



Newsletter

Term 3, Week 8

Friday 11th September 2020

From the Principal

Dance2bfit

Due to Covid-19 and the unprecedented nature of the 2020 school year, many extra-curricular activities have unfortunately not been able to take place. Starting Term 4, Peakhurst West PS is excited to be able to provide all students from K-6 the opportunity to participate in the Dance2bfit program. Dance2bfit is developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools to support the PDHPE curriculum. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts. To comply with the latest Department of Education Covid guidelines, the dance program will be non-contact and the use of equipment will not be permitted during dance routines, i.e. drumsticks, maracas etc. The cost of the 6 week program is excellent value at \$18 per student with families paying for a maximum of 2 students. Please ensure all payments are made to the school office by the end of this term, September 24th. Thank you!

Tell Them From Me Survey- Community Consultation

Peakhurst West is currently undertaking an authentic and rigorous assessment of the school's current state. This situational analysis is used to inform the school's improvement journey in learning, teaching and leading as we approach the implementation of a new school plan to begin in 2021. A valuable component of this assessment process is community consultation. Please have your say by completing the Tell Them Form Me survey at <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/phmq2>. A big thank you to the families who have already completed this survey. Your time and feedback is greatly appreciated.

Father's Day Stall

Last Friday Peakhurst West PS hosted the Father's Day stall on behalf of the school P and C. Thank you to our wonderful P and C for organising the large range of gifts for students to purchase. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Turk-Nikro and Mrs Woodhams who set up and supervised the stall in the absence of parents on-site. I hope all the dads and significant male figures were surprised last Sunday!





Kindergarten Enrolments– 2021

Now is the time to enrol any students who will be attending Kindergarten at Peakhurst West PS in 2021. If you have a child who is starting Kinder next year please visit or call the office (9153 9767) to commence the enrolment process.

Non Essential School Visitors

Due to COVID-19, we ask that all non-essential visits to school be minimised. Unless you are picking up your child, or have an appointment with a staff member including for enrolment procedures, please use alternate means of contacting the school. This can include the school email, a phone call or access to our website for information.

School Email: peakhurstw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: <https://peakhurstw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

School Phone Number: 02 9153 9767

External Visitors to School Site

Before external visitors are allowed on a school site, they must provide a signed copy of the External Visitor to School Site form or scan the QR code at the front office and complete the details as part of the declaration and contract tracing requirements while we learn to work and play in a COVID-19 world. This information will act as evidence that the visitor is aware of, and will abide by their obligations to comply with the health advice for the day, including hygiene and distancing requirements. Any visitor to the school site is required to comply with this request.



Have a wonderful fortnight!

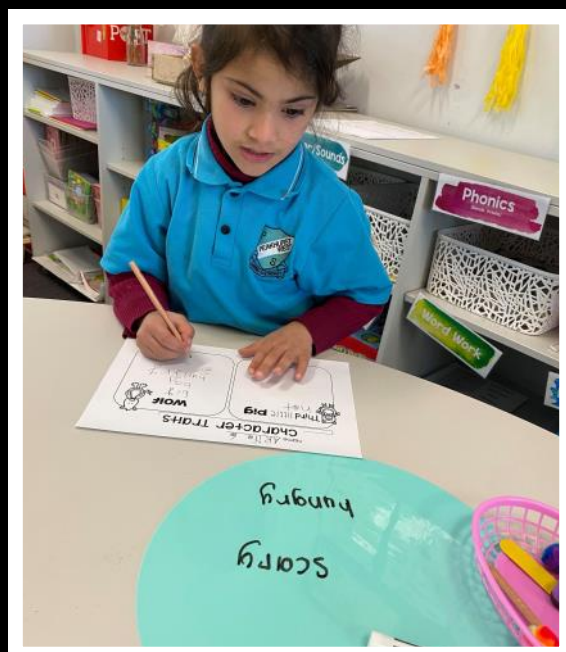
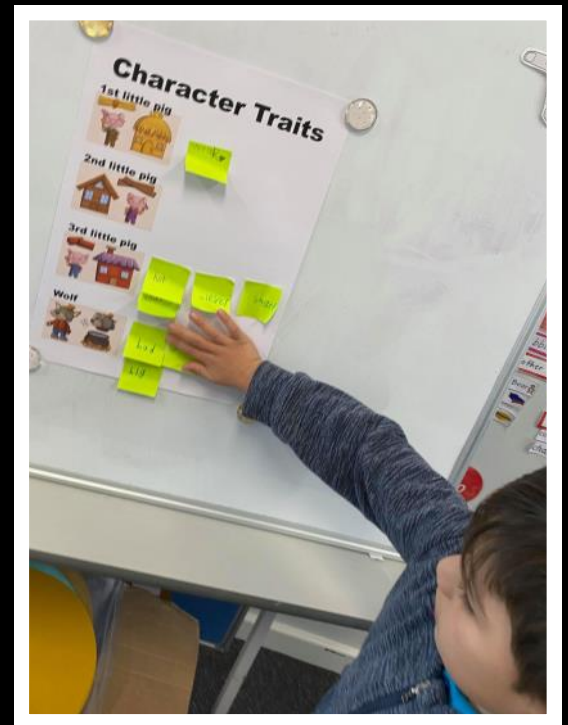
Kind regards

