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## NEWSLETTER

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### National Tree Day



We were pleased to welcome Donna Faragher MLC Member for East Metropolitan Region, Shadow Minister for Education and Training to our school recently for the National Tree Planting Day. Ms Faragher donated a Native Apricot tree and together with our Bushranger Cadets planted the tree in the Senior Area of our school. The cadets will care for the tree and monitor its progress while it grows to maturity.

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you sincerely for your continued support over the past 5 weeks in helping us to maintain the Level 4 guidelines in relation to COVID-19 procedures.

Your assistance in relation to keeping your children at home if they are showing initial signs of illness has also been appreciated.

I realise some of you are concerned about therapists not being granted access to school but I cannot accommodate the requirements related to keeping all concerned, safe. I will be holding meetings with the therapy agencies and parents to outline new guidelines from the Department of Education in relation to therapy provision in school.

This term we have had a number of new enrolments and we are very happy to welcome Harrison Arnold (Rm 1), Reagen Hoang (Rm 3), Tina Hoang (Rm 5), John Prak (Rm 6), Emmanuel Lopez (Rm 10), Peter Hombergen (Rm 10) and Crystal Thae (Rm 10). We wish all of our new families a smooth transition into Gladys Newton School and hope your time with us is happy and valuable.

This week our Bushranger Cadets had a "Big Night In" at school. The students and staff stayed overnight in Rms 16 & 17, tucked up safe and warm. We had a special guest visit early evening, Derek from Yanchep National Park. Derek played the didgeridoo, told us dreamtime stories and shared knowledge about Indigenous culture. The overnight camp was very successful judging by the look on the faces of the students the next morning as they sat happily to breakfast. There will be photos from the camp in the next newsletter in Week 10.



We had a very special tree planting for Teagen recently to commemorate her life with us here at Gladys Newton School. See page 9 for photos.

Wishing you all well for the second half of Term 3.

Kind Regards

GEMMA BOSNJAK  
Principal



A reminder to parents/carers of students aged 12 years and under, this year's Perth Special Children's Christmas Party is being held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at the Perth Convention Centre. If you haven't already returned your slip to school indicating your interest please contact us on 9413 1900 as soon as possible as tickets are limited. Thank you.





Amy Mansell (Stephanie Alexander Garden Co-ordinator) has pleasure in introducing 4 of our newest members to our school. Welcome to our chooks;

Chloe, Izzy, Charlize and  
Noni Honeylegs

This fantastic hen house was purchased from money won by our school in the 2019 National Treasure Christmas Tree Competition together with generous donations from Noni & John Lake.

The Treasure Coop is airy with a long run for the sunny days and it has a cosy retreat for the hens to lay their eggs and shelter from the wind and rain. They have already laid dozens of eggs which means they must be happy in their new house. The eggs will be used by the students in the Stephanie Alexander cooking program.



The students are very excited about our chooks and are very keen to visit the coop to check for eggs and to help out with the feeding when they can. Thank you to Amy and all of the staff involved in organising this new addition to our school.





This semester, Room 2 students started with a new theme.

Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories







Dreamtime

Stories



So far we've enjoyed getting our creative juices flowing and we have made boomerangs, rain sticks and a huge rainbow snake. We love listening to the Dreamtime stories and learning about Aboriginal culture.





# GNS PLANT A TREE DAY

We were busy in Week Two for **National Plant a Tree Day**. We had a special visitor, Donna Faragher, MLC come in and plant a tree in our bush tucker garden. The following day, all cadet students and staff worked together as a team to plant trees and flowers around our senior nature playground and our bike shed. Well done! The areas look amazing!





# BUSH RANGER CADET INCURSIONS

So far this term, we have had the pleasure of having Education By Nature come into the school and work with cadet students and staff in the fun and engaging incursions; Wilderness Games and Flag Making. We are looking forward to more incursions for the remainder of the term!





# Learning is fun in Room 1



Finn exploring with shaving cream.



Ilham writing numbers.



Harrison on the Bike track.



Raffael playing with slime.



James creating art using foam.



Tarnie learning about letters.



Octavious making a stick picture.





# Teagen's Tree



In celebration of Teagen's life we invited mum, Kristy and sister, Courtney to plant a tree at school. A Native Pansy was chosen and together with our Bushranger Cadet Team Leaders, they planted the tree near the Junior area. When fully grown the tree will have beautiful pink flowers. Teagen, forever in our hearts.





Harleen knows the right way to practise good hygiene



Ndalo and Hristijan enjoying making music on the old piano



John delivering an important message to Andrzej

# R O O M 12



Jenifer experimenting with cause and effect



Mia being supported by Danielle and Sarah during her physical education session



Aya fine tuning her motor skills with threading



# ROOM 3



Room 3 have loved listening and playing music with our music teacher, Chelsea, a University student from WAPPA. Chelsea plays the guitar and the children love listening to their favourite songs played by Chelsea. The children love to pick their own instruments and join in playing with Chelsea. We even had a turn at playing the big drum, it was so much fun! Our favourite song is "Shake it off" by Taylor Swift.







# TERM PLANNER – Term 3, 2020

Weeks & Assembly	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS	FRI.
Wk 1 ADMIN	20th July Pupil Free P.D. Day	21st July Students Return	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	23rd July	24th July
Wk 2 Rm 3	27th July	28 <sup>th</sup> July	29 <sup>th</sup> July CADETS Plant a Tree Day	30 <sup>th</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> July
Wk 3 Rm 1	3rd August	4 <sup>th</sup> August	5 <sup>th</sup> August CADETS INCURSION	6 <sup>th</sup> August	7 <sup>th</sup> August
Wk 4 Rm 4	10 <sup>th</sup> August	11 <sup>th</sup> August	12 <sup>th</sup> August CADETS INCURSION	13 <sup>th</sup> August	14 <sup>th</sup> August
Wk 5 Rm 2	17 <sup>th</sup> August	18 <sup>th</sup> August CADETS Big Night In	19 <sup>th</sup> August P&C Mtg	20 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> August
Wk 6 Rm 7	24 <sup>th</sup> August	25 <sup>th</sup> August THERAPY PROVIDERS MEETING 2PM	26 <sup>th</sup> August SCHOOL BOARD MTG CADETS INCURSION	27 <sup>th</sup> August	28 <sup>th</sup> August
Wk 7 Rm 10	31 <sup>st</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept CADETS INCURSION	3rd Sept	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Wk 8 Rm 12	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept PARENT THERAPY SERVICES MEETING 1.30PM	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept CADETS INCURSION	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept R U OK DAY?	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Wk 9 Rm 14	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept  SCHOOL PHOTO	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept CADETS INCURSION P&C Mtg	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept PIRATE DAY	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Wk 10 ADMIN	21st Sept	22nd Sept	23rd Sept	24th Sept	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept LAST DAY TERM 3