



Newsletter

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Week 4 – 25 October 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

This weekend, Sunday 31 October, is National Grandparent's Day. Grandparent's Day allows our school community to celebrate the significant contributions grandparents and older people make to their families and communities. We also celebrate and recognise the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. At school, we will be teaching students about the important roles played by grandparents, grand-friends and kin, and encouraging students to spend time with an older loved one to foster intergenerational learning.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Canteen

Great news- Our school canteen will be open for business **this Friday!** For the remainder of term 4, canteen **will only operate on Fridays** to allow all volunteers time to get fully vaccinated.

In line with current COVID restrictions, all purchases at canteen will be **order only** for both recess and lunch. There will be no direct purchases at the canteen in order to prevent groups of students lining up together and the mixing of cohorts.

Thank you to our P&C and canteen volunteers for their patience, understanding and flexibility throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Week	Next week	Coming Up
<u>Tuesday 26 Oct</u> Kindergarten 2022 Transition Half day	<u>Tuesday 2 Nov</u> Kindergarten 2022 Transition Full day	<u>Tuesday 9 Nov</u> Year 6 hot dog fundraiser
<u>Canteen open - Friday</u> ORDERS ONLY for recess and lunch	<u>Friday 5 Nov</u> Book Character Parade (students and staff only)	<u>Tuesday 23 Nov</u> Kindergarten 2022 Transition Full day
		<u>Tuesday 7 Dec</u> Year 6 Farewell

Kindergarten Transition

Our next transition days are as follows –

Tuesday 26 October: 9.30am - 12.30pm (Half day)

Tuesday 2 November: 9.30am - 2.30pm (Full day)

Tuesday 23 November: 9.30am - 2.30pm (Full day)

Year 6 farewell

We have received confirmation from the Department of Education that we will be permitted to hold a year 6 farewell this year, with strict COVID safe protocols and guidelines in place:

- Attendance will be limited to Year 5 & 6 students and supervising staff only.
- All staff and essential visitors will be required to show evidence of full vaccination.
- Plans are in place to prevent students from spontaneously crowding in groups including when arriving to or leaving the event.
- Following latest NSW Health advice and compliance with venue requirements including check-in procedures.

The South Grafton Golf Club has been booked for Tuesday December 7 and we are thrilled to confirm that this special event can go ahead. More details will be shared with our senior students closer to the event.

Year 6 fundraiser

Our year 6 students and Miss Nay will be holding a fundraiser in week 6, Tuesday 9 November, to raise money to support their end of year events. This fundraiser will be a special hotdog lunch, with COVID safe practices in place to ensure the safety of students and staff. More information will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

Carpark Safety

Unfortunately, we have had a few students beginning to enter and exit the school through the carpark gates during school drop off and pick up times. This is extremely dangerous as there are cars exiting the carpark at this time. Students are not permitted to use this gate.

Students who walk or ride their bike may use the gate in the bus shelter or the gate which joins on to James McIntosh Oval. If you are picking your child up from school, please help ensure their safety by meeting them at one of the designated gates.

Parent meetings

Under level 3 restrictions, visitors are not permitted on school site. If families require a meeting with their child's classroom teacher, a phone meeting will be arranged at a convenient time for all parties. We do understand this can be difficult and we thank you for your understanding and flexibility during this time.

Book Fair and Book Parade

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives this week and will be available for purchases until week 6. As part of our Book Fair celebrations, we will be holding a Book Parade at school on Friday 5 November. Unfortunately, due to current Level 3 restrictions in schools, no visitors will be permitted to attend.

The Book Parade will be conducted outdoors in line with current COVID guidelines and a COVID safety plan in place. Students will remain in class groups throughout the event and photos will be posted to our school Facebook Page for families to enjoy.

Students may come dressed as a character from any book! We look forward to this fun event.

World Teacher's Day

This Friday, 29 October, we celebrate World Teacher's Day.

