



Banana State School Newsletter Term 3 2018 Week 9

Explicit Focus Areas for 2018:

Writing
Reading

Principal's News

Sausage Sizzle

Next Monday, every child is welcome to have a free Sausage Sizzle for lunch.

If your child does not like a sausage on bread – please send food for lunch.

2018 Flynn Electorate Christmas Card Competition

Senator Chris Ketter has invited our students from Prep to Year 3 who reside and attend school within the Federal Electorate of Flynn to be a part of his Christmas Card Competition.

Entries will close at 5pm on Monday 15th October 2018 and will be judged by Shadow Minister for Education, Hon Tanya Plibersek, Federal Labor Candidate for Flynn, Zac Beers, and Senator Chris Ketter. The winner will be notified by Friday 26th October 2018.

The winning design will feature on Senator Ketter's 2018 Christmas Cards and the successful student will receive a \$100 voucher. In addition, the winner's school will receive a \$100 donation.

Your child's artistic feats can be left at the school office over the coming weeks.

P&C

All parents, carers and friends are invited to attend the P&C Meeting being held this afternoon, Wednesday 12th September at 3.30 pm in the Library. Please accept my apologies as I am unable to attend this afternoon's meeting.

School Holidays

Term 3 ends on Friday 21st September.

Every child needs to attend up to and including this day – every day that your child is away, is another day that they get behind in their learning.

Term 4 commences on Monday, October 8th.

The Student Free Day in Term 4 is on Monday, 22nd of October.

The Public Holiday is on Monday, October 1st, which is in the School Holidays.

Moura Kindy Visit

Both groups of children from Moura Kindy will be visiting our school in Week 2 of next term on the Tuesday and the Thursday.

We look forward to their visit and meeting some of our 2019 students.

If you know of anyone wanting to send their children to our school in 2019, please ask them to contact the School Office for an enrolment package.

No Food Sharing

All students and parents at Banana State School are reminded that under no circumstances do we exchange foodstuffs at school.

We cannot take the risk of sharing food due to food and safety health standards.

Therefore, no students should be sharing their lunch or snack foods with other students.

Challenging unhelpful thinking

Unhelpful thinking is very common in both children and adults. Often we don't notice it because the thoughts happen automatically. By listening to the things children say about themselves and their experiences, parents and carers can learn to notice and gently challenge children's unhelpful thinking. The best way to do this is to help children think through the reasons why they think a particular way. Saying things like, "I can see how you might think that, but maybe there's another way of looking at it," or "Let's see how we can check that out," are very useful for helping children change their unhelpful thinking. It can help children to know they are not wrong to have unhelpful thoughts (everybody has them), but that learning to identify and change unhelpful thinking is a way of managing their feelings better.

Beaut Banana Citizens

Congratulations to these students who have been nominated as Beaut Banana Citizens in Term 3:

- ☺ **Ella Lewis** for always giving 100% in all subject areas.
- ☺ **Zaine Maslen** for 100% accuracy in Spelling.
- ☺ **Charlie McCamley** for 100% accuracy in Spelling.
- ☺ **Quinton Dales** for 100% accuracy in Spelling.
- ☺ **Nykeetah Lobley** for 100% accuracy in Spelling.
- ☺ **Cooper Johnston** for 100% accuracy in Spelling.
- ☺ **Dale Lewis** for 100% accuracy in Spelling.
- ☺ **Matilda Hamilton** for trying really hard with her spelling and her writing.
- ☺ **Charlie Urquhart** for improving in his Spelling.
- ☺ **Dwayne Ruth** for helping out in the Fathers' Day Stall.
- ☺ **Callum Ranford** for helping out in the Fathers' Day Stall.
- ☺ **Zara Petersen** for being a friend and buddy to others.
- ☺ **Alice Stevens** for choosing to do the right thing in class.
- ☺ **Franklin Petersen** for great listening in class.
- ☺ **Chelsea Ranford** for helping others in the playground.

Mrs Elaine Pelling

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Miss Rynne's News

Student Council

The Student Council has had a fantastic couple of weeks. They have held two major events, the Father's Day Stall and White Balloon Day. The Father's Day stall was a hit, with majority of the presents sold, which earned them a profit of \$222. White Balloon Day was supported by cupcakes made by the Year 6 students, Mrs Butler and myself. Overall, students ate a lot of cupcakes and managed to make a profit of \$114. There's just one term left, so Year 6 students are in the process of thinking up some great fundraising ideas for Term 4!!

