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Rule of the Week: **Be An Active Learner**

SSPS Value: **Encourage**

Learning Disposition: **Risk Taker**



## Principal's Message

Dear Community,

Welcome to Term 3, Week 3. We are in the midst of Education Week, a time when we pause and turn our attention and celebrate Public Education. What a wonderful day together we had yesterday! It was so warm and happy - all we hoped for in terms of our first community get together in a long time.

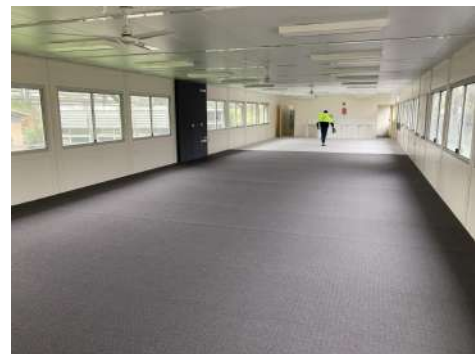
I'd like to thank Mr Matthews and his huge organisational team for our program of special events. From excursions to music performances, to celebrating culture to classroom visits; we've aimed to put a program together that excites our students and welcomes you onsite. We sincerely hope you've shared our experiences in some form this week.

At SSPS, our music program has reached new heights. Led by Mr Murphy, our strings and recorder groups are growing. Our Directions in Music band has performed for our families and our choirs are sounding magnificent.

Did you know musically trained children tend to acquire language quicker, learn how to read earlier and develop comprehension skills earlier?

[abc.net.au/education/musi...](http://abc.net.au/education/musi...) #Music  
#MusicEducation @bb\_brains

## OUR OOSH HUB IS READY!



Some highlights:

1. The colour scheme is soothing and calm - it's a happy space!
2. there are 3 toilets for student and adult use, including a wide access bathroom with shower facilities
3. there are 4 air conditioners, fitted with automatic cut off systems to preserve power when not in use, and fans
4. an administration room and storage is available
5. an activities wet area and a kitchenette are included
6. access is by steps or ramp
7. LED lighting is fitted - to reduce electricity costs
8. huge window spaces allow for excellent flow of ventilation
9. space for more than 50 students just in this space

How will this space be used?

Jigsaw OOSH has sole access until 8:30am every weekday and after 2:30pm every weekday. SSPS can determine how best to access this space during the week.

As a community, we have worked tirelessly for more than two years to bring this school improvement to fruition. It is indeed an accomplishment that will be enjoyed by many students for many years, and an excellent school asset. We are indeed a very lucky school!

Have a wonderful fortnight of learning everyone and here's to many more community events within our school grounds,

Karen Mortimer  
Principal

## Student Learning

### KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of learning on Tuesday 2 August. This day was extra special as students showcased their learning and why they were learning it to parents in their classrooms.

Kindergarten also visited the farm on

Monday 1st August. Here are a few things we learnt and experienced:

- information about farm animals, plant growth and life cycles
- What is produced on a farm and how
- The needs of animals and plants and how they are met
- How farm animals and plants provide for people



- Sensory exploration in the permaculture garden with discussion of plants grown for food
- Farmyard nursery petting
- Cow milking
- Tractor Ride



### STAGE 1

In 2G we are not only active learners but we are active bodies as well. Each Tuesday we have been learning new skills in Gymnastics where we work in teams, practise our moves on different apparatus using our large muscle groups to develop strong health bodies in PDHPE. We have learned steps like the motorbike, pencil, crab and Mr T. We have improved our fundamental movement skills in just 3 weeks and it is awesome fun.





Caring for nature is kindness  
 Um, are you starting to care?  
 Life is beautiful  
 To Waters, plants. Shows that we care,  
 Up we get to defend the first nations  
 Rudeness is not kindness  
 End the Rudeness  
 Isabella

Nature that you owned and we took it from you  
 Maybe you don't believe us and we take it from you  
 Indigens people we respect and we are so sorry what we have done  
 Different skin colours doesn't matter but it did before  
 Only in the older days they would only accept the white people  
 Culture from all over the world we hope to be accepted  
 Mia C



**STAGE 3**

In Stage 3 we have been delving into the texts 'Flood' and 'Fire' written by Jackie French, picture books based on natural disasters in Australia. Students have been exploring the language features used in the text. They are now experimenting with language features to develop their own quality writing, creating a vivid image in the readers' mind.