World Teacher's Day is a day where we celebrate the bright future of teaching and thank Australia's teachers. Teachers have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities. We will be celebrating at school with a morning tea for our teaching staff this Friday. Thank you to Miss Nay, Mrs Creighton, Miss Howard, Mrs Moran, Mrs Conyard, Mr Woolridge, Mr Finlay, Mrs Baker and Mrs Armstrong for your amazing efforts this year. We appreciate you!

Check-in assessments

Students in years 3-6 will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment over the next few weeks. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

COVID contacts and test results

With COVID cases in the Grafton area, it is imperative that the school has the correct contact details for all families. This will enable the school to contact families directly and very quickly if needed. Please ensure that you notify the school if you have changed your phone number or email address to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details for your family. If you are unsure whether the school has your current details, please contact the school office to confirm on 66493225.

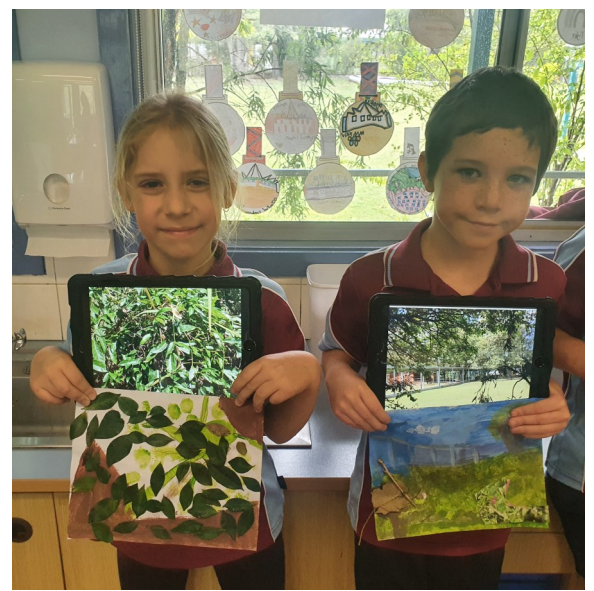
When a COVID test is required for a student to return to school following an illness, or as a COVID close or casual contact, the school requires a copy of the negative test result. Students should only return to school when they have a negative test result, are symptom free, and not under say at home orders from NSW Health. **Please email the school with the test result prior to return.**

100 nights

Congratulations to Jack on achieving 100 nights home reading. Keep up the great work!

Classroom News 2/3

For the last 2 weeks 2/3 have looked closely at the unique artwork of Jeanie Baker and the way she uses mixed media. We have looked at her book 'The Hidden Forest' which is also part of our literacy unit. We have enjoyed looking at the descriptive and figurative language used in the book. We decided to make our own mixed media artwork based on the natural areas of the school. We began with taking a photo within the school of an area that we liked as our inspiration. Then we used paint, magazines and other natural materials found in the garden to re-create our pictures. We hope you like our final results!



Week 4 Merit Awards



Canteen Roster

Friday - ORDERS ONLY
for both recess and lunch

29/10
Ryanda & Georgina

5/11
Ryanda & Kirsty

12/11
Georgina & Marcia

19/11
Fran & Landis



Our first Kindergarten Transition session was held last Tuesday. Everyone had a blast getting to know each other and learning about school life. We are looking forward to meeting more new friends this week.

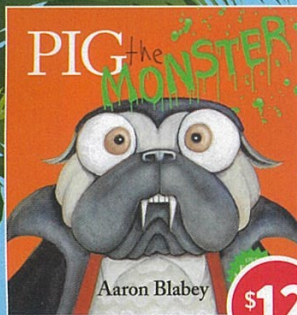


Many more books will be on show for students to add to their wish list. Instructions for online payment are over the page. Please return wish list payment slips, including receipt numbers, prior to the Book Fair closing on Tuesday 9 November.

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

online
You're invited to our Scholastic
BOOK FAIR

Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!



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PIG THE MONSTER

It's Halloween and Pig is pulling out all the tricks for maximum treats!

100095590 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+ 🇺🇸

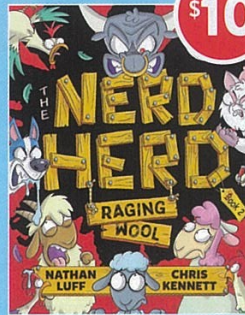


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MACCA THE BACKPACKER

Macca has big dreams of conquering mountains, can he dig deep when it gets tough?

