



NEWSLETTER

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BOOK WEEK



Our F/1A class has been celebrating book week by reading and enjoying 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. Our students have been enjoying this story this week and have been learning about character traits as well.

EFFORT UNITY RESPECT ORDER ACHIEVEMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Friday 23rd – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – no school

Friday 23rd – Book Club orders due back to school

Friday 30th – Day for Daniel

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3rd – MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY – no school

MAREE'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Book Week at Euroa Primary School

Book week has certainly been a highlight of our week at Euroa Primary School this week. All classes have had the opportunity to participate in 'book tastings' at our book cafes this week, and have enjoyed experiencing different books from a range of different genres.

Students have also been completing author studies in their classrooms, and have also visited our book fair and had the opportunity to purchase books for home if they have wanted too.

This week, work has also begun on our class book week parade banners, which will feature in our book week parade activities in Week 6.

Thank you to all involved for making this year's book week celebrations enjoyable for all.

Upcoming Public Holidays

TOMORROW Friday the 23rd of October is a public holiday in Victoria and as such, there will be no school for students tomorrow. This date is instead of the usual Grand Final Day parade public holiday that is held in September each year.

Tuesday the 3rd of November is Melbourne Cup Day, and this is also a PUBLIC HOLIDAY. The school will be closed on this day. The Monday prior to this, Monday November 2nd, is generally a very quiet day at school with only a few students attending as many of our families opt to use this as a long weekend, which is definitely much deserved in 2020 after the crazy year that we have had.

As such, our staff we will use the Monday to begin working on the writing of Semester 2 reports and students are not required to attend.

Day for Daniel – Friday the 30th of October

Friday 30th is Day for Daniel. The day was established by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to help make Australia a safer place for children. The aims of the Foundation are to educate children and young people about how to stay safe in physical and online environments and to support young victims of crime.

Over the next few weeks your child will undertake some lessons about how to be safe using the online resources provided by the Foundation. We encourage you to go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website to access these resources to support us in educating your child about how to be safe.

You can access the website and resources by typing into Google "Daniel Morcombe Foundation" and clicking on the tab 'Keeping Kids Safe Resources' or follow this link which will direct you to Parents and Carers resource page which gives plenty of information of how to tackle the conversations needed to discuss your child's physical and online safety.

We are all responsible for making our children safe, so let us start the conversations together.

On Friday the 30th of October, students will be invited to wear red to school in recognition of this day.

2020 Parent Opinion Survey

Just like the student attitudes to school survey, our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

A letter with more information about how to access the survey was sent to all families via Compass earlier in the week.

Every day Counts – School Attendance and Punctuality

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Now that we are back onsite, now more than ever attendance at school is key to improved outcomes – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school!! Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher or myself early as early as possible. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are now up and running again for Term 4.

As our students have staggered lunch times in Term 4, we have had to devise the following schedule for lunch orders to occur. It is as follows:

- Grade 5/6 students can order lunch orders on Mondays and Thursday
- Foundation to Grade 4 students can order lunch orders on Tuesdays and Fridays

If you require a lunch order menu, please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange a copy to be sent home.

Illnesses

A reminder that any student who is at all unwell should be kept home until they make a full recovery. This is of particular importance if your child is displaying cold or flu like symptoms.

Any student who appears to be unwell at school will be sent to the office and will remain there until they are collected by a parent or carer. In addition, students who appear unwell or say they are unwell will have their temperature taken on arrival to sick bay. Any child who has a temperature of 37.5 degrees or higher, will also be required to be collected by the school. We know and understand that this can be inconvenient at times, however we are required to follow the health advice for schools in regards to COVID-19, and are working hard to ensure that we do all we can to keep our staff, students and parents safe during this time.

Have a great week ahead everyone.

BOOK TASTINGS

As part of our BOOK WEEK celebrations, each class dined at the Black Cat Book Café to taste and savour books and authors as a means of broadening minds. Tables were decorated and places set just like a real café. Each featured a different genre for diners to sample. When it comes to reading, just like eating, some children have pickier palates than others. The tastings were a perfect way to pique appetites for a good read!

BOOK TASTING comments after visiting:



"I like the 'Humorous' table because it's funny! I liked the cloths on the tables, they brightened our room."

~ Eleck, Year 3

"I always choose dinosaur books but today I really tried different books."

~ Christian, Year 1

"The books on each table are delicious and exciting."

~ Sophie, Year 2

"It is a very fine eatery because I like all the different books and the decorating, it lightens the room."

~ Olivia, Year 3

"It's opened my mind to other genres."

~ Marnie, Year 6

"I like all the books. Some are funny and some are mystery."

~ Riley, Year 2

"I normally read information and picture story books but now I feel

confident to read chapter books."

~ Addison, Year 6

"There was so many books to choose from at the Black Cat Book Café."

~ Zylah, Year 1

"I've enjoyed the Poetry and the Humour books because they have been the most interesting books for me."

~ Angus, Year 5

"I read all about Lego, I didn't want to stop."

~ Sam, Foundation

"It's just like a normal café but with books! 'What happens when...' was a very yummy book because it was a Mystery book and I had to flip the flaps to solve the mystery.

~ Hugh, Year 2



"I've enjoyed 'Banjo's Ballads' from the Poetry section because I like farming and I've watched the movie (The Man from Snowy River) and the front cover looks cool."

~ Oliver, Year 5

"The Black Cat Book Café relaxed me because books can relax people."

~ Tom, Year 1

"Some books attract us. Some are funny and some are poetry, which rhyme and some are humorous."

~ Macey, Year 2

"I love, loved it! I don't know why, I just did...it was fun".

~ Rosie, Foundation



BOOK FAIR

Last Friday each class visited the Book Fair to explore the range of books available to purchase. Wish lists were created as students engaged in browsing and discovering the choices on offer. A huge thank you to all whom made a purchase or two from the Book Fair. A percentage of the proceeds will allow us to make additional purchases for our Classroom Libraries which will be 'rolled out' very soon. Watch this space!

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Our annual **BOOK WEEK PARADE** will be celebrated in **Week 6, Friday 13th November**, whereby each class will parade behind their chosen author banner dressed in their costumes

of **"Curious Creatures"**

(Please note: This later date allows families greater time to assist children in preparing costumes).

