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## Principals Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3, we have had some exciting news from the NSW Department of Education and are currently working with architects and planners to make significant improvements around the school. These have already started and will be completed in the December/January school holidays. Looking forward to keeping you posted and make sure you keep up with us on social media and through our newsletter.

The **Focus on Ability** short film voting has closed and we will have a team at the awards night, fingers crossed we get a playing. However, I am sure you will all agree how amazing this film was and how it highlighted the amazing things your children are doing and learning.

The wall mural project is nearly completed and our students have had a lot of fun helping and watching the mural take form. The talented students from Homebush Boys HS, Strathfield Girls HS and South Strathfield HS are enjoying the project and working with our students.

Some of our students performed at the 'In the Spotlight Drama Festival' as part of the Shining Stars Drama Ensemble on Tuesday 6 June, 2019. It was an amazing performance and great opportunity to perform at NIDA. We look forward to Shining Stars performing at the Gary Walden Trust Fund Raising Dinner and the two day Showcase In September at Campbelltown Arts Centre.

Thank you to all our families who attended our Education Week celebrations and assembly. Students enjoyed the visits to the classrooms and I hope the families enjoyed their sausage sandwich also. The theme for 2019 Education Week **Every Student, Every Voice** was celebrated all week and it is a theme we are very passionate about.

**Michelle Davies**  
**Principal**

## Upcoming Events

### What's happening at Chalmers Road School

#### Term 3 2019

<b>5 August - 9 August</b>	Education Week
<b>Tuesday 13 August</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>Monday 19 August</b>	Parent Forum – Sexuality presented by Erin Donnelly, Family Planning NSW
<b>Friday 23 August</b>	Book Week Parade Dress up
<b>Wednesday 28 August</b>	Proposed Power outage 9.30-3.30 Strathfield and surrounding areas
<b>Friday 6 September</b>	Gary Walden Shining Stars Performance
<b>Monday 2 September</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>Friday 6 September</b>	Focus on Ability Film Fest Winners announced
<b>Friday 19 September</b>	Shining Stars Showcase Performances Campbelltown
<b>Friday 20 September</b>	Shining Stars Showcase Performances Campbelltown
<b>Friday 27 September</b>	Last day of Term 3

## Voluntary Contributions

Families can support our school by paying the Voluntary School Contribution. This is an annual \$129.00 per student payment to assist the school to purchase classroom resources. Payment can be made to the school office. Our school accepts cash, cheque and POP payments. Payment can also be made through the Parent Online Portal, instructions are available from the school office.

## Online payments

Parents are able to make payments for school contributions, preschool fees, excursions and any other expense through the Parent Online Portal. Access to this is from the school website at the link below and the "Make a payment" link on the right hand side on the top orange bar. Parents will have the option on notes sent home to indicate that they have paid through the Parent Online Portal. This is an easy and secure way to make payments.



## P&C Meeting

The next meeting for the P&C will be held on Monday 2 September 2019 at 9:15am in the School Meeting Room. All parents, carers and friends of Chalmers Road School welcome.



## Green Class

This Term Green class have been busy using tools to assist with their learning. Rocky has been using a Suduko type strategy game to assist with his fine motor development. As a result he receives sultanas as an award.



Steven has been using LAMP. LAMP is a communication tool to assist with his expressive language.



Auden has also been using a communication tool. He has been using Prologue2Go to assist with his expressive language.



All of the students are doing such a wonderful job expressing themselves both within the classroom and in the outdoor environments.

**From Sally and Christine**

## Yellow Class

Yellow Class have been super fantastic in their efforts at school this term. We have been exploring shades and symmetry in Visual Arts, baking sweet and savoury foods tasting a variety of textures in Technology, studying whole words during phonics based reading lessons and counting during Maths activities. We have been having so much fun enjoying exploring the curriculum through using technology and practical type hands on tasks and look forward to further developing skills this term.

**Shanna, Tania and Linda**



## Red Class

Red class has had a great start to term 3. We have been cooking up a storm in the kitchen, trying different vegetables and we are all enjoying using eggs in different ways. Next we will be making Shepherd's Pie and chocolate cake, yum yum. We have had lots of fun in our music and dance lessons as usual and love the instruments Daniel from Rhythm village brings in each week.

