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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello all and welcome to our week four newsletter. I would just like to start by saying thank-you to all of the members of our school community who have come forward and commended the school on our new initiatives and agendas. To hear such positive feedback and that our school community is seeing and noting these changes, is very uplifting. We, as a staff, have made a commitment to value high standards and expectations and to do our utmost to ensure that each and every child is learning and growing at Urangan Point State School. It sounds like we are well on the way to achieving just that!

### World Teachers Day

Last week we celebrated World Teachers Day. This is a day for us, as a school, to acknowledge the tireless efforts and commitment of all our teachers. I have said many times and I will continue to say, that Urangan Point State School has exceptional teachers and, as parents, you are very lucky to know that your child/children are in the hands of these brilliant professionals.

### Prep 2019

Remember to spread the word that we are taking prep enrolments for 2019. If you know of any prospective parents or are a prospective parent yourself, come on into the office and collect an enrolment form. If you have already collected your enrolment forms, then please drop them back as soon as possible. Leaving it until the holidays or even until next year, makes it very difficult for us as we need to sort staffing, support, furniture, resources as well as timetabling. The sooner enrolment forms are returned, the better.

### Student Free Day

On Monday 22nd October, we met as a whole staff team and began mapping out and discussing our planning for 2019. We spent the day looking at some key initiatives, research, teaching practices and then formulated an action plan outline for how we can take UPSS forward. Some key messages came out of this day and we are now in the planning and preparation stages. Once such action is our work with parents. I am committed to ensuring that every parent in our school knows exactly how we plan to operate in 2019, specifically in the area of reading. As such, I am holding a parent reading workshop where I will discuss our initiatives for 2019 and share with you what it is parents need to know to be informed and aligned with the directions and approaches at our school. Please read on under the following heading for more information.

## **Parent Reading Workshop**

On Monday 19th November (week 7) from 2-3pm, I will holding a parent reading workshop. The workshop will be held in the library. Specifically, the workshop will focus on:

- The bigger picture for our school moving forward.
- Why reading is our top priority.
- How reading will be taught in 2019.
- What are the expected benchmarks for children at each year level and what they actually mean.
- What you can do at home to assist with your child's reading.

## **Nangarim Gabu**

Our Indigenous Boys Dreaming Program has been running for two weeks now. Week one saw the boys undertake a smoking ceremony to cleanse them and to signify a new beginning. Week two focused on the boys learning "Who's your mob." A big thank-you to all of our parents and volunteers, community members and staff who are helping with the running of this program.

## **2019 Classes**

As is always the case, I know people are beginning to think about 2019. With our current unpredictability around enrolment numbers, we cannot begin to plan our class structures and teacher arrangements, just yet. As soon as we can do this, we will let you know. So please, keep an eye out for more.

## **Report Cards**

Report card season is now upon us. Assessment and marking, reporting and grading is beginning as we speak. We intend to have report cards out by the last week of term. With this, I must also remind you about the importance of ensuring adequate attendance at this time of year. Every Day Counts!

Have a great fortnight.

# AWARD WINNERS

## Academic and Behaviour Weekly Class Awards

### Week 3 - Junior Parade



### Week 3 - Senior Parade



**Week 4 - Junior Parade**



**Week 4 - Senior Parade**



Week 3



Week 4



## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### CONGRATULATIONS SETH!!



12 & Under	FINAL RESULTS		QUALIFIER 1 PIZZEY SKATEPARK		DATE: 21/10/2018	
Competitors Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Best Run	Points	Result	Place
Zack	270	273	273	30	1st	1
Luke	255	271	271	25	2nd	2
Kaidyn	257	250	257	21	3rd	3
Jack	246	235	246	18	4th	4
Kobi	230	240	240	16	5th	5
Rory	239	235	239	15	6th	6
Daniel	206	206	206	14	7th	7
Seth Clarke	206	197	206	13	8th	8

