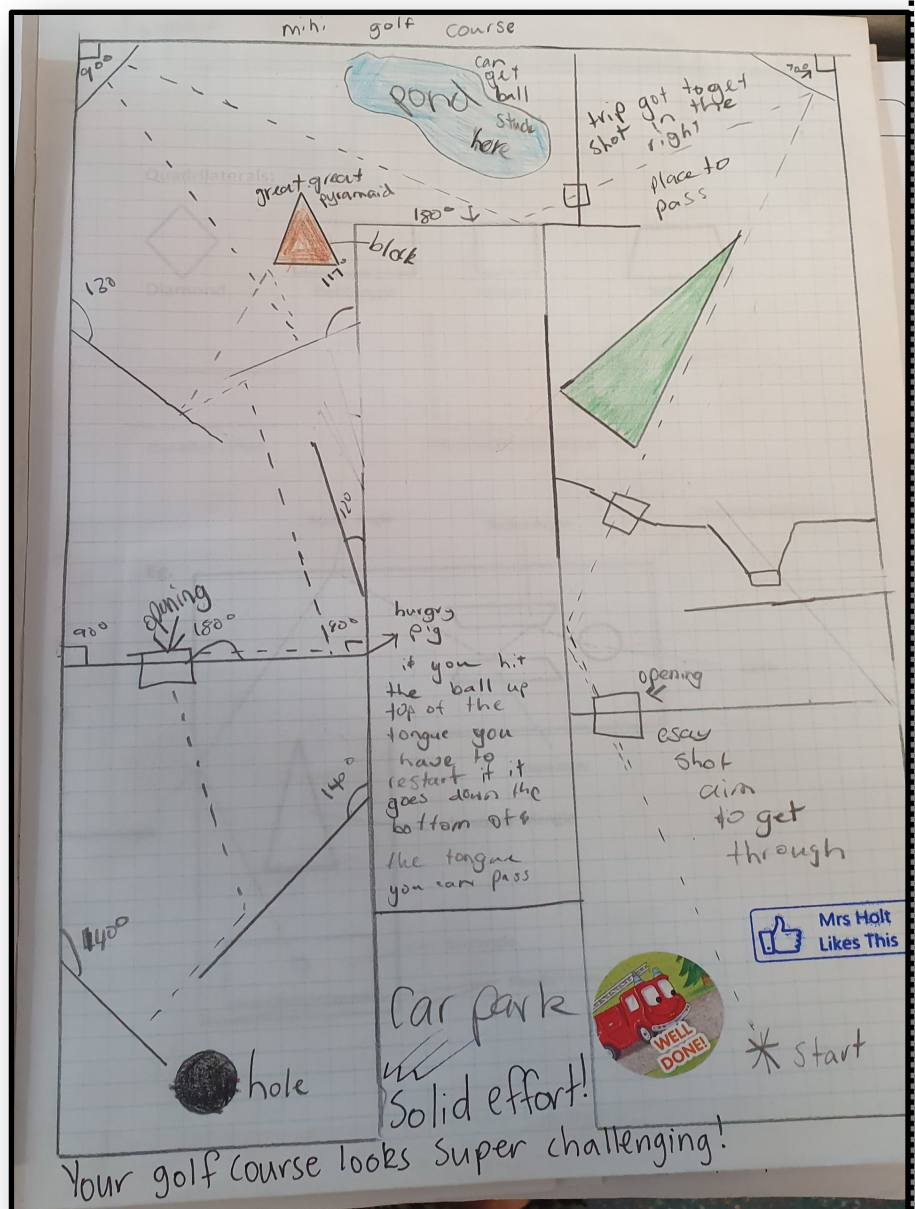
In Mathematics, students have focussed on the Strand— Measurement and Geometry and sub strand— angles.

Students demonstrated their understanding of angles and two dimensional shapes by designing a mini golf course for the Australian PMGA tour event.

The course needed to be challenging for the players and it could have mountains, forests, lava lakes and obstacles in the form of different triangle and quadrilateral shapes.

Once students designed the holes, they needed to show how a professional player would hit the ball (using angles) to bounce off the walls to get it in.