We are reading an interesting Dreamtime Story called 'How the turtle got its shell'. We have been enjoying reading the book and using it to do different literacy activities. In math, red class have been learning about mass by hefting different objects as well as using different positional language such as left and right to explore the school.

Red class have also been practicing transitioning around the school and using different play equipment to help with our strength and balancing, it has been a lot of fun. Each week we have been learning to ride the bikes in the high school courtyard with great success.

We are all looking forward to dressing up for Book Week as our favourite super heroes.

### **Luke and Bharti**



## **Blue Class**

Blue Class have had a busy and exciting start to Term 3. We have had a 4th year student Teacher, Miss Audrey, helping us in the classroom and creating fun and exciting lessons. We are exploring volume and capacity by pouring a range of materials into 3D shapes and observing objects stretch and shrink.



Blue Class have been working on their social skills by sharing toys with friends, turn-taking and helping others. Students in Blue Class have enjoyed the introduction of a jobs roster, where students are empowered to manage their classroom by putting out the lunch boxes, stacking the chairs and setting up classroom books, demonstrating they are ready to learn.



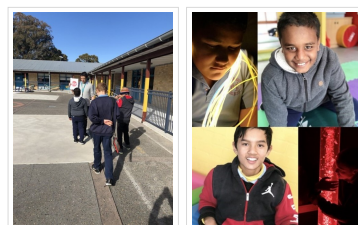
We look forward to the rest of the term empowering students to be independent learners!

### **From Miss Brooklyn and Miss Jessica**

## **Orange Class**

Orange Class have had a very busy start to term 3!

Students have been busy practicing for community access, recognising and reacting to community signs and visuals while staying together in a group. We've been tasting and cooking new healthy meals by stirring, mixing and pouring. We're also learning about the importance of why and when to wash our hands and have started practicing brushing our teeth for Personal Growth. We're all looking forward to an exciting term ahead with our students and community!



### **Liam & Helen.**

## **Pink Class**

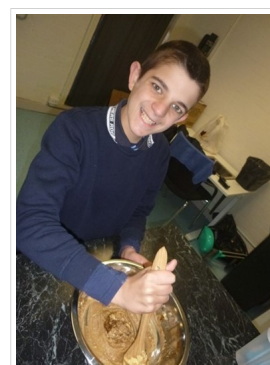
Pink Class have been working hard to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. We have been using a variety of media to access stories, including the Interactive Whiteboard, School Library books and "big" books for shared reading. It is exciting to see how the students respond to a variety of literature including illustrated stories about the natural world, such as Eric Carle's "A House for Hermit Crab" and Aboriginal Stories, such as David Mowaljarlai's "When the Snake Bites the Sun". The students have been showing our PBL expectation of "we Learn" by sitting, looking, touching page turning and commenting while looking at each book. Well done Pink Class!

### **Sarah and Ross**



## **Magenta**

Magenta Class have had an exciting, fun and engaging start to Term 3. We have been busy in the kitchen following recipes, cooking and eating delicious creations.



Our favourites so far have been chocolate and coconut slice as well as scrambled eggs with cheese. In Music we had the opportunity to play on an African xylophone. We all thoroughly enjoyed the new experience.



We enjoyed meeting students from PLC and doing lots of different activities with them.



Finally Magenta Class love doing our daily Mindfulness Meditation breathing exercises to help us be calm and focused



**From Mrs Naomi and Miss Grace**

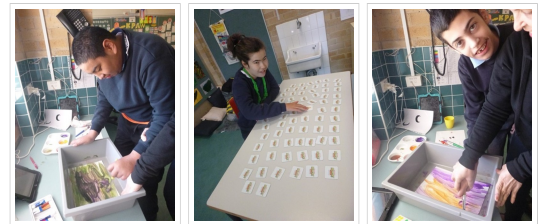
## Banksia Class

We have been tasting and cooking new healthy meals in cooking classes on Thursday mornings. Banksia students are also learning about the importance of why and when to wash our hands. The students have started practising brushing our teeth for the Personal Growth lessons. Banksia Class has made significant progress during the year engaging in activities as a group with students developing an understanding of where they are and what they are required to do. Built into this program are the life skills of turn-taking, waiting and requesting help to complete the activities with as much independence as possible. We have begun work on a new science unit called "Forces" and have been looking at heat transfer and friction. We have been using the new bikes provided to us by Strathfield council. As a part of our art lessons, we have been looking at different parts of bikes.



