



Kookaburra Gazette



Principal's Message

Congratulations to all of our year 6 students who attended a Writing and Sports Workshop at Port Hacking High School on Monday 9th March. The feedback from all staff and students was very positive and we thank Port Hacking High School teachers for their organisation and also Ms. McMillan for accompanying our year 6 students.

We continue to develop our strong links with PHHS with Mrs Metros also working on a program with a group of year 9 English students. Mrs Metros recently ran a training day for the students, who will now be tutors in our K-6 Reading Fluency Program.

Our K-6 Reading Fluency Program is now in its fourth year and we are so excited to be able to run it again in 2020.

Special congratulations also go out to the following Miranda Public School students who have recently been selected in zone sporting Teams :

Basketball- Ren A & Kody W

Rugby League- Harlem S

Soccer- Brock F

CALENDAR

18 March - Harmony Day
24 March - School Photos
30 March - Senior Choir
1/2 day rehearsal
1 April - Combined
Scripture Assembly
2 April - Cross Country
3 April—Junior Choir 1/2
day rehearsal
9 April - Easter Hat Parade

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held on 12th-22nd of May for students in Years 3 and 5. Please do not plan holidays or appointments for students on these days.

Students in years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN Online readiness tests during week 9 Term 1. These are practical tests to make sure that all systems are up and ready to go for the dates in May.



Harmony Day Food Festival



Harmony Day & International Food Festival

We are very excited about our Harmony Day celebration next week and are looking forward to seeing lots of our families and friends attend this event.

When: Wednesday 18th March

Time: 4:00pm- 6.30pm

Where: School Hall (K-2 site)

Families can participate in :

- * Multicultural games and activities coordinated by our teaching staff from 4:00pm.
- * Performances at 4:45pm
- * Dinner from 5pm.

What to wear: cultural/traditional clothing (optional)

What to bring: a plate/pot/platter of food to share with the community, a picnic blanket, eating utensils and plates for your family.

Food is to be delivered to the hall on the K – 2 site from 4pm. **Please remember that all food MUST contain a list of ingredients, due to persons who may have allergies or dietary requirements.**

Sharing of food will begin at 5:00pm. We ask that students be supervised by a parent/adult when collecting food for hygiene purposes. Food will be served by supervising school staff, in the hall.

Your P & C will be selling drinks for \$2 each and Glow sticks for \$1 each.

Please note:

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Students are to go home at the end of the school day before returning to the festival at 4pm with their families.

High Importance: In accordance with current NSW Department of Education guidelines, we ask the school community to give due consideration before taking part in school events, if any family members or persons currently residing with your family, have been sick or unwell recently.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to a great community evening!



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School Arrival and pick up times

Unfortunately we continue to have a number of students arriving at school prior to 8:40am, who are not accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Official school playground supervision begins is 8:40am.

Prior to 8:40am there is no teacher on duty and any students on the playground must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Any students arriving to school after 9:10am must be accompanied by an adult at the office area, to explain the reason for their absence.

Students finish school at 3:10pm. If you are running late or unable to make the 3:10 collection, please notify the office so alternate arrangements can be made and your child/children can be notified.

Primary Ethics



I am very pleased to announce that we will welcome our 4th Primary Ethics volunteer to the school next Term. With our fourth volunteer trained and joining the Primary Ethics team, we will have Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 Ethics classes running each Wednesday morning, from week 1 Term 2.

Year 6 EOI Year 7 2021 Forms

All year 6 Students received their EOI 2021 High School forms yesterday.

All Forms are to be returned back to school no later than March 20th.

Updated Information - Novel Coronavirus (COVID - 19) - March 2020

All NSW Department of Education schools, are regularly updated on procedures regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The latest update is included in this newsletter.

Also included is some information on healthy school practices.

Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

Information has been sent home with students today regarding the correct procedures to follow, if you wish to make an online appointment for a Parent Teacher Interview.

Interview bookings will open online Tuesday 17th March.

Breakfast Club Donations

Thank You to all the families who have donated products to our school Breakfast Club. If you still wish to donate, the following items were in short supply: Long-life milk, sugar free apple juice, honey and sultanas.

Breakfast Club K-2 COLA OPEN : Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.40-9am.



LIM Assembly 17th March



A reminder that our term one Leader In Me assembly will take place next Tuesday 17th March at 9.30am. Students K-6, who have earned a Principal's award this term, will also be receiving their awards at this assembly.

