

# Lurnea

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## Our Classroom News

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### Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great start Term 3 with lots of excellent learning throughout the school. We have also celebrated a number of significant events including Education Week and the whole school Athletics Carnival. Furthermore, we have enjoyed the strong support of our school community with fundraising activities to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell.

As always, I have been impressed with the excitement and enthusiasm shown by our students during these special occasions. It is great to see the school community coming together to celebrate student success and cheer on our classmates as they competed in races and events. A special thanks must go to our partners in learning, Sports In Schools Australia (SISA). Having the SISA teachers in the school to support us every week with our PE program and having them attend to assist with the Athletics Carnival, has been an exceptional bonus for our school.

Normally this PE programs costs about \$5.00 per student per lesson. This can add up very quickly, so as school we have decided to cover the whole cost of this learning. We believe it is vital for students to engage in quality PE programs that promote physical activity, good health and wellbeing. Overall, this is an investment of about \$80,000.

On another note, I would like to remind the school community about the importance of our **school uniform**. It is my expectation that all students are in **full school uniform every day**. If you need some assistance to purchase any new items of uniform, please contact the school office so we can assist. We are



more than happy to support families in any way we can.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will have received their NAPLAN results. I encourage you to celebrate these results with your children as an example of their achievement in one test, on one day, back in May. For many of our students, the strict testing conditions of NAPLAN don't fully capture their knowledge and skills. If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment to meet your child's teacher who will be able to provide you with accurate and up to date data about your child's progress.

Finally, I need to inform you of some concerning incidents we have had recently involving parents and carers in our school. As you know, schools are required to uphold the highest standards of behaviour within our community. As such, it is not acceptable for any parent or carer to enter the school site and use offensive language or to make threats to other students or staff.

These types of behaviours will not be tolerated at Lurnea Public School and will result in parents and carers being banned from entering the school for a period of time. In serious cases, the police will be called.

Fortunately, this type of behaviour only occurs with a very small percentage of our school community. I am very grateful to the many, many parents and carers who go out their way to support our school and work to resolve any issues or concerns in a calm and appropriate way.

Your support with this matter is appreciated.

David Sim

Principal

### **Deputy Principal's Update**

Welcome to Semester 2! Students and teachers have had a productive start to Term 3. It is great to see so many students focused on their learning, building positive relationships with one another and demonstrating resilience when things get tough.

### **Tell Them From Me Student Survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the \_\_\_\_\_ student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a \_\_\_\_\_ student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 5 September and 21 October 2016. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Wednesday 31 August 2016**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

### **Partners in Learning Parent Survey**

Also happening this term, our school will be participating in the parent survey, another part of the suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 5 September and 21 October 2016. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

### **Communication**

It is incredibly important for a child's learning and overall wellbeing to have a strong support network both at home and at school. Establishing and maintaining strong bonds between home and school is essential to ensuring school is a positive time in your child's life. Discussions about your child's time at school are important to us and deserve to be held at a time that is appropriate, where a teacher's full attention can be given to matters at hand. During class time, teachers must devote their full attention to the learning and wellbeing of the students in the classroom. Therefore, class time is not an appropriate time to discuss at length matters related to your child.

If you have any concerns, or would like to discuss your child's academic or social development, please contact the office on 9607 6001 to arrange a mutually convenient time with your child's teacher.

## Look what's happening in Early Stage 1!

Our Kindergarten vegetable patch and flower garden has provided students a hands-on opportunity to explore the world around them. We can't wait until our carrots and beetroots are ready to be harvested!



Kindergarten has also been looking at different texts about plants and things we might find outside.

KU has been doing some amazing writing about Jack and the Beanstalk. KH has been writing letters to Mr McGregor (from the story Peter Rabbit) about how to grow carrots.

As a part of our Science unit “living things” KH has been given the special job of caring for some Grass Monsters. Students have predicted that the monster’s grass hair will grow best in sunlight.



KB has created their own grass pots to care for. Daily observations and measurements are recorded to check plant growth. We have learnt that plants need healthy soil, water and sunlight to grow.



## Little Diggers from Stage 1

Stage 1 had an exciting excursion in Sydney on 29 July. We travelled to The Rocks to participate in an archaeological dig to find various items from the families that used to live in the area. We also visited the Rocks Discovery Museum and got to walk down the alleyways that people from the past used.



Our archaeological dig to find objects from the past.



We are placing the items we found in the parts of the house we think they belong in.



Learning about the people who lived in the area and the things they used.