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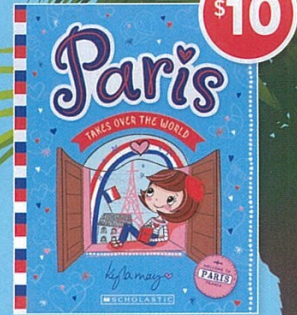


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RAGING WOOL

Can Barney and his gang get an angry bull back in his pen or will it be a huge mistake?

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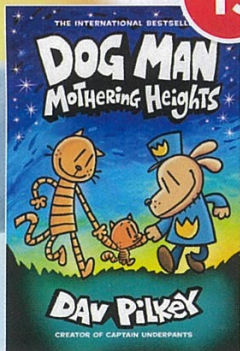


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PARIS TAKES OVER THE WORLD

Paris travels the world making new friends!

100093592 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+ 🇺🇸



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MOTHERING HEIGHTS

Dog Man and Petey face their biggest challenges yet with new villains arriving in town.

100090577 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 7+

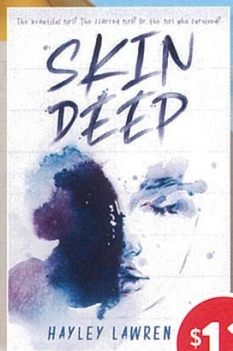


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HAM HELSING: VAMPIRE HUNTER

Ham is a gentle pig who enjoys poetry, but his family insist he become a vampire hunter like them!

100095606 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 8+

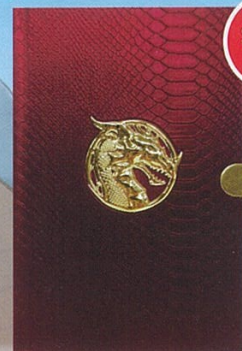


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SKIN DEEP

Can Scarlett find her true self after the accident that permanently scarred her?

100096141 | NOVEL | AGES 11+ 🇺🇸



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RED DRAGON DIARY

This diary has a scaly texture and includes a lock and two keys.

100096567 | JOURNAL | AGES 8+

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

Find these books and hundreds more at the fair!

Dear Parents,

Your child's Book Fair is like having an exciting bookstore come in to their school. Each student is given a time to visit and explore the books on offer. If they haven't already spoken to you about their 'Student Wish List', you can use this invitation to discuss the Book Fair and the books they have seen.

To purchase from the Book Fair, simply go online and make your payment. Then return the form below with the titles listed, and your child will bring them home to enjoy.



Books
start at
\$5

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

If you are unable to attend the Fair you may wish to choose from the books in the invitation. List your choices below and pay in advance.

Wish List Payment

Please send this form in to school with your child BEFORE the Book Fair closes

Child's name:

Class:

Item No.	Title	Price

Total: \$

Payment Receipt Number

BF21 02

Online Payment:

www.scholastic.com.au/payment

Be sure to choose **Book Fairs** payments, not **Book Club**.

Please provide the following details:

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Daytime ph: _____

School: _____ Suburb/State: _____

You will receive an 8-digit receipt number with your credit card payment.

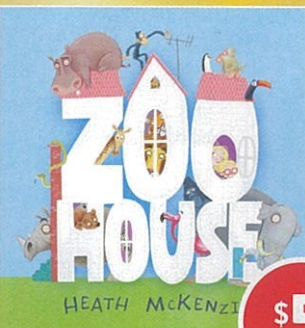
Record your receipt number below:

Receipt Number

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Amount Paid

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\$5

ZOO HOUSE

Oscar wakes up to discover his house has become a zoo!

100096627 | PICTURE BOOK |

AGES 3+ 

allergic



\$15

ALLERGIC

Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet?

100097342 | GRAPHIC NOVEL |

AGES 8+

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HUGE SELECTION OF AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS. LOOK FOR THIS ICON!