Easter Egg Donations

Thankyou to the generous donations of Easter Eggs that have already started to come into school. Our Torch Team will once again be organising our very popular Easter Raffle, so all donations are VERY, VERY welcome.



2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge



PRC Student Site

The PRC student site is available again this year! Students can search for books to read, add books to their reading logs, and track their progress throughout the challenge. The website is currently being updated and will be available for students when the challenge opens on March 2. You can find the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/studentExperience.html#/> and there is a [useful help video available](#) to demonstrate how the site works.

Mrs Leavold will guide Primary students interested in completing the 2020 **Premier's Reading Challenge** - **registrations start next week for Yr 3-6 students. All K-2 student will participate at school** - challenge books will be read during library visits.

CLASS LIBRARY DAYS

Please bring your library bag to school and borrow weekly.

- TUESDAY – KJ, K/1S, 2/3R, 4/5B
- THURSDAY – K/6C, 1/2W, 3/4A, 5/6C, 5/6M
- FRIDAY – 1/2G, 3/4W, K/6K, K/6S



Miranda P & C AGM

The AGM for the P and C will take place on Thursday 2nd April 7pm at Tradies, 57 Manchester Road Gynea, in the Members lounge. We are keen to meet and welcome new parents to the school, particularly those who are interested in joining our hardworking and dedicated P & C.

Narelle Chaplin
Relieving Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Annabelle - 1/2W
Alessandro - 3/4W
Levi P-S—5/6C

Coronavirus (COVID -19)

Information for parents and carers to support children and young people

How you can support your child

It is perfectly normal for children to have questions about events that are covered in the media, such as the information currently being distributed about COVID-19. Children look to the significant adults in their lives for guidance on how to manage their reactions and you can help your child by remaining calm and reassuring them.

There is a common misunderstanding that talking with your child about a topic such as COVID-19 may increase their anxiety. This is not the case. It is important to listen to your child and answer their questions as honestly as possible and correct any misunderstandings. This will help them feel informed and understand what is happening.

Keeping up to date with the facts from reliable sources will help keep conversations calm, considered, and constructive. Provide information in words that are appropriate to the age of your child.

Children can be distressed by hearing repeated stories so monitor how much your child is being exposed to television and social media and encourage them to talk to you about what they are seeing and hearing.

Some practical advice

Some practical advice for your child includes reminding them to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze (coughing into their elbow is a useful strategy), keep their hands clean by washing them regularly with soap and water, and avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth before washing their hands. These are easy habits for children to adopt, and should help them feel as though they're able to exert some control over their circumstances.

If your child must stay at home, it is important for your child to maintain a healthy lifestyle including proper diet, sleep, and social contact at home and by email and phone with family and friends

Communication is important

- read [the department's response to COVID-19](#) for current information
- read any information sent home by the school.
- contact the school if your child becomes unwell.

Where to get help

Contact the school if you are concerned about your child's wellbeing to discuss the most appropriate support. Support is also available through a number of agencies and community organisations. Parents and carers can:

- call the National Coronavirus Health Information line (1800 020 080)
- review the [NSW Health](#) COVID-19 website for the latest information and advice
- obtain help and information from the local General Practitioner or Community Health Centre

If you would like additional support, the following services are available

- The school counselling service
- Kids Helpline – 1800 55 1800 – [kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- Headspace – 1800 650 890 – [ehespace.org.au](https://www.headspace.org.au)
- Parent Helpline – 1300 1300 52
- Beyond Blue – 1300 22 4636
- Lifeline – 13 11 14



HAND WASHING!

Cough etiquette

Cover your cough



- When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth
- Dispose of the tissue afterwards
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Wash your hands



- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hands with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand cleansers if you do not have access to soap and water

Remember hand washing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

Anyone with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, regardless of the cause, should be instructed to cover their nose/mouth when coughing or sneezing; use tissues to contain respiratory secretions; dispose of tissues in the nearest waste receptacle after use; and wash their hands afterwards.



Health

How to Handrub?

