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## Principals Report

What a year 2020 has been, I would first like to congratulate the students on the way they have handled the changes to learning due to the impact of Covid-19. Students handled the transition of learning from home and then returning to school extremely well. Covid-19 has had a huge impact on learning but since returning students have certainly made up for the time away from face to face learning.

Staff have shown their resilience and skill through learning how to teach via Zoom and building resources for students to use during home learning. The staff at Chalmers Road continued to teach those students that were onsite while teaching the students at home simultaneously. All members of the Chalmers Road School community should be commended in the undertaking of and self development of their skills in the use of technology for teaching and learning.

We proudly continued our involvement in Innovation Programs that gave our students a voice. Two of our Assistant Principals joined Professor Iva Strnadova from UNSW in creating a modified version of the Tell Them From Me Survey giving students with high support needs a voice about their schooling and how they feel about what is happening at school. Brooklyn and Natalie were participants in the creation of training videos for the Department of Education.

2020 also saw the implementation of the Student Café. Students were responsible for taking orders from staff, the collection and counting of money and then finally cooking the menu that Luke created each week. Students developed their understanding of kitchen safety, food preparation and developed their literacy skills through the reading and development of our weekly recipes. The students continually received positive feedback from all staff on the quality of the food and their positive attitudes during the café program.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Zooms celebrating our student and staff achievements throughout the

year. Your continued support and dedication to Chalmers Road School is greatly appreciated.

2021 will see two staff development days at the beginning of Term 1. Staff will return to school on Wednesday 27th January, with existing students to return to school on Friday January 29. All new students to Chalmers Road will commence school on Monday February 1st.

We would like to wish all the members of the Chalmers Road School community a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

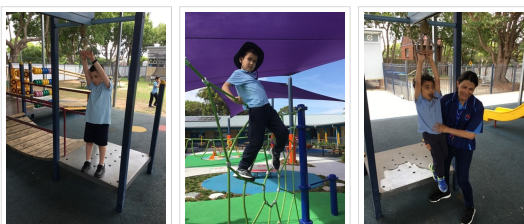
Dates to Remember	
<b>Wednesday 16 December</b>	Last day of Term 4
<b>Wednesday 27 January 2021</b>	Staff return to school
<b>Friday 29 January 2021</b>	2020 Students return to school (new students follow transition plans)

## Green Class

What a wonderful year of learning it has been! We have all learnt so much. The students in Green Class have all progressed exceptionally well. We have spent time both in the classroom and around the school learning and engaging in various activities. One of our favourite lessons was in Geography when we learnt about where we live and had the opportunity to explore each other's houses with the use of Google Maps.



Our interactions in the play areas around the school have been of timeless fun and laughter for Green Class.



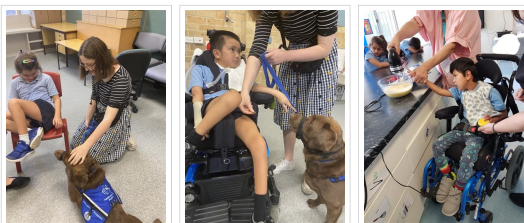
Thank you for a great year, Green Class. Wishing you a happy and safe holiday over Summer.

**From Sally and Linda.**

## Red Class

This term has been a busy term for Red class. We have enjoyed swimming again and doing lots of fun learning activities. We were lucky enough to be visited by Spaghetti the dog for International Day of Disability as well as participating in fun activities. We hope everyone has a great holiday.

**Ms Sue. Ms Tania and Ms Barbara**



## Blue Class

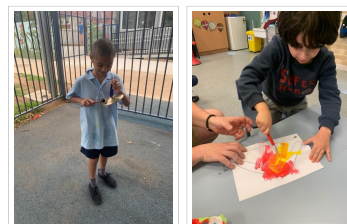
The students in Blue Class have all had a fantastic first year of School. The students have learnt a great deal and have enjoyed all the extra activities they have been involved in such as cooking, swimming and the school music program. The members of Blue Class have built some very strong friendships this year and are looking forward seeing their friends again in 2021. Mr Luke and Miss Shelly have been impressed with all the learning the students have demonstrated this year. The class have built their knowledge about letters and numbers and have continually practiced writing and using letters to spell and build their names. This term the students have demonstrated the ability to recognise their classmates by name by pointing to photos of their friends where their names have been called.