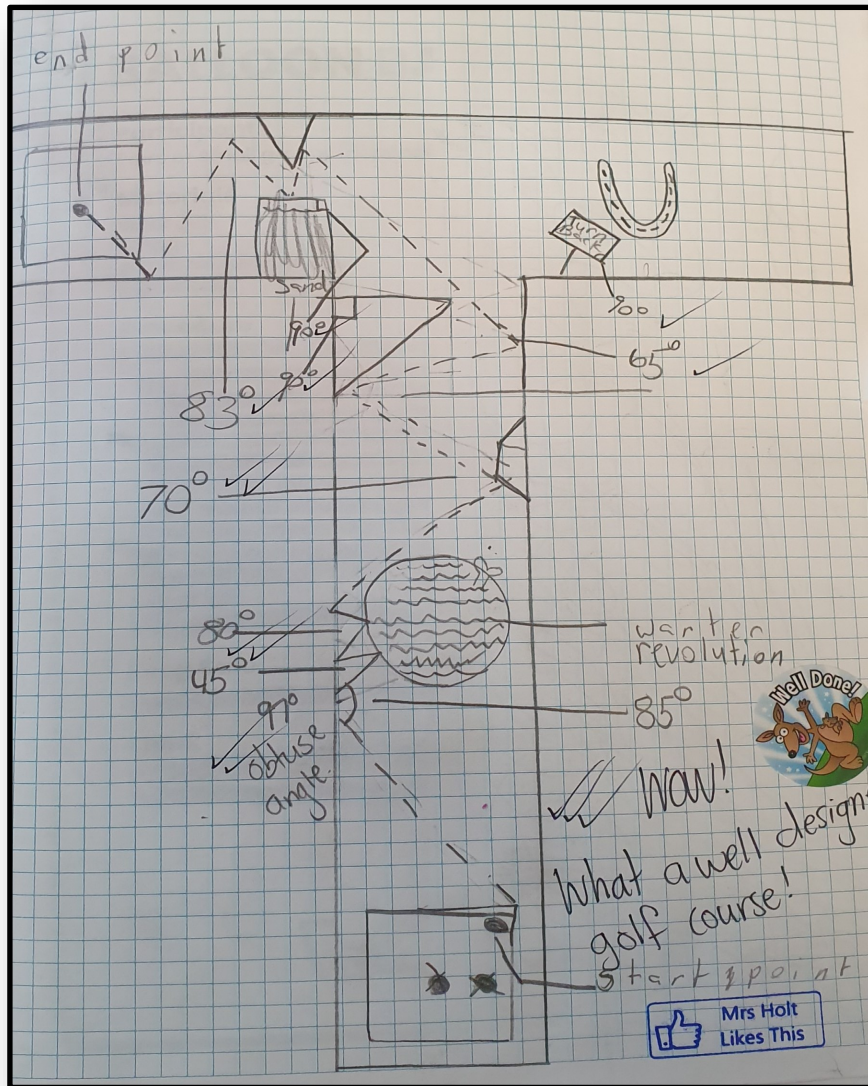
Below is a copy of Clayton's mini golf course.



Mrs Holt

3-6 Classroom

Below is a copy of Dakota's golf course.



Reminder: End of year photos and work samples

Wow, what a year! To better state that – what a FANTASTIC year! We have covered so much content in the years 3-6 classroom and participated in many fun and exciting projects all while developing skills necessary for next year and beyond.

We have had a blast learning together and your child/ren deserve to be proud of all they have accomplished this year.

Your child/ren will be taking home their work books and a portfolio of published writing pieces from throughout the year.

If you would like photos and additional work samples (e.g. research projects using PowerPoint application) to take home please bring in a USB stick by the end of week 7 (Friday 29th, November).

Thank you for all you have done to support your child/ren's successes this year.

Mrs Holt

“Learn to play,
play to learn”



Welcome to this fortnights newsletter from Kayecare. We certainly have covered many areas of development this week, all children have been able to experience a variety of activities which apply to our day to day learning.

With all of the natural disasters around us at the present, we have been focusing on safe practices and reflecting on fire procedures within our environment. The children learn a strong sense of wellbeing and responsibility through our discussions, this helps them become confident learners.

On Tuesday, 12th November, Kayecare was closed down due to the extreme weather conditions. A big thank you to all our amazing parents who were so understanding about the decision.

We have been very happy to focus on our Strengths Stars Guide To The Galaxy. It's a very exciting programme and we are getting so much out of it.

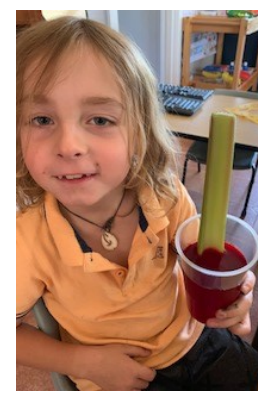
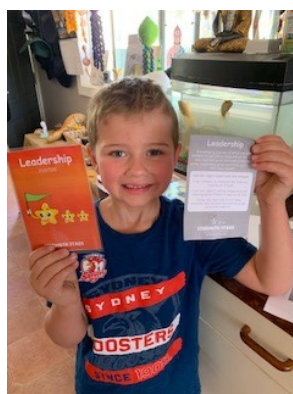
Darcy joined us for a day, he shared his special homework he needed to do for the day and also shared his amazing stick creatures. The younger kids were fascinated by the way the creature spread her wings.