Mr R. Fisher

Acting Principal

Stage 1 EAL/D

The Stage 1 EAL/D group have been learning about imaginative writing with a focus on fairy tales. Students have engaged in many learning activities to develop their oral language and vocabulary in English. Here are some pictures of the learning activities students have been doing with Mrs Frouxiou.



Stage 1 EAL/D



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Matias 2F

If you were the pig, what would you build your house with?
 I am going to build my house with bricks because I can't break.

This is the house I would build

Matias 2F

Wendy 2P

If you were the pig, what would you build your house with?
 I would build my house out of bricks because the wall do break.

This is the house I would build

Wendy 2P

Haydar 1T

If you were the pig, what would you build your house with?
 I would build my house out of glass because it's very strong.

This is the house I would build

Haydar 1T

Arifa 1K

If you were the pig, what would you build your house with?
 I would build my house out of bricks because I can't break.

This is the house I would build

Arifa 1K

Serra 1K

If you were the pig, what would you build your house with?
 I would build my house out of bricks because the wall can't break my house down because the bricks are strong.

This is the house I would build

Serra 1K

My name is Wendy. I am 7 years old. I was born in China.

My name is Haydar. I am 6 years old. I was born in Australia.

My name is Arifamaz. I am 6 years old. I was born in Pakistan.

My name is Serra. I am 7 years old. I was born in Turkey. My class is 1K.

Matias I am 7 years old. I was born in Chile.

my name is Steve. I am 5 years old. I was born in New Zealand.

What is 1T growing?

1T have been exploring how living things change and grow in science. To extend their learning, students had the opportunity to plant different herbs and vegetables and observe how they grow and change over time.

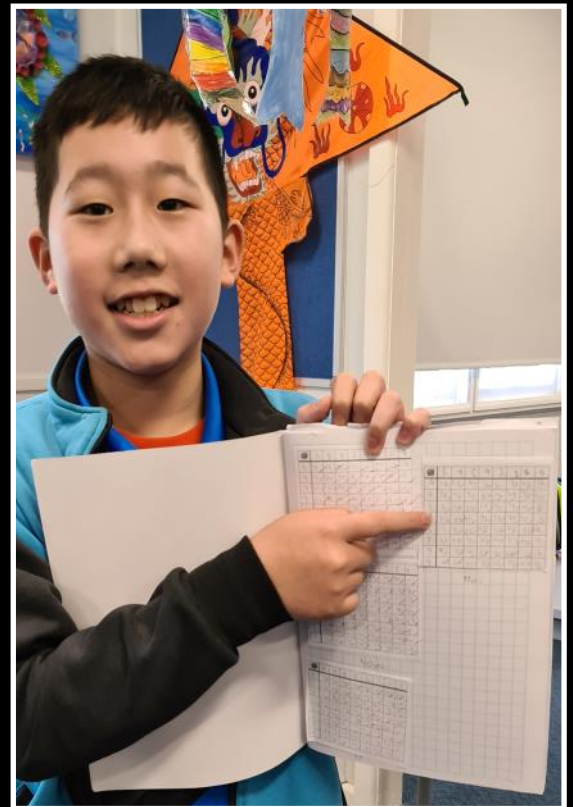
Students wrote the steps of how to plant the various seeds and then followed the steps when planting. A big thank you to Mrs Meoli for the seeds. We can't wait to see how they grow!



Tables Race Record Broken

Congratulations Ryan Xue who broke the school Tables Race record which had stood for nine years. The previous record of 42 seconds was set in 2012 by Benjamin Jiang. Ryan's new record is a blistering 41 seconds.