Science

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy in science over the last couple of weeks. Prep students have learnt about different types of weather and how weather affects them and other living things. Year 1 have explored the weather, sky and landscape and how these can change over a short and long time. Year 2 have learnt about Earth's resources and how these resources can be conserved.



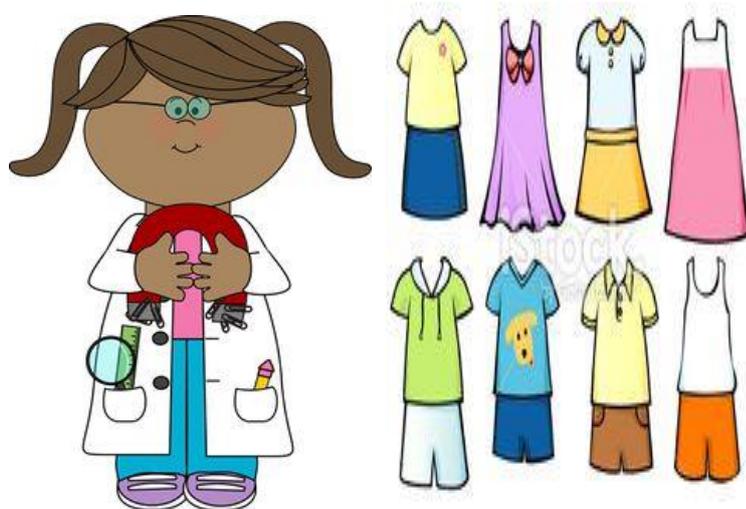
On Tuesday afternoon, during the P-2 science lesson, students will be working collaboratively in their year levels to create a presentation to the class on what they have learnt throughout the term.

Prep students will be heading off on a holiday (to an area in the school) and will require clothes to suit this destination, as we have been learning about how the weather affects our everyday lives (i.e. clothes and activities). ***On Tuesday, please pack Prep students suitable clothes for sunny/hot weather.***

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Year 1 and 2 students will become scientists. ***On Tuesday, please pack Years 1 and 2 students suitable clothes that portray them as scientists.*** Year 1 students will investigate the weather, day sky and natural, managed and constructed features in the landscape throughout the school. Year 2 students will investigate how Earth's resources are used at the school, and how we conserve these resources, or what we should be doing to conserve these resources.

Parents, please assist our science lesson next Tuesday by sending in the appropriate clothes listed.



Gold Certificates

Less than one week to go! Gold certificates are still having to be worked for in the P-2 classroom. Reminding students of their behaviour and going through the school rules, Be Respectful, Be a Friend, Be Prepared, will encourage and assist students in achieving this fantastic goal!

Homework

I just want to acknowledge the fantastic effort of all students in the P-2 classroom this term regarding their homework. All students have worked hard in their spelling and reading, and this can be seen through the great results achieved in class this term. Well done.

Miss Jessica Rynne

Mrs Butler's News

Positive Behaviour

Students this term have been focussing on the three school rules, BE PREPARED, BE A FRIEND and BE RESPECTFUL to achieve their Silver Award for positive behaviour. Everyone is on target to achieving this goal.

Science

Year 4 students have been investigating properties affecting the use of ochre. Here's what they had to say:

Ochre mixes easily with oil and water. It smudges easily. *Chelsea-lea Ranford*

When conducting experiments you must be safety conscious. You need to wear goggles and gloves to protect your eyes and skin from the ochre just in case you are allergic to it. *Sophie Lang*

In our experiment we were testing for smudge resistance. I found out that PVA glue and the egg yolk mixtures did not smudge, but the water and oil mixtures smudged easily. *Matilda Cutting*

Year 3

I have learnt that heat energy transfers to colder objects and heats them up. *McKennon Haley*

I have learnt that metal is a good heat conductor. *Cooper Johnston*

I have learnt that energy can transfer to objects like metal. If an object is left in the sun it will get hotter because the sun transfers heat to it. *Charlie McCamley*

I have learnt that coins can transfer heat energy from the sun to the water in a cup. The water becomes warmer. *Shanae Dales*

Assessment Timetable

To help parents plan any appointments over the next week and a half, I have written down the dates for assessment between now and next Friday. They are as follows.