After school kids have been working on their creative art skills concepts, reading and social communication with the younger kids.

We had a little bake up this week as it was far too hot outdoors, there was lots of yummy cake testing and decorating.

As we approach the Christmas season Kaye asked the children what would be the best gift we could receive this year? Kaye was very happy to hear most of the kids wanted the animals to be safe and for rain, along with the odd X-Box, Ipad and toys. Kaye was so impressed how these kids are connecting to their world.

I hope everyone reading this newsletter are safe and happy. Take care of yourselves and look out for friends, family and neighbours. Times are tough just now for many with the fires and drought conditions. We have a great little community pulling together to support what we have, so till next time cake care, Kaye ✨✨✨✨✨



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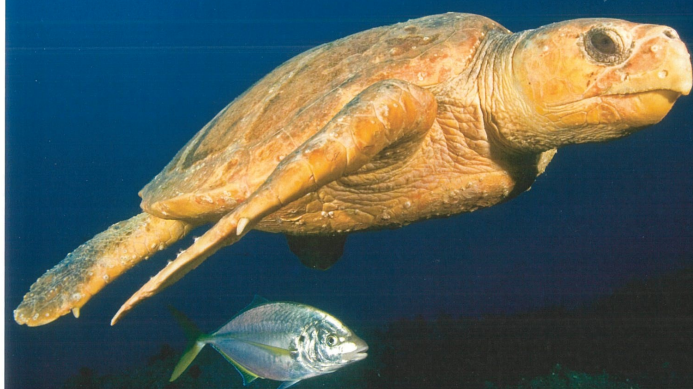
PROJECT LOGGERHEAD TURTLE

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Take 3 Project/Loggerhead Turtle

Students across our school have dedicated their time to partake in the Take 3 initiative.

This project is aimed at reducing our plastic consumption to help save our fragile marine life.

Students participated in many projects to promote awareness.

A big thank you to community members who donated tiles to our mosaic project. Our sea life mosaics will be available to view in December.

Remember—Take 3 for the sea!

P&C News

**Next meetings as follows:
Friday, 31st January, 2020
AGM at 1:15pm
Monthly meeting at 1.30pm
All welcome.**

WHAT'S ON

@ The Jerrys Plains School of Art Hall

Zumba with Kayla

Start Time 6:30pm

Cost: \$10. \$5 for students

Start Dates: 14th November & 21st November

With Regular fortnightly classes

5th December , 19th December, 2nd January



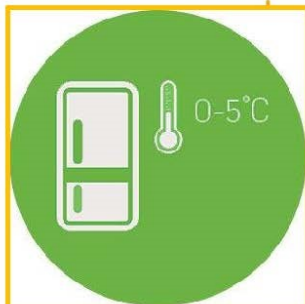
All ages and fitness levels welcome (students 12 and under will require parental permission form signed on first night).

The simplest way

... to keep food safe in summer.

Foods such as meat, fish, poultry and eggs; cooked pasta, noodles and rice; and dairy items such as milk, yoghurt, custard and cheese need to be kept very cold.

- Use a cooler bag and ice brick or frozen water bottle to keep food cold in the lunch box.
- Freeze items such as sandwich bread, milk poppers, and home-made muffins. They will be thawed and ready to eat at lunch time and keep other lunch box items cold.
- If preparing lunches the night before, store in the fridge or freezer.
- Don't store food in an insulated bag in the fridge, it stops the cold air reaching the food.
- For food that has just been cooked, cool it in the fridge overnight before packing.



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CAKE RAFFLE

Purchase a 50c ticket to be in our draw for the weekly cake raffle. A beautiful cake is donated by Easy Bake Cakes each Friday.

Tickets on sale all week at the school office. Anyone is welcome to buy.

The lucky winner will be drawn each Friday afternoon at the school assembly.

Transition to Kindergarten – Expression of Interest

We, once again, have applied for funding from HVO to help with the implementation of our Kindergarten Transition Program. While we patiently await the confirmation from HVO that this will be the case, we are putting out an expression of interest to give us an idea of numbers we may be expecting.

All children who will be attending Kindergarten at Jerrys Plains Public School in 2021, ie turn 5 before July 31st, are welcome to attend.

If your child, or you know of a child, that may like to be a part of this fantastic program in 2020, could you please return the slip below or contact the school so we can get an information pack out to you in the near future.

Notification for Kindergarten Transition 2020

Childs NameDOB.....

Phone No.....Address

Parents Names