The competition has been running for about 16 years and involves completing an 8X8 tables grid against the stopwatch—that's 64 responses! Great work Ryan! Just goes to show—*Practice makes perfect!*



Green Thumb Green Thumb



Our school gardening group has been busy this term weeding various gardens, most recently, in E Block, in front of our Picasso Cow. They have also been growing vegetables in Mrs Alexander's old garden beds. This week they added some spinach, tomatoes and parsley.

(left): Aliyah checking the radishes that are growing nicely.



Peakhurst West PS Pick Up Arrangements- Starting Monday 7th September (Week 8)

DROP OFF

DROP OFF between 8.55-9.25am

Your child will be greeted by a teacher and student leaders at the Ogilvy Street & Belmore Road gates.

*if you do not attend Before School Care



3:15PM PICK UP

Children with surnames starting with A, B, C, D

to be picked up at the Ogilvy Street gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.



3:15PM PICK UP

Children with surnames starting with E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L

to be picked up at the Belmore Road gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.



3:20PM PICK UP

Children with surnames starting with M, N, O, P, Q, R

to be picked up at the Ogilvy Street gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.



3:20PM PICK UP

Children with surnames starting with S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

to be picked up at the Belmore Road gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.



3:25PM

Children who attend After School Care or walk home independently will be dismissed at 3.25pm





From the Easel



This term Stage 2 has been examining the difference between night and day. They depicted this contrast in artworks using crayon as their medium.



Cordelia



Amy



Jacky



Sun



Rosabella

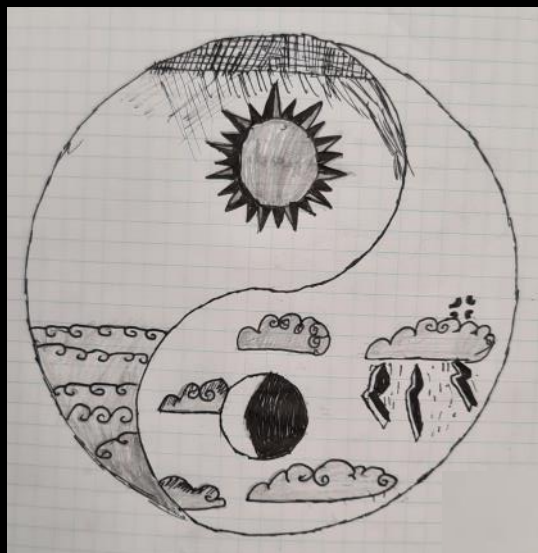




From the Easel



In Stage 3's Measurement and Geometry strand of Mathematics we have recently been exploring the topic of circles and the relationship between the radius and diameter. As an extension activity, some students learnt how to construct the ancient Yin and Yang sign. This led to some interesting artworks.