We were all lucky enough to meet Spaghetti the Therapy Dog when Chalmers Road celebrated The International day of disability this term. The class were all very excited to meet him and hope we can see him again soon. We all loved the activities that were set up on the day particularly making music in the water with Miss Celine. We would like to wish all our family and

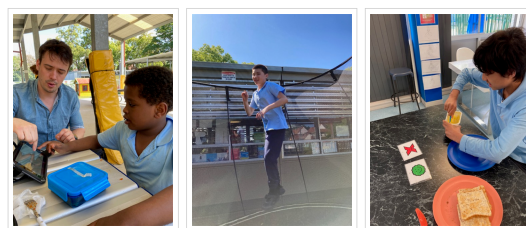
friends at Chalmers Road a safe and happy holiday and hope everyone enjoys their well-earned break. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

**Luke and Shelly.**



## Orange Class

What an incredible year we've had in Orange Class! Manale and Liam are very thankful to all of the efforts and wonderful achievements everyone has made this year. We are so proud of each student making progress in their individual goals. Everyone has worked on communicating needs and wants and expressing individual ideas through our literacy themes. We have strengthened our numeracy skills while integrating lots of movement and healthy physical activity such as trampolining, swimming and jogging.



We wish all of our families a very safe and happy summer holiday break and a very happy new year.

**Liam & Manale**



## Purple Class

Purple Class has had a wonderful, active term 4 with lots of learning experiences across our school. As well as our classroom programs, we have also been very engaged in programs using the pool, kitchen and new playground, where different skills and experiences have come into play. Each Monday afternoon we have practised our hygiene and cooking skills in preparing a variety of fruits salads and toppings. On Wednesday afternoons we have explored different movements skills in the High School playground, climbing, spinning, jumping and walking in this beautiful new space. Friday mornings mean swimming is on and all the class are especially motivated to be changed and ready to get in the water. It has been a pleasure and privilege to work with the students in Purple Class this year! Special thanks go to Bharti and Gloria

for their skill and dedication in caring for the class. A safe and happy holiday to all!

### **Ross, Bharti and Gloria**



## **Pink Class**

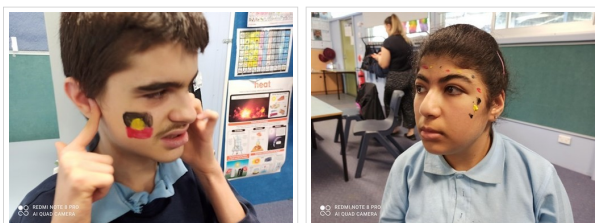
Term 4 has been a busy Term for Pink Class. They have been enjoying swimming once a week as a class every Friday with a big splash every time



We have been cooking delicious food from the beginning of this term and the students have been enjoying eating.



During NAIDOC week the student got their face painted with the colours red, black and yellow symbols which they were amazed by



They also celebrated Disability awareness week with lots of cool games and activities. We wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school next year

### **Audrey and Sarah**

## **Magenta**

Farewell to this year! Magenta Class have had a wonderful year and have made some great friendships in the classroom. This Term has been our best yet with lots of fun activities, including swimming which is a class favourite. Students have worked exceptionally hard to achieve their goals and have celebrated each of their successes as a class. Magenta have really enjoyed the making comments unit where we have created a shop in the classroom, watched our favourite films and made comments about characters, themes and plots. We excitedly engaged in the International Day of Disability celebrations and cooked sausages for the whole school. Everyone loved seeing Spaghetti the dog doing tricks in the class. As the year comes to an end we would like to thank everyone of our students and parents for their support, engagement and participation in Magenta Class.

