Narrabundah Early Childhood School

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Week 8, Term 3, 2022

Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians, of the land on which we meet, learn and play. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and future and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families at our school.We will work in partnership to create and share our stories.

Principal's Message

Incursion

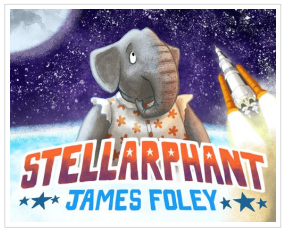
As part of Book Week celebrations, children in P-2 enjoyed a Meerkat Production in the hall last week. The focus of the show was The Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted Picture Book of the Year – Stellarphant by James Foley.

Story blurb - Stella the elephant is fighting interstellar discrimination one pachyderm at a time! Stella wants to be an astronaut. There is only one problem: Stella is an elephant. Every time she applies to Space Command, they come up with a new reason she can't join. But where there's a will, there's a way and Stella is determined to reach for the stars.

Here is a link to the story being read on YouTube -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdMzJFWMYuc

The show was a big success, and a few children were lucky enough to participate in the show.



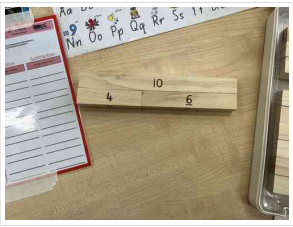
Learning Journeys

This week we invited families to participate in a Learning Journey with their child/ren at school and it was so exciting to see so many of you in classrooms. Learning Journeys are an opportunity for children to share their learning environment and some of their learning at school with caregivers. It is an opportunity for caregivers to come into the classroom and let your child/ren take the lead and be the expert. We hope you enjoyed being with your child at school and reconnecting with other families.

Thank you for taking the time to visit your child/ren's classrooms.

Family Maths Workshop

Thanks to families who were able to join us for the Maths Workshop this week. We hope you found this beneficial and that it helped your understanding of how your child learns maths at school. If you ever have questions about your child's learning at school or progress, please always touch base with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Learning at school is most successful when there is a partnership between school and home.



Student academic reports - Semester 2, 2022

ACT public schools have commenced preparing student reports for Semester 2 2022.

The Education Directorate has again made the decision that student academic reports will be provided with an overall A-E grade, and an assessment of achievement standard statements on a 5-point scale. Reports will not include detailed teacher comments.

This strategy supports schools to prioritise teaching and learning as we continue to manage workload pressures due to COVID-19 and other illness.

Our teachers will continue communicating directly with families about student learning and you are encouraged to speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions about their progress.

Warm Regards

Julie

Koori Butterflies Classroom

This term we have been investigating some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. We have been looking at lots of different examples of art which has in turn inspired our own creativity. We have explored, print, painting, drawing and music. We have also enjoyed storytelling and are in the process of creating our own class story! Watch this space.

School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

The school satisfaction and climate survey has been extended! If you haven't had a chance to submit your response you now have until the 16th September 2022 to do so.

When you have submitted your response please see the front office to go into the draw for a NECS school shirt and school hat to be drawn when the survey closes.

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2695/2022_parent_and_carer_survey_invitation_sas_.pdf

Transition to School Forums

ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations Transition to School Forum for Parents and Carers – 15 September

The ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations Transition to School Forum for Parents and Carers is for parents and carers of children starting preschool or kindergarten in 2023. This live webinar provides information about early education transitions – what the research tells us, important ways to prepare and support children, and understanding the school-family partnership.

The forum is on Thursday 15 September from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Register now - https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkc-urpzkvGdwiWlcZ45LhRVB5f2sZ98i2

Contact Marina Spurgin, ACT Council of P&C Associations on 02 6241 5759 or earlylearning@actparents.org.au.

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2597/20220906_sb_w8a13_transition_to_school_flyer.pdf

Communities at Work - Platypus Room

The Preschool team has recently undertaken training with the 'Kids at Play Active Play' initiative from the ACT Health Department which focuses on supporting early childhood educators to implement active play resources and healthy choices while at care and at home. The Platypuses have been focusing on developing their gross motor skills by engaging in both fun and challenging experiences such as dance, yoga, obstacle courses and group games.

The Platypuses are also continuing to focus on respect and what it looks like within the Platypus room, contributing to the room's values and how they can all work together to respect those around them.

Communities at Work - Manager update

Our upcoming school holiday program is nearly upon us, and we are excited to have Wasabi Kids 'Ninja and Samurai

Encounter' join us on the first day taking us on a journey through Japan's warrior history and learning how to throw a ninja star! Our second week we have the 'Silent Circus' show us how to perform circus stunts in a physical comedy show while riding a giant unicycle.

2023 Enrolments and requests are now open until October 7th (the last day of the school holidays). Existing enrolled families will have received this already sent via Kidsoft. If you have already contacted us for 2023 enrolment no need to do anything else until we send further details in November, however if you are a new family wanting to enroll in 2023 please contact us via email at necs@commsatwork.org and we can assist you.

Holiday Happenings

https://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

2022 ACT Public Education Awards

Nominations for the 2022 ACT Public Education Awards have opened. The Awards are an excellent opportunity to recognise high performing staff in the public school system. Anyone can submit a nomination - staff, parents, carers, community members and students.

This year, the nomination form will guide nominators to provide evidence against criteria that supports the Future of Education, Cultural Integrity Framework or ACT Public Service Values. Nominations must be received by Monday 10 October 2022.

For more information use the link https://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/act-public-education-awards

PBL awards

Week 7 award recipients -

Respect	Inclusion	Safety	Excellence
Harper	Ashton		Evie
Rosa	Isaiah		Amelie
Vladislav	Kyeson		Colin
Amandla	Colin		
Nicholas	Henry		
Bianca	Eh Ku Soe		
Oumou			
Nakita			
Owen			
Walter			
Fred			
Luca			

Week 8 award recipients -

Respect	Inclusion	Safety	Excellence
Phoebe			Manaia
Inayat			Olivia
			Pippin

Congratulations award recipients -

Congratulations - 1 x Rise award, 1 x Inclusion award, 1 x Safety award, 1 x Excellence award
Maibungha
Leticia
Jaidyn
Alpha
Tamika
Abigail

Harlei
Oceane

Bronze award recipients -

Bronze - 1 x Rise award, 1 x Inclusion award, 1 x Safety award, 1 x Excellence award, 1 x Congratulations award and 2 other awards
Alice
Duke
Colin
Walter

MOJO - Guitar Lessons

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2687/mojo_school_flyer_revised_.pdf

Kids Rebound Soccer

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2697/soccer_flyer_october_2023.pdf