



OUR CHILDREN

TERM 4 - WEEK 2

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2013

WELCOME to TERM 4!

Staffing changes

1/2G were excited to welcome back **Mrs Maher** (formerly Miss Gorgioski) who married over the holiday break. **1/2N** farewelled Miss N and are now lucky enough to have two teachers: **Miss Radmehr** Monday to Wednesday and **Mrs Kim** (returning from maternity leave) on Thursday and Friday. **Mr Kucuk** will now be teaching Stage 1 reading and ESL groups Monday to Wednesday and JELO groups for Stages 1 and 2 on Thursdays. **Mrs Hockey** will be covering classes on Wednesdays while some teachers are involved in Lesson Study. Over the next three weeks we also have six practicum students from the **University of Western Sydney** — observing and teaching in classrooms. What a great way for them to develop their teaching practice!

Kindy Transition

Our **FREE** six week transition to school program **begins next Thursday 24 October**, for both pre-Kindy children and their parents/caregivers.



Please contact the office for an enrolment form, if you have a child who will be turning 5 on or before 31 July 2014.

Peer Support Program

Our whole school Peer Support Program begins tomorrow afternoon and will continue each Friday until Week 9. This year's focus is **Bullying: We can work it out together**. Each group will be led by two peer support leaders from Years 5 or 6. Have a chat to your child each Friday afternoon this term about what they did in their Peer Support group. *How could they also show this at home?*

NAPLAN

NAPLAN student reports were sent home with students in Years 3 and 5 on Monday. The reports were delayed as the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) identified an error in the placement of the national average marker for the Language Conventions component of the assessment. Please remember that this assessment provides the school and parents/caregivers of a snapshot of your child's level of achievement in reading, spelling, writing and mathematics, at the time of the assessment in May.

'Aussie Animals' Cards



Please do not allow your child to bring 'Aussie Animals' cards to school.

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Term 4 2013

Tuesday 8th October
to
Wednesday 18th December

TERM 4 CALENDAR

P & C Meeting	Tuesday 22nd October
Kindy Transition Session 1	Thursday 24th October
World Teachers Day	Friday 25th October
Kindy Transition Session 2	Thursday 31st October
Specialist Parent Workshop	Friday 1st November
Science Day	Monday 4th November
Kindy Transition Session 3	Thursday 7th November
Gold Badge Assembly	Friday 8th November

CALLING ALL PRESCHOOLERS

Is your child turning 5 on or before 31 July 2014?

ENROL NOW!



P&C MEETING

Will be held on **Tuesday 22nd October** in the Community Room at **9:15 am**. Parents and Friends are most welcome to attend.

Take an active role in your children's education!



SAY NO TO CYBERBULLYING – TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. **Talk** to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address cyberbullying that both of you are comfortable with so your child knows what to expect if they do report their concerns to you.
2. Establish one or two other trusted adults your child is comfortable in approaching about their concerns.
3. Be aware of what your child is doing online and explore it with them.
4. Keep the lines of communication open so your child will be comfortable about talking to you if something is worrying them. Help your child to develop the skills they need to interact safely and respectfully online. Guide their online activities and help them learn to communicate appropriately with friends and family.
5. Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home (and have your child hand over mobile devices at a set time each evening).
6. Discuss the kinds of sites that are ok to explore and those that are not and have clear rules about online activities.

Help your child to block anyone who sends offensive content. Most social networking services allow users to block and report someone who is behaving badly. ***Be aware that most social networking applications are not appropriate for use by children under the age of 16.***



Tips provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Further resources for parents are available at www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx

GEPS—LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

Did you know at GEPS we have a Learning Support Team?



We meet weekly to address students' learning, behavioural, social and emotional needs across K-6.

The team is made up of specialist teachers, school executives and our school counsellor.

If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please speak to their class teacher.

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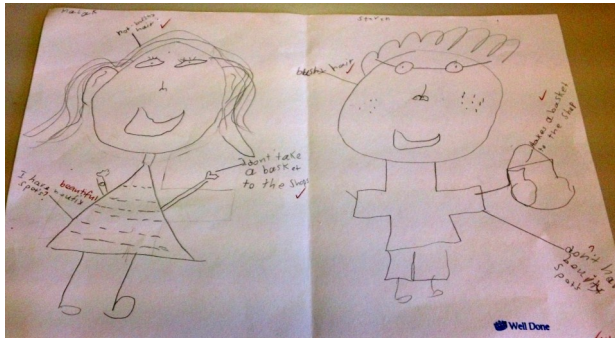
John Burningham
The Shopping Basket



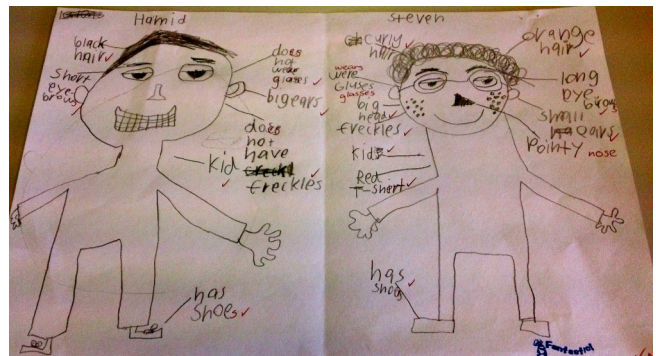
When Steven's mother asks him to go to the shop you would think that nothing could go wrong. However when Steven goes on this errand to get six eggs, five bananas, four apples, three oranges, two doughnuts and a packet of crisps, he is confronted by a variety of animals all demanding their share. Confronted by a menacing monkey, a burly bear and a petulant pig, Steven has to outwit them all. Arriving home a little later than his mother expected and with a slightly lighter shopping basket.

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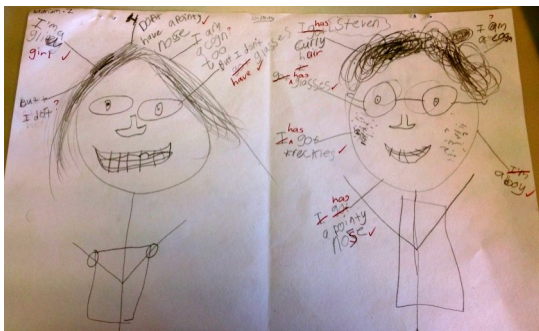
This term 1/2L are reading "The Shopping Basket" by John Burningham. Last week we drew a picture of ourselves and Steven.



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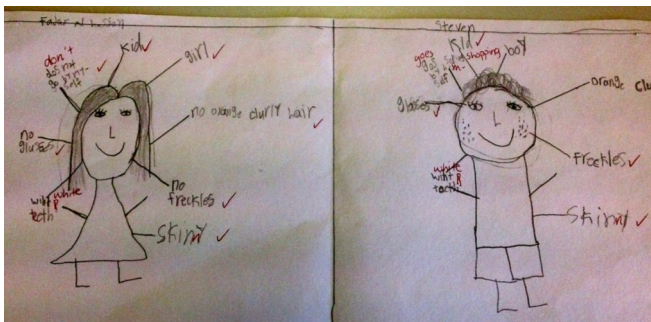
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