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Term 3 - Week 9

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

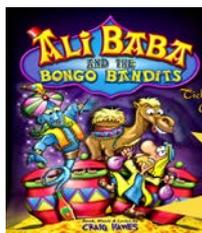


Social Cohesion Project to hit the Big Screen

Last week a select group of our senior students had the opportunity to participate in a special project supported by the Premier's Fund for Social Cohesion. This program was delivered by 3 Bridges Community Youth Services and gave our students the opportunity to present their opinions, thoughts and beliefs about how the many cultures and religions in the St. George community integrate. Through a series of fun activities and forums the students were able to share their views. This session will be part of documentary of the project and will be screened as a community event at Hurstville Event Cinemas in late November or Early December. The facilitators of the workshop were extremely impressed with our students and the articulate manner in which they presented their ideas. ***"The points raised and discussed were really insightful, the students were so engaged and were a pleasure to work with - I felt it was a really successful session."*** This was just some of the wonderful feedback provided by the project co-ordinator Ruth.

Gearing Up for Musical

Our students and staff have been working very hard in preparation for our biannual school musical which will take place in early Term Four. Over the next



few weeks we will be forwarding home a costuming note outlining what costume your child will be required to wear for this performance and details about purchasing tickets for the show. To make things easier for parents and to ensure consistency in the staging of our production, the school has organised the purchasing of all costumes. You can help support our efforts with a prompt return of the note and costume payment. This year's production promises to be an exciting and memorable one, so keep an eye for the update notes and mark the date on your calendar, so you will not miss out.

Deadly Kids Awards

Last Friday I was extremely proud to attend the Deadly Kids Awards at the University of Technology Sydney to watch Mikala M. of 3-6D receive a special award. This award is an acknowledgment of Mikala's efforts and achievements at school and was part of the recognition of Indigenous students in the Sydney region. The term "deadly" in Aboriginal English means doing well, achieving and/or talented.



Congratulations Mikala, we are all very proud of you.

Final Thought

Opportunities are disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognise them.

Mr Lindsay
Principal



What's On

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 28th September

Stage 1 Excursion to Bonnie Vale

Friday 28th September

Last Day of Term 3

Monday 15th October

First Day of Term 4

Assembly Awards

The following students have been consistently displaying the values of our school.

They are to be commended for their effort.

KDW	Batoul C Sarah M Eve E
K-2M	Mehar M Aleksander V Mackenzie P Hussein S
1L	Christian O Maisy S Aya A Jade E Serine E
1H	Zahraa H Fatimah S Ayah D Kawthar A Laila K
2I	Abbas B Aliyana K Mohammed E Iveel T Lachlan M
2M	Jimmy S

	Fatima F Zaynab F Lana J Anand M
2-3A	Maria C Paul I Dylan C Declan L
3-5K	Batoul C Evan B Nour F Batoul C
3K	Olivia E Baotul M
3W	Mourtatha K Ganjiguur P Celeste E Mariam M
3-6D	Hassan H Mikala M Wundarra M Chloe Z Peter D
4BP	Zainab I Khuslen N Yasmina H
4H	Younes C Hussein S Mohammad I Hadi E
5A	Hassan M Hussein B Ali E
5/6L	Farah I Ali O Abbas S Hassan H
6CS	Zeinab D Mohamed M Zeinab S Zahraa S Muhammad-Ali M Misheel Z Mohammed E Ali F

Behaviour Awards

Bronze, Silver and Gold awards are presented to students who have exhibited exemplary behaviour. Students earn ACES towards achieving one of these awards for consistent behaviour that follows the class and school rules.