## Kangaroo Paw Class

This term we are learning about money and measurement in our Maths lessons. We have learnt about Australian coins and notes and are practising our skills in recognising how much is needed to pay for an item. To explore measuring length we have measured objects inside the classroom and found objects around our school that are taller and shorter than us. In Science lessons we started a unit on forces looking at moving objects using pushing and pulling and performed an experiment to find out how things move across different types of surfaces. In our PDHPE lessons students have learned about the sequences of getting ready in the morning including brushing their teeth and choosing appropriate clothing for the weather. We have also learned about hand washing including when we need to wash our hands, why we need to wash our hands and how to do wash them properly.

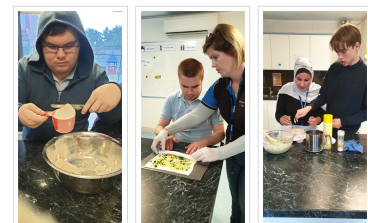


**Jackie & Shelly**

## Waratah Class

A great start to Term 3 with the students engaged in many activities and having lots of fun along the way.

Waratah Class has enjoyed weekly cooking lessons learning to make recipes from scratch and building their knowledge of measuring techniques and basic cooking skills. We have made savoury pinwheels and muffins so far and it's great to see our students being more prepared to taste and experiment with different foods. Seamus and Sadia have also been involved in the High School Café' program which is helping to further extend their culinary skills.



We have also been learning about Money in the real world and extending our knowledge of practical Mathematics. In Science, we have learnt about Energy and Forces through play and during Science Week, the students enjoyed making rockets models and watching them fly.



Music classes are always fun and our class has been experimenting with many indigenous instruments from a variety of cultures. Learning is always enhanced by imaginary play and dressing up.



Reading and story time has always been a class favourite and this term we have added a more focused emphasis on Key Word Signs to help our students better develop their communication skills.

We always enjoy having parents in the classroom and this term, we look forward to hosting as many of our parents as we can. An invitation to join our cooking class will be sent home with your child very soon and we look forward to your presence.



**Joumana & Laura**

## Wattle Class

Week 4, term 3, 2019

Students in Wattle Class have returned enthusiastically to school and have begun modified programs and some new ones after the half yearly PLSP reviews. The class has begun a new class walk and gross motor activity where we use the Junior playground equipment outdoors, gym mats and step in and out activities in the SPA area. Wattle Class has made good progress during the year engaging in activities as a class group with students developing an understanding of where they are

required to be and what they are required to do. Built into this program are the life skills of turn taking, waiting and requesting help to complete the activities with as much independence as possible. We have begun work on a new science unit called "Forces" and the photo below shows Jeffrey examining an electric air pump, feeling the vibration and the air pump which we used to move some toy cars across the floor.

**Craig and Julia**



## Community Notices

### Education Week

Education week 2019 was celebrated with a new school foyer display, parent visits to classrooms an assembly and a parent barbeque morning tea prepared by students from PLC Pymble. A very busy week indeed capturing the DEC theme "Every Student, every voice".

On Thursday 8th of August the school hosted a morning assembly where we sang the National Anthem. Ross our resident teacher guitarist played this on the guitar and students who were confident to sing came forward to sing at the front of the assembly. After this, Michelle our principal addressed the assembly reiterating the theme of Every Student, Every Voice and how our diverse population expresses themselves or uses their voice. Understandably, at Chalmers Road we have many ways students can make their needs known. Brooklyn lead a key word sign demonstration, signing to the whole school with some helpers such as Dominic H and Taha from high school. The school community then signed back. A good learning experience for all. The assembly concluded and students moved back to their classes.