Language Features 'Flood' by Jackie French

- Rain turned savage... → Juxtaposition to "fell gently"
- White sheets slashed the sky... → Rain clouds Metaphor
- water only nibbled at the banks → personification
- A cafe wrenched from its foundation → personification
- The river was my enemy. → Metaphor
- The little tugboat vs. the mighty boardwalk → Juxtaposition
- Slowly the flood crept back into the river → Personification
- The kindness of strangers bloomed like flowers → simile

**STAGE 2**

In Stage 2 we value and celebrate our diverse cultures, the students recognise that our multicultural school is what makes us special. During week 1 we celebrated NAIDOC week, the students were given the chance to explain how they felt about this culturally significant week through poetry.



## COMMUNITY LANGUAGES

In Korean, students worked on their School Project, continuing on from Term 2. They have revisited various school-related vocabulary and consolidated their learning through completing the School Project. Students in stages 1 and 2 started a new topic - Food, and explored some traditional Korean food that are still popular today. Stage 3 students also began to work on a new topic - Jobs/Professions, starting with collecting data on class dream jobs and personal qualities.



Finally students published their work on 'Book Creator' and shared their work with parents this week on Open Day. Students were very engaged while parents were impressed with their efforts.



## EAL/D

Stage 2 students spent last week and this week planning, writing and editing a retelling of a known story. The twist was that students had to tell it through the perspective of one main character.



## School Notices

### YEAR PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Information for parents and carers**

#### What is phonics?

Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read so it is important that these children are identified quickly so teachers can plan for any specific support they may need.

#### What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Your child will sit with the class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud in Week 4 and 5. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

#### Why use nonsense words?

The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student is able to use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before.

Ms Luisa Mascitelli

## MINDQUEST

On 17 & 18 September, 2022 the 96th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls H.S. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Student will have an opportunity to participate in over 33 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much more. Students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience.

The cost of the weekend is \$230 (including GST). Brochures can be obtained at SSPS or Shelagh Poray 02 9748 1084  
Closing date: Friday 19 August, 2022

## NSW PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

During this week class representatives from Stages 2 and 3 stretched their neural pathways by attempting to spell a myriad of words eloquently dictated by Mrs Mortimer.



After several tense exchanges during the Stage 2 Final between himself and another worthy adversary, **Reyaansh** (3F) triumphed as the winner and school representative at the Stage 2 Regional Finals. Meanwhile, the Stage 3 Final culminated with **Oliver** (6W) emerging from a five person field to be selected as the Stage 3 school representative at the Regional Finals.



All the best Reyaansh and Oliver at the Regional Finals during Week 7 later this term!

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Dear Parents/Carers,  
We have two dates for school photos and they are as followed:

- Extra Curricular Groups & PSSA: **Week 4, Tuesday 9th August**
- Whole School: **Week 6, Tuesday 23rd August**
- The ordering information for the whole school photos, Music, Extra curricular & PSSA groups will be handed out to students in the coming weeks.
- Students will be required to wear their full winter school uniform and black shoes.
- *Sports uniform is to be worn only for PSSA team photos.*

Mrs S Larkin  
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

# Library Notices

## BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

The competition for the Book Week posters are due by Friday of week 4. We have already received many entries, thanks 😊

The main prize will be a gift voucher but there will be a few little prizes and posters for each grade (see below for examples of the small prizes). Please encourage your child to create an eye catching, colourful poster for us to display in the library and around the school.



Entries close Friday Week 4. Entry forms are in the library.

# P & C Update

## PARENT & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP



Welcome back to Term 3, we look forward to a fun and busy term.

Due to popular demand **The Crazy Camel fundraiser has been reopened**. A new note explaining how to order will be handed out soon, so please stay tuned!!

**P&C Next Meeting** - Monday 15 August 2022, at 7pm via Zoom.

**P&C Facebook** - [Click Here](#) to hear about community events, meetings and call outs for volunteers.

**P&C Membership** - join via [Munch Monitor](#)

Kind Regards - P&C Committee