

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER TERM 2 • ISSUE 7 • 20TH MAY 2022

Dates & Events

TERM 2

Wednesday May 25

Curriculum Day (No Students)

Tuesday May 31

Immunisations

Monday June 6

School Council (1:30pm)

Monday June 13

Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)

Friday June 24

Last day of Term 2 (1:00pm Finish)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With cases of the flu increasing throughout Victoria, vaccination continues to be an important factor.

Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season.

It's been exciting and fantastic to have everyone back to school, and we want to keep it that way. A big part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available free of charge to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia. **Flu vaccinations** are recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to your GP or another health professional.

TO UPCOMING DATES

We have a Curriculum Day coming up next week on Wednesday, the 25th of May. A reminder that there will be no school for students on this day.

🚾 ROAD CLOSURE - JUNE 2

Please note that Sorrento Street will be closed between Johnstone Street and Rosebud Crescent on **Thursday the 2nd of June** for power works. Please try to avoid this area when dropping off and picking up from school on the day.

Principal's Award

Goretty Soares

Goretty has worked incredibly hard this term and we are so proud of all her accomplishments. Her determination to finish tasks, engagement and participation in programs, and her overall dedication has not gone unnoticed. This week, in particular, Goretty rode a bike on her own for the first time whilst delivering the Coles shopping to the classrooms. Well done Goretty! We are so proud of you.







Susi Wirth

Principal



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MOSES SCANLAN

for his positivity to try new tasks with a 'can do' attitude and always being the first to help a friend out in the classroom and in the yard. It's so wonderful to see Moses enjoying all aspects of school life. Keep up the great work!



ARINA RASHID

for exceptional engagement and participation in our Literacy and cooking sessions. This week, she has enjoyed anticipating what happens next in our shared reading activities. Well done, Arina!





BRAYDEN BAILEY

for settling beautifully into Room 7 since commencing and wowing us all with his warm eye contact, big smiles and engaging in group programs! He loves watching the parachute flying up when we 'climb the mountain' during *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt*. Well done Brayden!







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LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Ege Pullu

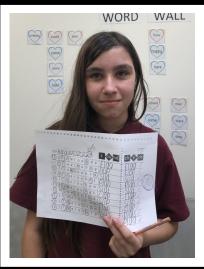
We are so proud of Ege for his extraordinary work in literacy. He received this certificate last week for completing all eight levels in the Australian Decodable Readers Series.

What an accomplishment!



Cassandra Convery-Kololos

Cassandra has demonstrated continued enthusiasm and perseverance each week when completing her readers. She has recently skipped a level in reading! She reads every day in class and has shown so much improvement. We couldn't be more proud!



Kira Karvountzis

Kira has been working so well in Soundcheck this term. She's been using her spelling knowledge in the classroom to complete short stories. All her hard work is really paying off! Well done, Kira!

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REPRESENTING NUMBERS IN ROOM 19



This semester, students have been investigating place value and counting patterns through games and activities as they begin to add and subtract numbers to ten.

In this activity, students used the materials to represent each number in as many ways as possible. We then compared numbers as a whole class and enjoyed learning about the part-part whole by separating sets to see the relationships between numbers.

We love learning through play!







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COOKING WITH ROOM 20S!

This term, Room 20S have enjoyed following a recipe to make

Mac and Cheese Bites!

They have demonstrated their independence in a range of preparation skills such as grating carrot, onion and cheese and have combined all parts to make the dish.















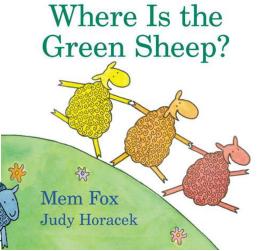


LIBRARY SESSIONS AT DIMBOOLA

The students from Room 2 have been enjoying their time in the Library. In these sessions, they engage in singing, stories, craft and quiet reading. One of their favourite stories is 'Where is the Green Sheep?'

