RUB HANDS FOR HAND HYGIENE! WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED



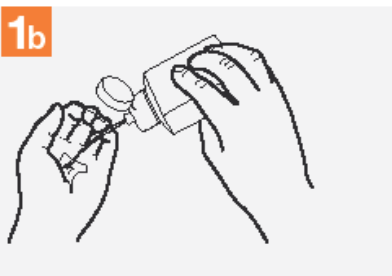
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Apply a palmful of the product in a cupped hand, covering all surfaces;

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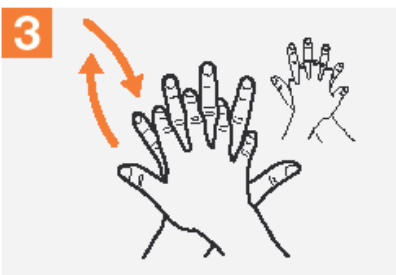


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Rub hands palm to palm;

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Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;

4



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;

5



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;

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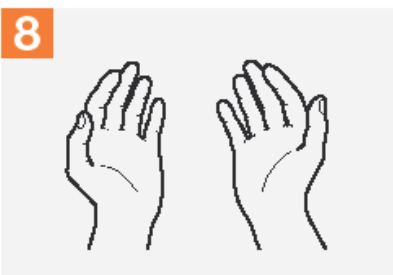
Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;

7



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;

8



Once dry, your hands are safe.



Patient Safety

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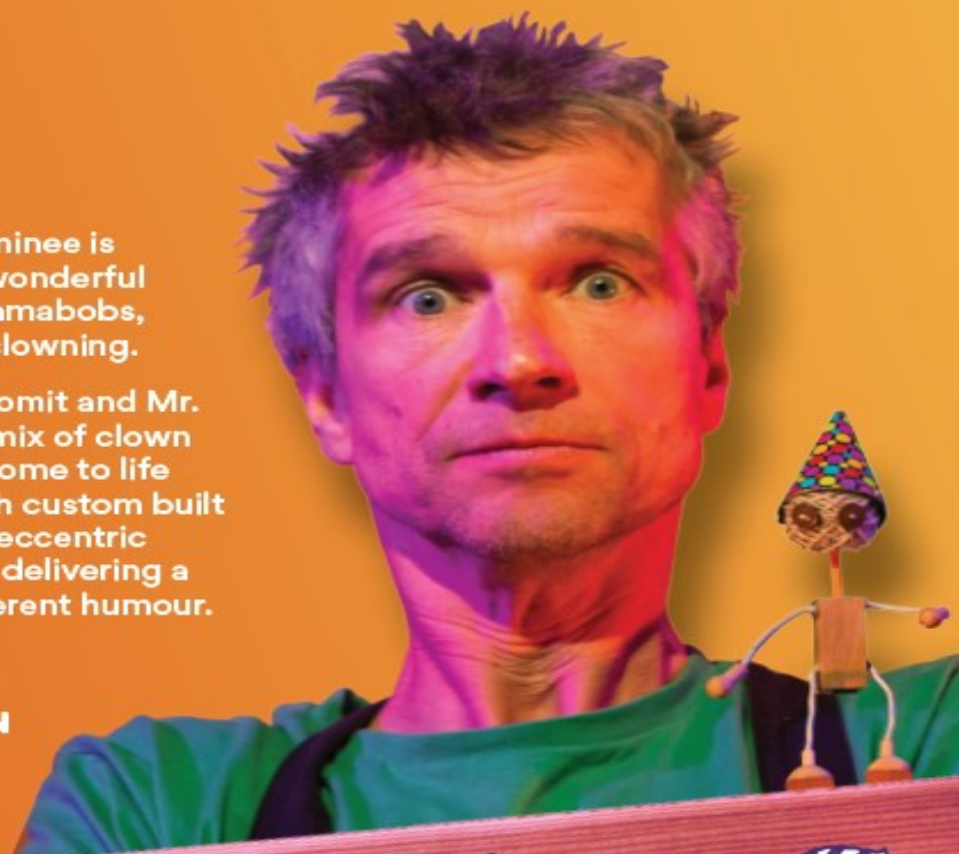
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Adelaide Fringe Award Nominee is coming to Sutherland with his wonderful family show full of wacky thingamabobs, naughty puppets and madcap clowning.

With a touch of Wallace and Gromit and Mr. Bean, LOOSE ENDS is a quirky mix of clown powered theatre, objects that come to life and tinker experience, filled with custom built contraptions. It takes you to an eccentric world full of constant surprises, delivering a heartfelt story with lots of irreverent humour.

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BRISBANE KIDS



LOOSE ENDS

WHERE NAUGHTY PUPPETS MEET WACKY CONTRAPTIONS



THURSDAY 23 APRIL, 11.30AM
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