Happy and Safe Holidays to all our students, parents and friends of Magenta Class.

### **Brooklyn, Helen and Aisling**



## **Banksia Class**

A fond farewell to Banksia Class. 2020 has been a terrific year whereby students have been able to demonstrate their resiliency and adaptability to change and achieve many of their learning goals.

Aquatic activities have continued with 3 of our students now participating safely without floatation devices. Everyone is sun smart at school and participates in our class SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE program. We hope they continue to keep sun safe during their summer holidays.



Recycling has diversified from Lids4kids to include paper and tin cans, where students collect and deposit them in the appropriate bins. We look forward to composting our fruit and veggie food scraps in the worm farm next year. This recycling initiative has been supported by Strathfield Council.



The end of the year has continued to be full of fun activities with Spaghetti the therapy dog visiting and Gingerbread and mango gelati being made in food technology.



A huge thankyou to our Banksia Class students for a wonderful year, arriving each day with a smile and ready to take on another interesting and action-packed day with us at Chalmers Road School.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

**Allison and Christine**

## Kangaroo Paw Class

Kangaroo Paw have been enjoying the last few weeks of this term. They have been watering the garden in the new playground beautifully and keeping it tidy for other students

They have been enjoying the swimming program and having a big splash every time

We have been cooking lots of yummy treats especially for NADIOC week they made damper which they tried and loved. They also got face and hands painted Aboriginal colours and symbols which they were amazed by

They also celebrated Disability awareness week with lots of cool games and activities. Kangaroo Paw had lots of fun times and look forward to a new year!

Kathleen and Chrissy

## Waratah Class

Term 4 has been busy and enjoyable in Waratah Class. We have continued to extend our skills in counting and money in our numeracy lessons, read and discussed Diary of a Wombat in literacy, coloured in a wombat and enjoyed water activities in the pool. We also enjoyed participating in International Day of Disability. Term 4 was a busy and productive term and we wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school next year.



**Tamie and Lubna**

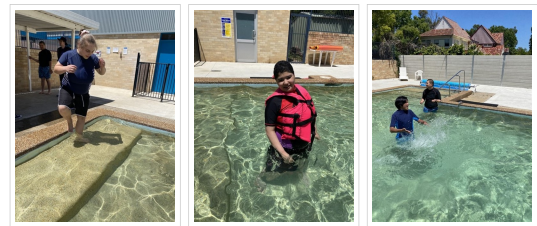
## Wattle Class

The warm weather and start of summer has meant that the students in Wattle Class have been able to look forward to swimming twice a week combined with Waratah Class. Every student has their own particular thing they like to do in the pool. For Maymunah hearing that swimming is on the daily program during our morning circle timetable activity elicits cries of delight "Swimming".

After our lunch break each students tote tray is placed out and they have to carry their own gear to the pool change room. Noodles, swim vests, rash vests sunscreen, bubbles and pool toys such as buckets and colanders are organised ready to be used as the students exit the change area through our new change room doorway and wait ready to enter the pool area.

Riley and Yu Min get into the water confidently and happily preferring the deep end as they are quite tall. Riley, who is especially confident turns underwater flips over and over. Yu Min who can stand just likes the sensation of water lapping at his face. Anastacia and Maymunah just enjoy the sensations of moving about and tipping water in and out of buckets and colanders. Our pool water temperature is kept at a very comfortable 22-26 degrees celsius so there is no need to "dip your toe in the water" to check that it's not too cold to get in. The privilege of having a well maintained, heated on site pool is of huge benefit for our students.

**Craig and Laura**



## What's Been Happening

### Little Helpers

We were lucky enough to have the Loletto family spend their Sunday making freshly squeezed juices to raise money for Chalmers Road School. We are very grateful for your contribution to the school, a big thank you to Alessia!