Thursday 13th September: Year 3/6 English, Year 5/6 The Arts

Friday 14th September: Year 3/6 English, Year 5/6 HPE

Monday 17th September: Year 5/6 HASS, Year 3/4 Science

Tuesday 18th September: Year 3/6 English

Wednesday 19th September: Year 3/6 English, Year 6 Maths, Year 5/6 Science

Thursday 20th September: Year 3/6 English, Year 6 Maths, Year 5/6 The Arts

Friday 21st September: Year 3/6 English, Year 5/6 HPE

Motivating Effort for Classroom Tasks

Small rewards make a big difference! One of the hardest parts of a teacher's job is getting their students to remain motivated and interested. Small rewards encourage students to put in more effort, and the more effort the students put in, the more effective the learning they receive will be. When students are more successful, they will feel much happier. Happier students are also more engaged, better behaved, and most importantly, productive and excited to be in the classroom.

Thank you

The students and I would like to thank our teacher aides for the important role you play in our classroom. Your contributions and the invaluable support that you provide to both students and myself is much appreciated. We would also like to thank Blondie for always keeping our classroom looking so spick and span and to Alli for doing such a great job in the gardens. Thank you everyone!

Holidays

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and if you are travelling, stay safe. School resumes again on Monday the 8th of October. I look forward to seeing everyone again for our 4th and final term of the year!

Mrs Kay Butler

P&C and Community News

Today is meeting day! We'd love to have you come along to discuss and be involved in some of the great things that P&C are doing. We will need some help to man the Book Fair stall (Week 2 – Term 4) if you could spare an hour or two during that week it would be fantastic.

We are also chasing an extra man to help set up a big tent for the FBA lunch this Saturday (afternoon) so if you could lend a pair of strong arms we'd really appreciate it. Get in touch with me (Nadine) if you can assist. Lots of other important things to discuss at this month's meeting so we'd love to see you! Wednesday 12th, 3:30pm in the Library.

It's almost Christmas and everyone loves a good raffle full of festive fun, so the P&C will be raffling a large Christmas raffle next term! If you'd like to donate to help make up the prize, we'd really appreciate it. Keep a hold of it until after the holidays though and we will let everyone know when we need donations by. It doesn't have to be expensive or large, just whatever you choose to contribute. Thank you!

Have a great holiday after next week and we look forward to seeing everyone back for term 4!

Mrs Nadine Kurtz
P&C President



Hi Everyone,

Time is moving very quickly, I can't believe it has been a year already. It's that time of year again – Disability Action Week is 9-15 September.

The theme this year is 'An all abilities Queensland: everybody has a role to play'.

Disability Action Week is held annually in September with the aim of empowering people with a disability, raising awareness of disability issues, and improving access and inclusion throughout the wider community.

With 1 in 5 Queenslanders having a disability, and disability touching the lives of most Queenslanders in some way, the week is an important celebration. Below is a link to the government website. Please check out the website and look at what events are being held around the State.

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/campaign/all-abilities-queensland/disability-action-week>

I will be conducting some activities at lunch time to give students some insight into what it is like to have a disability. The feedback from staff and students each year has been inspiring. The students have fun but also realise that for some people the activities are not just fun but their way of life. It is refreshing to hear the students relating the activities to real life and having a greater understanding of a disability.

I am proud to be part of a community that is inclusive of everyone and that people are seen as a person and not as a person with a disability. I think the image below encapsulates it well.



Source: <https://www.deviantart.com/cliveblake/gallery/64248863/Disabled-Disability-Disabilities>

Ms Judy Galos
HoSES
Moura Cluster



9-15 Sept	Disability Action Week
12/09	P&C Meeting 3:30pm in the library. All welcome to attend.
21/09	Last Day Term 3
18/09	Final Mobile Library Visit for the Term
01/10	Public Holiday
03/10	Mobile Library Visit (Sutherland Hall) 1:30-3:30pm
08/10	First Day Term 4
15/10	Entries close for Senator Ketter's Christmas Card Competition
16/10	Mobile Library (Banana SS)
16/10 18/10	Moura Kindy Visit
15-19 Oct	Book Fair
22/10	Student Free Day
14/12	Last Day Term 4

School Library Books

All students with overdue library books are asked to please return them this week? Students with overdue books will receive a notification today – if you believe the book has been returned please contact your classroom teacher.

All other books that are out on loan are asked to be returned to the library before the end of the term so that a stocktake can be completed.

Mrs Rachel Haley
Library Co-ordinator

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