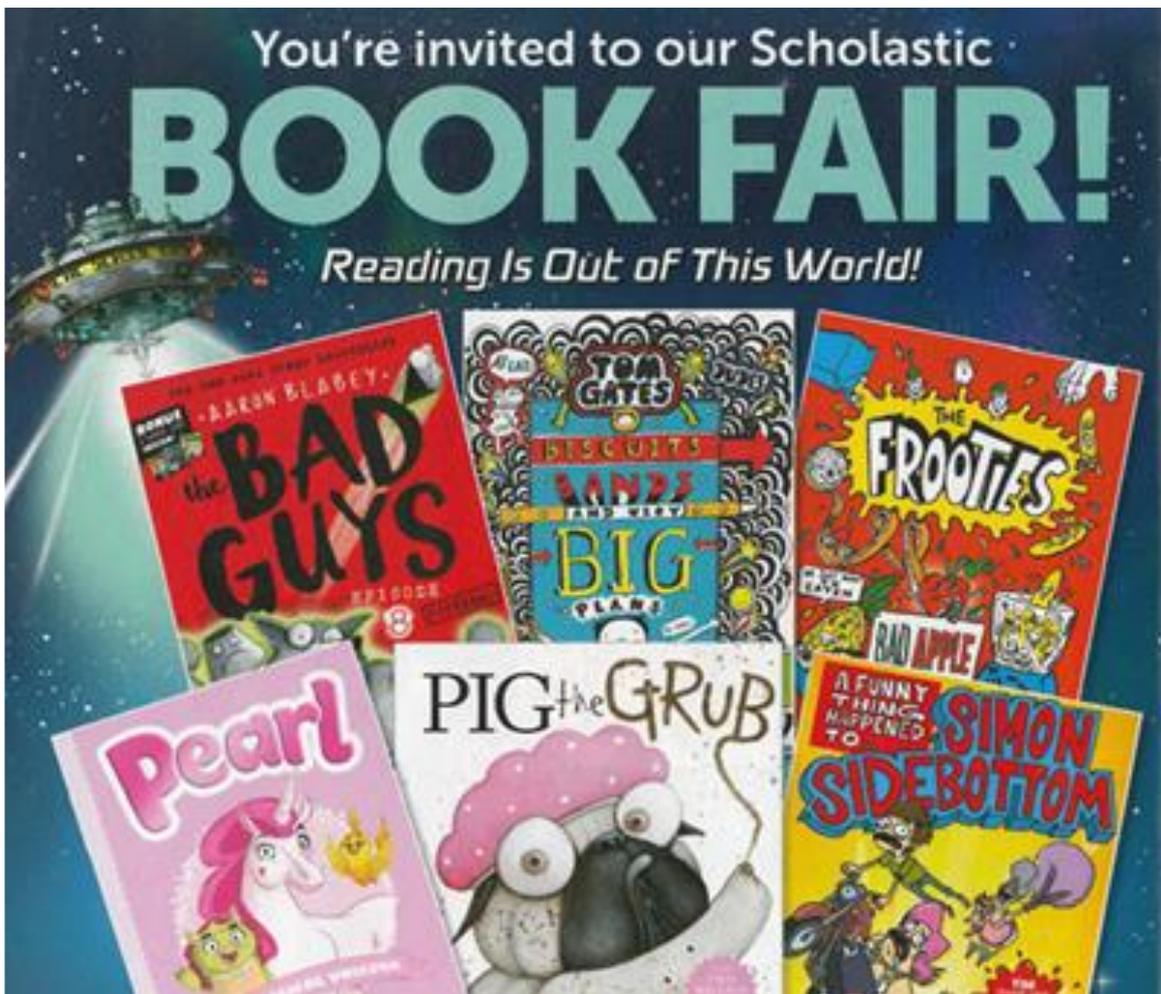
Last weekend, Seth Clarke participated in Australasian Scooter Association qualifier event at Pizzezy Park on the Gold Coast. He did extremely well for his first time and came out at 8th Place for Qld Under 12 Boys. Well done Seth!!

### MILLER STREET BUS ZONE

The Miller Street bus zone outside admin was extended over the holidays.

One car park has been incorporated into the bus zone and signage and yellow line-marking was changed.

Please be aware that Main Roads do patrol the area and will photograph cars parked illegally and send infringement notices in the mail.