We have been fortunate to have 4 year 10 girls from P.L.C Pymble who prepared a barbeque early lunch for parents in the school kitchen and served this in the kitchen courtyard. After visiting their son or daughter in class, parents and family members were invited to stay for some lunch with the purpose of creating a quieter, informal opportunity to talk to each other. Michelle and some of the teachers able to attend. The Chalmers Road school community is very supportive of each other, particularly as we have several students graduating and moving to new settings in 2020. As in all schools this is a transition time that presents a range of issues as our students families prepare

for a huge life change. We wish all our graduating students the very best for their lives beyond school.

Our school foyer has been transformed to reflect the “Every Student, Every Voice” theme with maps of the world matched with student photos showing where we all come from. Not only does this reflect our multicultural backgrounds but all the events that we celebrate during the year. The intention of the foyer display is to let all our visitors to the school know that every voice is heard and recognised from all over the world at Chalmers Road. A special thank you to our wonderful Student Learning Support Staff and Office ladies who keep these events running smoothly by constantly organising all the behind the scenes activities and student care that needs to take place.

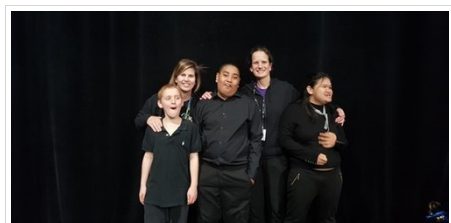
**Craig Stewart and the Education Week team 2019**



## Shining Stars Drama

During the start of Term 3, the rehearsals continued for our Shining Stars Drama ensemble. On Tuesday 6th August, our group (Daniel Rata, Nhu and Tyson) for Shining Stars Drama performed at NIDA Parade Theatre for the ‘In the Spotlight’ Festival.

And they shone....



It was wonderful to be part of such a fantastic night.

**From Sally and Laura**

## Science Week - Destination Moon

Destination Moon: more missions, more science is the school theme for National Science Week in 2019. This theme is a way for teachers and their students to discover past missions to the Moon and space programs that have solved some of the seemingly unsolvable problems.

At Chalmers Road, our Science Week started off amazingly as teachers and students participated in watching power point presentations of the moon landing and completing colouring in activities in their classrooms. On Wednesday 14th August

we celebrated Science Week by holding a Science Day where students and teachers had fun making moons out of papier-mâché, making planet mobiles, making a rocket out of cardboard, using the Blue Bots and the most exciting activity of them all the rocket launcher. With the help of teachers, bio carb soda and vinegar were mixed in a bottle that looked like a rocket. Once the mixture was shaken and a cork put in the bottle then 3...2...1.... blast off ... the chemical reaction caused the rocket to fly in the air. Everyone had a great day !!!

## Science Committee



To whom it may concern,

The BreastScreen mobile is at Stratfield until the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 offering free screening mammograms for the early detection of breast cancer. A Korean Interpreter will be available on the mobile van every day to assist Korean women with their appointments. It would be greatly appreciated if the below information could be passed on to the women in your community.

**BreastScreen Mobile Van in Stratfield**  
Don't Miss Out. Book now



The BreastScreen Mobile Van is in Stratfield

Where: Lyons Street, beside Wintags Bank - please see map attached

When: 13<sup>th</sup> August - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Who: All women aged 50 years and over are welcome. Specifically for women 50 to 74 because the majority of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over 50.

How: Call 13 20 50 or simply drop in to the van for an appointment.

Operating Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:45 am - 4:00 pm (Lunch closure: 12pm-1pm)

Korean Interpreter: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm (Lunch closure: 12pm-1pm)

Free screening for eligible women

Family, female only

Appointments only take 20 minutes

All images are read by at least two specially trained radiologists

Results are returned within 2 weeks

It's free, it only takes 20 minutes and it could save your life.

Thank you for your support in sharing this vital health information to the women in your community.

Best Regards,

Karen Richa | Health Promotion Officer

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