YIN

YANG

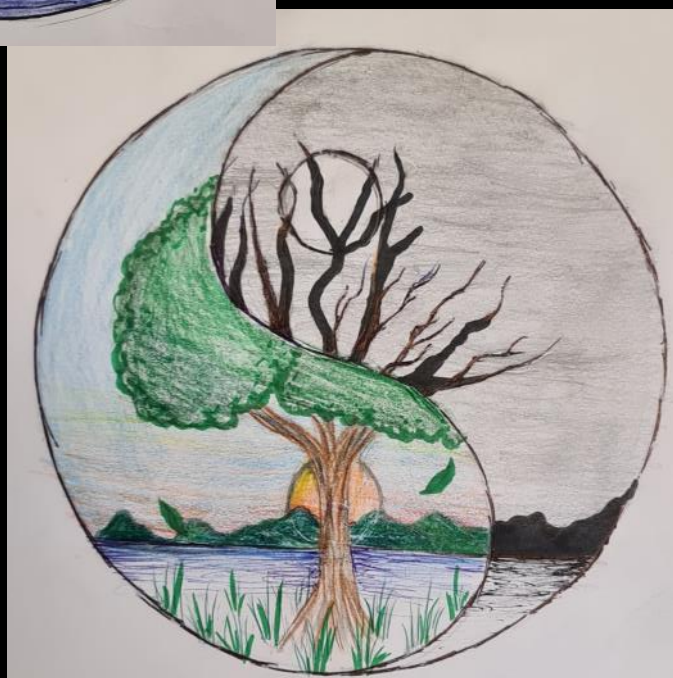
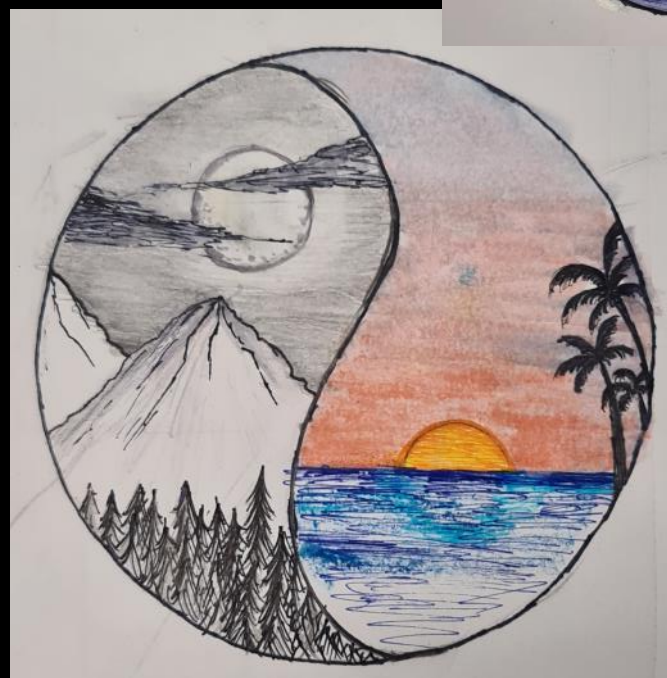
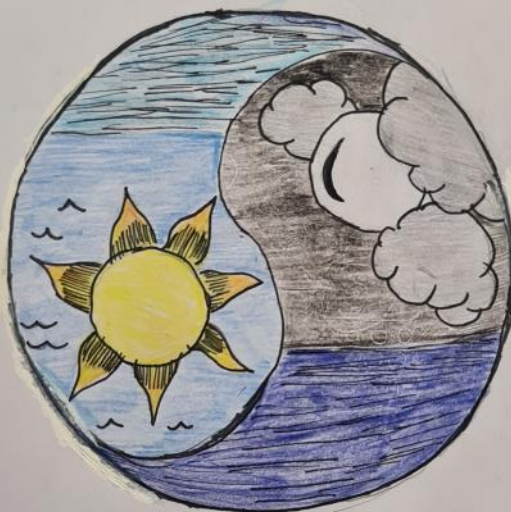
Siena Smith



Joe Lin



Siena Wight



Lara Mannell

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Writers' Corner

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Stage Three has started a unit of writing for different purposes. Their current piece is a synopsis or blurb for a movie. Featured this week is Ariel's blurb for the fourth movie in the Indiana Jones series—**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**, released in 2008.

Indiana Jones Blurb

According to myths and legends, a crystal skull was stolen from an Amazonian city. This city was made of solid gold. For our hero, Indiana Jones, to obtain the skull he must team up with allies and fight villains.

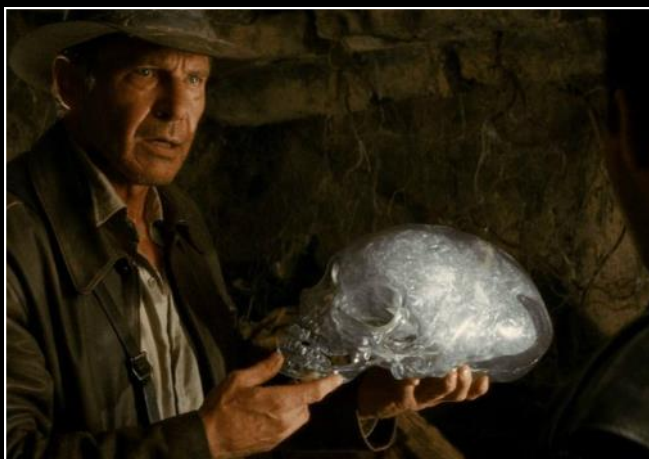
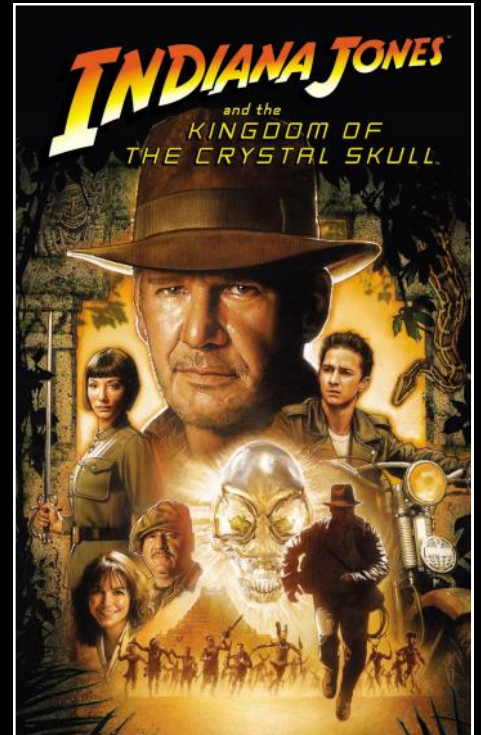
The story takes us on a roller coaster of action — through spooky, skeletal streets slithering with scorpions, to; bombs, booby traps, villains, bazookas and other deadly weapons—not to mention the floods, collapsing walls and motorbike chases.