Bronze

KDW	Eve E Maya Z Amy E Tyler L Ruqayya S
K-2M	Mehar M Abrar B Hussein S Mackenzie P
1L	Tamir T Maisy S Maryam H Christian O Hassan D Ali A
2M	Archie H
3K	Kassem H
4BP	Fathel H
4H	Nadine A Nour C Nour F Zeinab F Mimi F Roukaya H Kadeeja K Maya L Bethany M Nandin O Rayaan R Mahdi B Younes C Hadi E Hassan E Mohammad I Mohamed F Albert J Hassan M Ralph S

Ali S
Hussein S
Royce S

Silver

KDW	Batoul C Sarah M Adam K Hussein S Elissa S Maya D Ali K Madlean M Ali S Nafees T Jaybe I Maryam A Zahraa K Hassan C Hadi F Abbas K
1L	Soukayna C Aya A Rui-Ting Z Roukaya F Serine E Elaaf E Hassan S Mackenzie L Rayan N Jazelle F Idris Z Jade E
K-2M	Samit T
2I	Gadeer N Hassan F Kynan E Malak A
2M	Fatima F Mohamed K Hussein M Ayah O Ali C Jalinyba W
2-3A	Maria C Jesse I Muhammad U

	Kodi S Declan L Dylan C Shertam Paul I
3K	Olivia E Fatima A Batoul M Ayah F Zahraa T Rana Rayan F Tommy C Hanin N Anu B Gabriella K
3W	Janneth S Haidar H Ali S Shaheer T Mariam M Fatima S Ayah S Ignacy P Temka A Mourtatha K Shema U
4BP	Alexander W Joelle A Khuslen N Yasmina H
4H	Mimi F Nour C Zeinab F Roukaya H Bethany M Nandin O Rayaan R Younes C Mohammad I Hassan M
5/6L	Fatimah K Moustapha K Yasmine M Ali O River K
6CS	Radwan S Bilal H

	Hassan Z Fatima A Muhammad-Ali
Gold	
2M	Zaynab F Zaynab K Jimmy S
3W	Celeste E Azjargal B
4BP	Aimen T Malak C
5/6L	Uyanga O Rianne H

5/6L Buddy Reading with Arncliffe West

The Year 5 students in 5/6L have had the privilege of walking down to Arncliffe West Infants School and reading with the Year 2 students.

This is our ongoing commitment to building

partnerships with local schools and the community. It also aims to ease the transition of Year 2 students from Arncliffe West who will be joining Athelstane in 2019. The students have an opportunity to read quality texts and discuss them.



Uniform

We all take pride in being part of the Athelstane community. This extends itself to wearing our school uniform with pride. Except for sports day, students are expected to wear full school uniform

(this includes black shoes). Blue sports jackets are only worn on sports days.

Premier's Spelling Bee 2018

On Monday 10th September, 4 students from Athelstane competed in the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee at Wilkins Public School. Alexander W, Fatimah S, Hassan F and Hassan H proudly represented the school and did very well to get through several rounds. Well done to our champion spellers.



Athelstane head to Zone Athletics Carnivals

A huge congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnivals that were held over two weeks. To get to this level means that these students were the best for their age and event. What an achievement! Let's celebrate our success. Athelstane students were complimented for their team spirit and their sportsmanship. In particular, Abbas Kd (6CS) was a standout for sportsmanship as he stopped during his race to help another injured athlete on the track. Congratulations Abbas and to the whole Athelstane Athletics Zone team.

Returning of Notes and Payments

We appreciate that many parents are quick to return notes and money in a timely manner. On all our notes, it is indicated which is the last day that notes and payments will be taken. On some occasions, students miss out on going on excursions or incursions because they have missed the cut-off date.

We encourage ALL families to take note of these dates as we would hate for students to miss out simply because the cut-off date was overlooked.

Book Week 2018

Our school came together to celebrate Book Week. Both students and teachers embraced the day, dressing up as their favourite book characters. Two events were the highlights of the day. Students engaged in buddy reading with their peers from a different grade and of course the parade where each class got to showcase their book characters.

Did you notice there were children that looked too young to be at school? Arncliffe Preschool joined us for a special book reading in the library and then strutted their stuff in their dress-ups as part of our parade.