## UPSS BOOK FAIR

When: Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 November  
Where: In the LIBRARY  
Times: 8:00am to 8:50am every day  
First Break – Wednesday to Friday  
3:00pm to 4:00pm every day

Parents are also welcome to browse/shop while their children are in class from 8:50am to 9:30am or from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

This is a great opportunity to purchase books for your children, or maybe something special for Christmas presents. A promotional brochure, displaying a sample of what will be available, was distributed to every student earlier this week

We will be having our special prize draws again this year with free entry for purchases \$10 and over.

We look forward to your support at this fundraising event for our school.

Cathy Fowler  
Teacher Librarian

## SCHOOL SHIRTS

We are looking for donations of larger size second hand school shirts that your children may have outgrown. If you are able to help, please drop them in at the school office.

## NEWS FROM 2AC

2AC have been exploring a variety of stories in picture books to learn about how using plot and characterisation can entertain and engage an audience. We have been focussing on how to write an imaginative event to a familiar story. Recently, we read 'The Little Toy Boat', and then wrote our own events. We also created images to match the text using the Tux Paint program on the computers. Here are some examples of our first attempts:

The little boat was all alone when suddenly it heard loud thunder and lightning. The dark, rough, wild waves made the little boat flip and dip furiously. Elijah

The little boat was all alone, when suddenly an octopus came out of nowhere and spread ink all over the little boat. The little boat quickly swam away but bumped into a ginormous fish who wanted to eat him! Pauline

The little boat was all alone, when suddenly a witch came down from the sky! She shot at the boat with her wand and the little boat sunk to the bottom of the sea. Tyler

The little boat was all alone, when suddenly a stingray appeared on the surface of the ocean. It offered the little boat a ride! The little boat agreed and was soon on the back of the stingray heading back to shore. Rosie r

The little boat was all alone, when suddenly a humungous octopus came along. It tried to wrap the boat in its tentacles but the little boat swam away across the sea. Incredibly, it then got struck by a lightning bolt and sunk to the bottom of the sea. Mason

The little boat was all alone, when suddenly a raging wave came along and sunk the boat. The little boat sunk to the bottom and found Dory, Nemo and Marlen partying on the seabed. Riley

2AC and Mrs Allen/Mrs Chamberlain

## NEWS FROM 2R

It certainly has been an exciting start to this term with the introduction of our new passports, which we are really enjoying. Most of us have hardly missed a stamp and we are trying so hard to bring back our library books on time!

We thoroughly enjoyed the Fun Run last Friday and thank Mrs Hatch and the Yr6 helpers along with the Student Council who helped to organise such a fun event. Now we are all checking each day to see if our allotted prizes will be there! We are all remembering to bring our sponsor books in after we have collected our money.

Totalling up those "I've been spotted red cards" and look forward to hearing about all the great shopping we will be able to do next Friday. So most of us are travelling on a very positive pathway with our PBL ideas. We often have acts of kindness for one another and we certainly are adding up our class points towards a class choice activity when we reach our goal.

Many of us have had some great reading successes and a few of us have achieved more than we ever could have expected and we are very proud. Continuing to read every night for 20 minutes as listed in our homework, will foster a greater love for reading and show marked improvement overall.

Year 2R are trialling an inquisitive learning approach in our new science studies – Caring for our Resources and our slant on that "The Wonders of Water". So far, in our student-directed learning tasks, Jonathan has marvelled with his group about the microbe and using eyedroppers we made perfect raindrops, that when enough were made, we could see falling rain. Samara, Charlie, Ariana, Willow and Taityn also headed up their reading research on the importance of clean water and the uses of our

different types of teeth. Did you know that adults have 32 teeth? Each student pair taught another student from their reading and then presented their learner with a toothpaste kit donated by Colgate.

We are also learning about fresh-water animals and their habitats including caring for our reef. How does water change shape to fit a space? We also practised filling a standard measure to compare the capacity of other containers.

We look forward to continuing being curious learners and sharing creative ways to learn!

2R students and Mrs Rutledge

## **P&C NEWS**

As the year winds down, there are still plenty of things the P&C are involved in. We will need help in some of these ventures so please watch this space.

Position available: Is there anyone interested in being the Student Banking Coordinator for 2019. This is a volunteer job and once the initial things have been implemented, should only take maybe 1 hour a week.