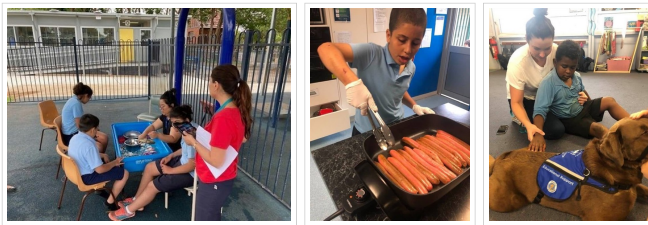


**Brooklyn**

## International Day Disabilities

students celebrated International Day of Disability on Thursday, recognising the theme 'Seeing the ability in disability' with lots of inclusive and immersive activities plus a special visit from the therapy dog, Spaghetti! The day was a huge success with all students participating. Thank you to Magenta Class who prepared the sausage sizzle for all students.

**Liam, Helen and the IDD Day Committee**



## NAIDOC WEEK

Students at Chalmers Road School recognised NAIDOC week in week 5. while learning about what NAIDOC week means to our community our students participated in activities such as face painting, damper making and paintings.



Always was, Always will be recognises that First Nation People have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65 000 years. Always was, Always Will be acknowledges that hundreds of nations and culture connection to this country.

**Audrey Naraiyanansamy**

## PBL

The PBL Team have been working hard on getting our whole school reward system up and running to regularly celebrate the successes of the students at Chalmers Road School. Great work to all the students who have received a wave, working towards a grand reward!

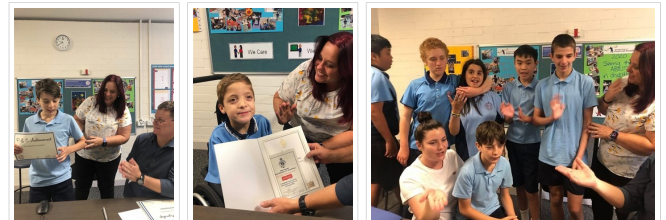
**PBL Committee**



## Presentation Day

This was a much different Presentation Day then we are used to, we completed our Presentation Week over 4 different zooms. Each section of the school did a stage celebration with their teachers, students and parents, then a whole school assembly to celebrate our whole school awards. Each student was acknowledged for their hard work throughout the year and we watched a slideshow of students engaging in fun and engaging activities throughout 2020. Congratulations to all students who received an award at the Chalmers Road School Presentation Day 2020. Thank you to all of our Families, Carers and Special Guests for celebrating with us. Great work everyone! A big thank you to Fiona Martin, Jodi McKay and Rotary Club of Strathfield for our special awards.

**Brooklyn and the Presentation Day Committee**



## From the P&C

A big thank you to the community, families and friends that purchased tickets for our P&C Raffle



## 2020 P & C Xmas Raffle



### Winners

1	Brooklyn - Staff
2	Gabriel S - Student
3	Natalie _ staff
4	<del>Clarkie</del> - Jodie - Staff
5	Tina E - Student
6	Eleni V - Grandparent
7	Julian B - Student
8	Luca D _Student
9	Sasha _ Student
10	Lubna - Staff
11	Auden - Student
12	Luca L - Student
13	Muhammad Y - Student
14	Cameron - Student
15	Naomi - Student
16	Jacinda -c/- staff
17	GV Julian - C/- Joseph F Student

## Donation of Gifts for P&C Raffle 2020

Skin Care – Henderson

Gift Voucher – Auden

Game – Orlando

Hamper – Joseph F

boxes chocolates x diffuser & mug – (Melissa) Luca L

4 x beauty creams Packs – Naomi

Bag of Goodies

Mince pies etc – Paul & Steven V

Decorations – Verterouris – grandmothers

Biscuits – Sharon

Bag of goodies Julian B

Bag of goodies Sasha

Hamper – Theodora V

Jewellery, crochet blanket, scarves, porcelain tea cups and cricket bat Strathfield Council

Virginia Bao

Zac S - bag of games