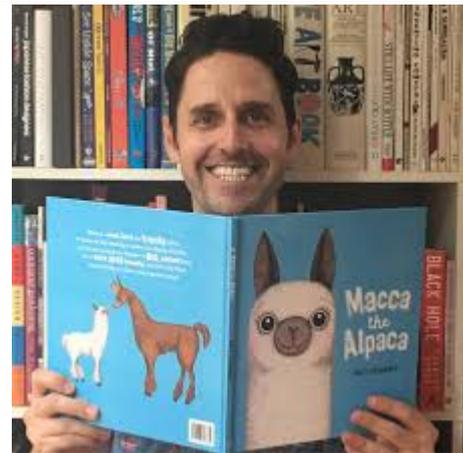
Author Matt Cosgrove Inspires Athelstane Students

On Wednesday 29th August, we had the great pleasure of welcoming author/illustrator Matt Cosgrove to Athelstane Public School for our 2018 Book Week celebrations. Matt was an engaging and entertaining speaker who was instrumental in getting our students excited about their own reading, writing and drawing. Younger students were treated to three book readings, including an exclusive look at an advance copy of *Macca's Christmas Crackers* due out this Christmas. How exciting to be the first readers of this book!

We learnt that Matt's story ideas come from many different places and people and that he then uses his imagination to elevate each story, turning it into something unique. We watched as Matt's pen flew across the page, creating his amazing illustrations which have been gifted to Athelstane as a very special treasure. It was so wonderful to see our students start to create their own stories and characters having been inspired by Matt's talk.

Thank you to all students and staff for their help in creating our beautiful Book Tree, for all the colourful Alpacas and Maracas for our displays, and to our Stage 3 students for the beautiful card they made for Matt.

Mrs Crisafulli
Teacher Librarian



Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is LIVE! We would like to know parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. This feedback will be valuable in moving forward as a school.

Your feedback is completely confidential, anonymous and you cannot be identified. So have your say. You can complete it on your smartphone, tablet, iPad or computer.

Go to:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/athelstane2018>



Is Your Child Starting Kindergarten in 2019?

If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten next year, now is the time to come to the office and request an enrolment form.



This week in Occupational Therapy

So far this term, we have focused on developing our coordination skills and have seen some fabulous improvements in K-2. We have learnt three types of star jumps which are all slightly different, but require both sides of the body to move at the same time whilst performing different tasks. This is a skill known as **bilateral coordination**, and is very important for students of all ages.

Why is bilateral coordination important?

Bilateral coordination is important because so many movements and actions require the use of both hands and/or feet e.g:

- Walking and running
- Walking up and down stairs
- Ball skills – throwing, catching and kicking
- Cutting (one hand stabilises the paper and the other cuts with the scissors).
- Stabilising the paper with one hand whilst writing with the other.

This week's activities

Students were asked to say the letters 'X' and 'I' as they jumped to help them remember how to make

their bodies look. At first bodies were moving too fast and not at the same time, but with more and more practise, most students are able to perform accurate star jumps. So, we've been able to build upon this by varying it up and adding in different movements with the arms moving up and down or out in front and to the side.

What can I do to help my child with bilateral coordination at home?

- Give them plenty of time to play at the park or in the backyard to develop their strength, ball skills and coordination.
- Practice any of these activities requiring bilateral coordination: star jumps, threading, cutting, drawing, ball skills (throwing, catching with both hands etc)

What do I look for?

Notice whether your child has difficulty performing any of the above activities. If they cut with the paper down on the table or have difficulty holding their paper down when writing, it's likely they are having difficulty coordinating both sides of their body. Leave a message with the office if you need any further tips or advice.

Enjoy!

Stephanie Clements
(Occupational Therapist)



Students have been saying 'X' and 'I' to help them remember how to make their bodies look as they do star jumps.

Schoolyard SNAPSHOT