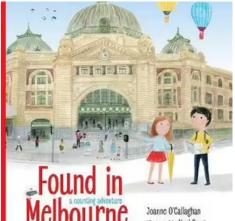
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STORYTIME IN ROOM 4S



Room 4S have been reading 'Found in Melbourne' during their story time sessions and have loved discovering what they can find and do in and Melbourne!

















CELEBRATING OUR 2022 GRADUATES

To our graduating class of 2022 -

Congratulations!

Early in the term, the graduates celebrated receiving their graduation jumpers with an afternoon tea. It was lovely to see their smiling faces when they were given their graduation hoodie.





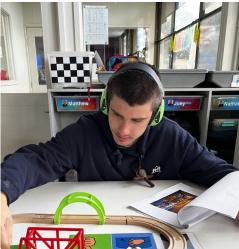














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VISUAL ART AT BSDS

This term we are looking at the texture of things, how things feel. There have been Autumn leaves which have been used for collages or painted on, textured cardboard that has been used for drawings and a variety of materials like foam and fabrics that students have experimented with.

The Art program is a place where exploring and experimenting is encouraged, and where the students can follow their interests or needs in the creation of their work. No two sessions are the same and the results are wonderful.

















At the end of this term the Sorrento campus will host 'Paper Planet', an installation by the Polyglot theatre. This is a forest of cardboard trees that the students fill with paper creations, large and small, and where the exploration we encourage will have free reign! This show has been developed over several years to meet the needs of students in this setting, and has been presented at Special Schools all over Melbourne. This is a really exciting opportunity for our students, and staff, to play and create together, and to take Art out of the classroom and into a highly imaginative setting. It's going to be great!

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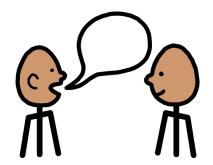
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BSDS Speech Pathology Tips

USING ROUTINES TO BUILD LANGUAGE



Routines are things we do everyday. Such as:

- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Bathing
- Going to bed
- Playing
- Reading
- And so many more!

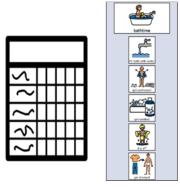
Routines offer opportunities to use lots of repetitive language which allows children more opportunities to reinforce their understanding! Repetition is key to building language skills!

By saying the same words or phrases each time you perform an action, you can build and reinforce your child's understanding. You also model to them how to use language in routines.

A fun example of how to use bath time routine to build language:

Sequencing the routine steps

Increasing independence with the sequence of steps of getting undressed, washed, dried and then dressed again.



Play with water toys

- Giving dolls/animals a bath
- Hide and seek with the bubbles.
- Clapping/ blowing bubbles/ making bubbles
- Filling containers and pouring out
- Exploring floating and sinking objects

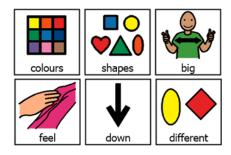






Using descriptive vocabulary while playing

- Location words e.g., up/down, in/out, under/over or through
- Feeling words e.g., soft, rough, smooth, bumpy, wet, light/heavy
- Appearance related e.g., colour, size, shape or texture



Engagement and joint attention

- Sit or kneel by the bath, get down to their level
- Observe what your child is doing and join in.
- Get your own toy and imitate their actions
- Encourage turn taking by pausing and waiting after you joined in.
- Have fun, stay in the moment with your child.









Focus Vocabulary

Bath, water, towel, bubbles, blow, go, up, down, under, tip/ pour, more, wash, splash, wet/dry and hot/cold

BSDS Occupational Therapy Tips

TOILETING SUPPORT

Toileting can be an overwhelming time for children and families too.

So how can we ensure that we set our children up for success and make their toileting experience positive?