Harrison Ford has returned as Indiana Jones in a new quest with intriguing leaps and mind blowing escapes.

This is another fantastic movie by Paramount Studios and Lucas Films.

Accompany Jones as he travels across the globe in trucks and planes, all the while escaping deadly situations in his quest to recover the skull—completely normal for Indiana. An army of mercenaries chasing you? How about a villain pointing a crossbow directly at you? Nothing is off limits for these insane characters.

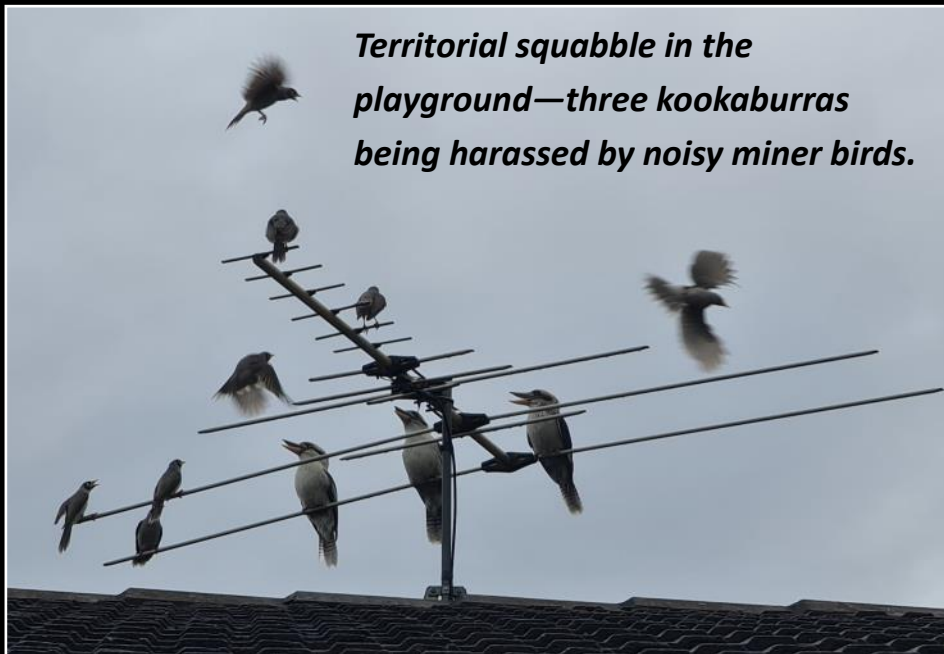
Whoever finds the crystal skull will control its powers. I have only two words for you— **Find it!**



