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ARNDELL NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Luke Hanley



It is hard to believe we are at the end of term already and what a term it has been. Having the pleasure to visit the classrooms, I have seen lots of students working hard and learning so much. As part of our work this term we have had visits from the police, fire and ambulance service. It was great to connect with members of our community who support and protect us. The students had a wonderful time.

This term we have the pleasure of welcoming Anabelle, AJ, Alayah, Andrew and Matteo into our school. We have loved getting to know them and watch them settle into the Arndell School community. On the flip side we have farewelled Julieen, Patrick, India-Blue, Tommy and Kobi. We are sad to see them go, but so pleased they have worked hard and shown they are ready to return to their home schools.

Works continue at Arndell with our mural and courtyard design now complete, along with our native, edible garden. In the upcoming holidays, work will continue on our new sensory room which should be completed ready for some new equipment next term.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Arndell staff for their hard work this term. Along with day to day work, they have put in time and effort to organise sport, cooking, special days, excursions and so much more. I think from having conversations with your child, you will agree they have had a great time doing these fun things. As term 1 ends, I hope you have a restful break and spend some time with your family and friends doing something fun. We look forward to term 2 and all the exciting things planned for the students.

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Important Dates

Thursday 6th April- Term1 ends

Friday 7th April - Sunday 23rd
April - School holidays

Monday 24th April - Staff
Development Day (no students)

Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26th April - Students
resume for term 2

Tuesday 23rd May
Optional free dental check up



Artwork created
by the Seahorses

Term 1 Topic: "All About Me & My Community"

As part of our topic this term we got to do lots of interesting things to learn about our community.

We went on an excursion to "Old Ryde House", where we stepped back in time and learnt about what school was like in the past. We also got time to explore an old heritage site and investigate various ways of learning without today's modern technology.



Our local fire brigade came out to visit Arndell and educate the students about fire safety. The students particularly enjoyed operating the fire hose and checking out the many gadgets in the fire truck.

Matt & Joel from Ryde Police Station came out for morning tea and played soccer with our students. The purpose of this experience was to create a positive and meaningful relationship with police officers.



Ellen & Rachel from Gladesville Ambulance station came out for an educational visit. The students enjoyed learning how to bandage and sling a broken arm as well as getting to explore the inside of an ambulance.



SPORT

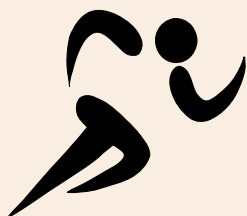


Students at Arndell were given the opportunity to participate in Soccer and Athletics throughout term 1. With extra funding received, students were able to take part in weekly sporting activities on top of their normal PE lessons. Both sports had specialised teachers come in on a weekly basis, spending time with our junior and senior classes. Both sports covered the fundamental movement skills needed.

In Soccer, students participated in focused activities around kicking, trapping, shooting at direct targets for goal prep, attacking and defence.

In Athletics, students participated in running, throwing, jumping activities, whilst giving students modified games to enjoy.

The feedback from students has been great and we look forward to next terms focus – Gymnastics.



Seahorses News

In the Seahorses, we started off the year by settling back into our school routines and reconnecting with our friends and teachers. We have been focusing on trying to build our skills in independent work by giving things a go first before asking for help from an adult.

This term our theme has been 'All About Me' which has focused on us sharing our likes, dislikes and trying new things with our peers. We have also been exploring different occupations in our community keep us safe, help us and provide us with different services through incursion and excursion which the Seahorse class has loved participating in.

In literacy, we have continued building our knowledge of letter/sound relationships through our phonics program and how we can use this knowledge to improve our reading and writing skills.

In numeracy, we have been focusing on further developing our number sense and learning new strategies in addition. It has been such a fun term



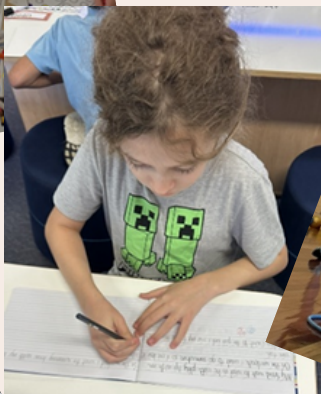
Turtles News



What a wonderful term we have had in the Turtles class, it has been a fantastic start to the year. Our focus topic this term has been 'All about Me & My Community', this is where we explored what makes us unique individuals as well as what we share in common with our peers.

This term we studied Athletics and Soccer for sport. We focused on improving our gross motor skills as well as playing in a team environment. We also enjoyed participating in swim school as we learnt about water safety and focused on improving our swimming skills.

This term we enjoyed building upon friendships and working on our social skills as we joined together with the seahorse class for sport, cooking and art lessons.



STARFISH NEWS

This term in the Starfish class we have welcomed 3 new students, Alayah, Andrew and Matteo. Our focus topic this term has been 'All about Me' where we looked at what we share in common and what makes us unique. During Math's we have been looking at time and whole number concepts like odd/even numbers, place value, addition and subtraction. Some of the other activities we have done in class are cooking, Minecraft education and art.



DOLPHIN NEWS

Students in the Dolphins class have been demonstrating exceptional efforts this term. Each week, they set individual goals aimed at enhancing their skills and becoming top performers. In Literacy, the focus has been on strengthening writing by achieving a more profound comprehension of text structures and enhancing presentation skills. In Maths, the students have been practicing their addition and subtraction skills and developing new strategies to solve more complex problems. The topic "All About Me" has been at the center of their studies, where they examined various subjects, including the accomplishments of many influential women throughout history. The students also explored their similarities and differences, recognising the unique qualities that make each of them special.



Music

The children have been making music with Music Michael this term, using sound effects, keyboards, and their own voices to create their own songs. They've had a lot of fun and are excited to share their recorded song with you soon.