STEP 18

Setting the scene

- Adapting the physical environment (e.g. step stool, seat inserts)
- Adapting the sensory environment (sensory hypersensitivity vs. sensory hyposensitivity)
- Eating well to avoid constipation
- Drinking well to fill up the bladder
- Sitting on the toilet/potty at regular intervals during the day
- Talking about and showing what happens in the toilet

STEP 28

Developing the skills needed

- Encourage independence!
- Dressing
- Washing hands
- Sitting on the toilet



Raising awareness

- Using the words "wee" and "poo"
- Talking about wet and dry to encourage your child to tell you when they're wet



Using the toilet for wee and poo

- Using a social story (e.g. Tom's Toilet Triumph)
- Keeping a record of wees and poos
- Using a visual schedule
- Reward for wees and poos done on the toilet!







Wash hands









When: 18-19 June 2022 – 10am to 4pm both days

Where: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

Cost: FREE to attend, tickets essential

What you can expect to see at the expo:

- Over 150 disability product and service providers under one roof for two days in a COVID safe environment: you'll find information and be able to speak to providers supporting families of children with a range of disabilities including Autism (ASD) and sensory issues such as sensory processing disorder, Down syndrome, Cerebral palsy, vision and hearing impairments, and neurodevelopmental disorders such as dyspraxia.
- A line up of performers set to entertain young and old
- A sensory zone to relax in a sensory friendly space
- Fun, sport and chill zones to make it a full and fun day out
- And loads more....

Registrations open online.

https://sourcekids.com.au/disability-expo/melbourne-2022/

Tickets will be required for all attendees to comply with COVID contract tracing requirements.

The following information is shared on behalf of researchers at The Royal Children's Hospital, who are calling for medical research participants for a new study looking to better understand medicinal cannabis. Medicinal cannabis has recently been identified as a potential therapy for the management of behavioural symptoms in children with developmental disabilities.

Researchers in Melbourne and Sydney are currently looking for children aged 6 to 18 years with both an intellectual disability and severe behaviour problems (e.g., aggression and agitation) to participate in a randomised placebo-controlled trial of cannabidiol (CBD). CBD is a legal extract from the cannabis plant. It does not cause intoxication, and it is not addictive.

If you think that your child may be eligible to participate and you would like further information, please email mctrials@mcri.edu.au

Please note that only children who meet the inclusion criteria and reside within Melbourne or Sydney can be included. The research team are unable to respond to queries outside the scope of this trial.



2022 MELBOURNE

REE School Holiday Event @ The Thornbury Theat

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ncredible spectacle provides children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience world-class acts of astonishing magic and illusions, hilarious comedy and Thanks to the generous sponsorship from businesses across Greater Melbourne, this mind blowing balancing and juggling acts.

loise and movement. Theatre doors will remain open, lights dimmed, and a designated quiet Enjoy an inclusive, accessible and flexible environment with a relaxed attitude to audience area will be available.

rom the stage to your screen, with unlimited streaming and on-demand viewing available! If you can't attend the live show, watch a professionally filmed version of the show direct

o book complimentary tickets and register for streaming access, please email meredithnewman@showintent.com. or call or text 0404-367-782



















if interested, use the details above to contact Meredith Newman directly. bookings cannot be made through the school.





UNIFORM ORDER FORM

ITEM		PRICE	SIZE 4	SIZE 6	SIZE 8	SIZE 10	SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	TOTAL
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve	Maroon	\$18.00								
Polo Shirt Long Sleeve	Maroon	\$21.00								
Bomber Jacket	Navy	\$38.00								
Windcheater	Maroon	\$25.00								
Polo Collar Windcheater	Navy	\$24.00								
Polar Fleece Vest	Navy	\$23.00								
Skort	Navy	\$18.00								
Shorts Rugby	Navy	\$14.00								
Trackpants Reinforced	Navy	\$18.00								
Summer Dress	Navy	\$34.00								
Winter Tunic	Navy	\$44.00								
Parka Lightweight	Navy	\$32.00								
Hat (Bucket) S M/L L/XL	Navy	8.00								
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Polo Shirt Short Sleeve	Maroon	\$22.00								
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