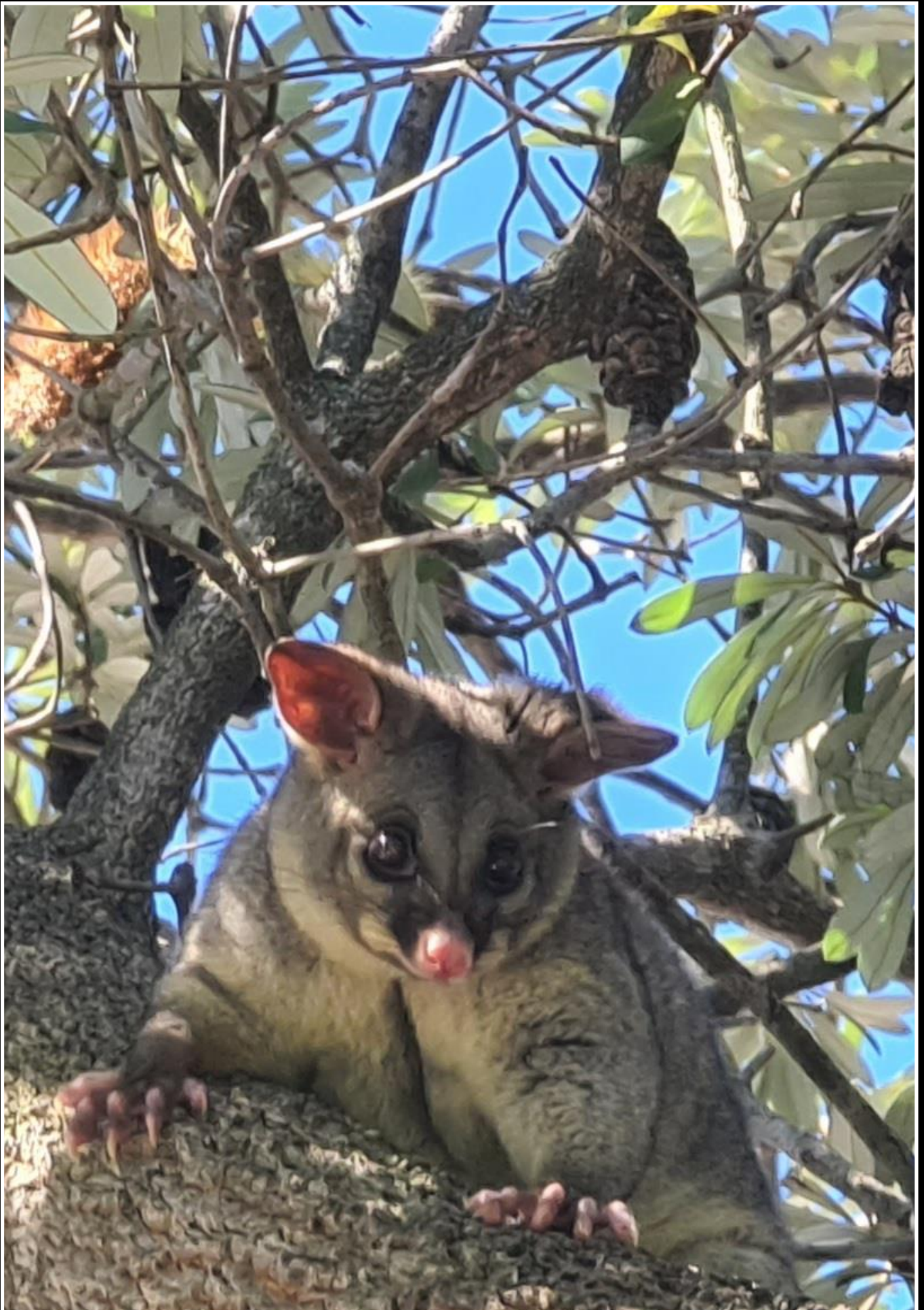
by Ariel
Burns

A Walk Around *Our* School

Take the time to look & appreciate the wonder of nature



Everything has its own beauty but not everyone sees it



A curious possum watching the students walk into class



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

The **expectations** for the coming fortnight are:

School wide: I accept differences and am considerate of others

(Be **RESPECTFUL**)

Classroom: I respect the opinions and ideas of others

(Be **RESPECTFUL**)

Check out the short PBL video our senior students put together demonstrating last fortnight's expectation of "I keep my hands and feet to myself." Well done, Stage 3. (Click on the picture below)



Book Week is coming in **Term 4**.

It's time to start getting your costumes ready!



Overdue library books

Thank you to the families that have returned overdue library books after receiving their notices last week.

If your child has received an overdue notice and you do not have the books at home please return the signed slip to the library so their record can be amended.

CANTEEN REMINDERS!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

- **NOODLE CUPS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CANTEEN IF ORDERED**
- **ICE BLOCKS AND ICY TREATS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CANTEEN FOR RECESS AND LUNCH ORDERS.**
- **RECESS ORDERS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CANTEEN**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME, CLASS AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE CLEARLY ON THE LUNCH BAG.**
- **ONLINE ORDERING IS PREFERRED WHERE APPLICABLE BUT ORDERS CAN STILL BE HANDED IN WITH YOUR CHILD AT CANTEEN.**
- **BREAKFAST ITEMS ARE BREAKFAST ITEMS ONLY. THEY CANNOT BE ORDERED.**

THANKYOU. FRESH START CANTEENS ☺

Learn Music on Keyboard at School

Classes have resumed!

*Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!*



- Convenient at-school venue with additional health & safety measures in place
- Small group, 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially
- Fun introduction to music



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