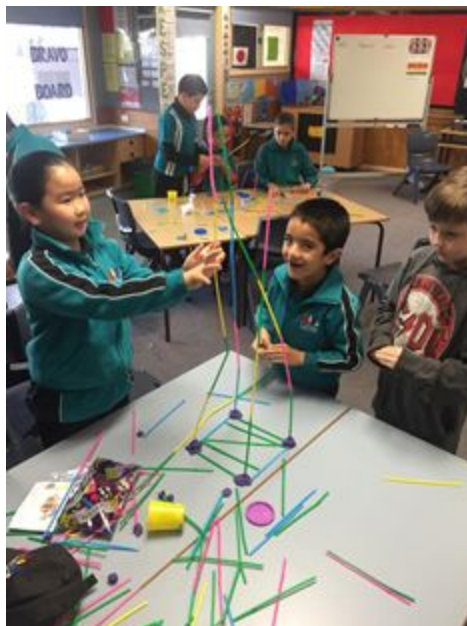


Items from the past.

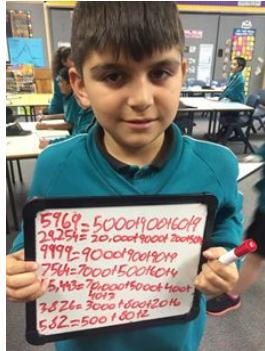
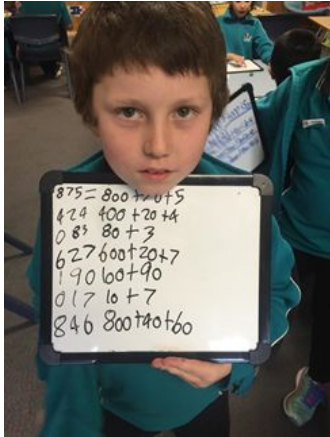
## Stage 2

### 4K

4K have been working hard in class this term. We are enjoying activities where we are able to collaborate with others and share our ideas. In mathematics, students have been extending their knowledge of whole number and have become fantastic at expanding larger numbers. Keep up the excellent work 4K.







Last Term Stage 2 Students presented their National Parks projects. Enosh, Keira and Jamal are three students in 3G who presented a Diorama

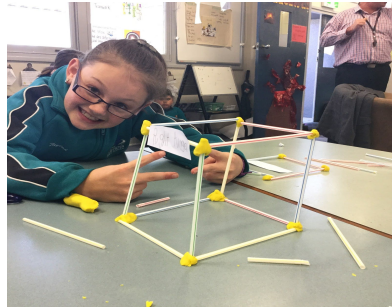
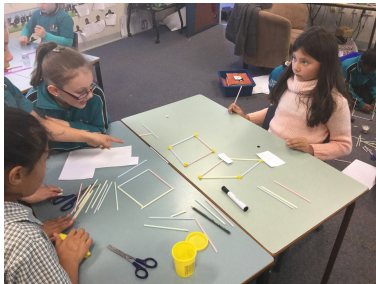


3G have been developing their team work skills. Students have been working together in collaborative groups to complete team building tasks. These photos show students working together to build a tall tower using playdough and paddle pop sticks.





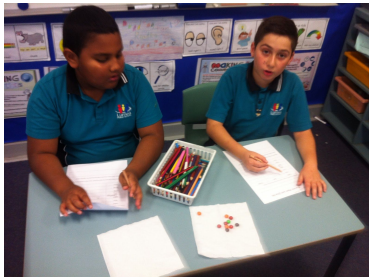
**3/4J**



Building 3D objects with right angles.



Building the tallest tower in our collaborative teams.



Working out the fraction of different coloured skittles!



Students learn better when comfortable!

3/4J have flexible seating, based on student choice and preference...

## Stage 3

### **KURRAJONG CUP**

This term has been busy training for Kurrajong Cup. Forty students have been selected to represent Lurnea in the OzTag gala day that sees us competing against three other local schools. All students enjoyed their day, it was clear that Lurnea kids are fantastic at sport and they all displayed amazing sportsmanship. Although we came back without the Kurrajong Cup we know that there is always next year.



## DANCE SPORT

Our Year 5 students have put their dancing shoes on and have been dancing the Jive, Salsa, Cha Cha and Tango. Some lucky students have been selected to compete in the DanceSport challenge that is coming up at the end of Term 3. It is amazing to see how much confidence that our students have developed by participating in this event. We wish them luck during the competition and we are sure that they will do Lurnea proud.



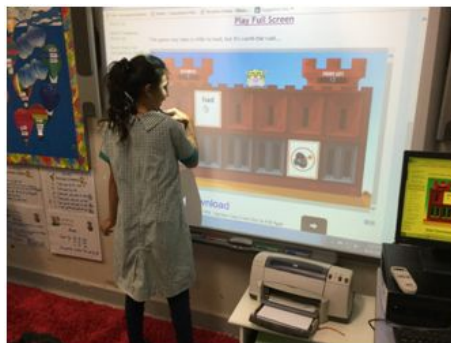
## FUNDRAISING

Stage 3 have been busy organising fundraisers for our school. Our education week sausage sizzle and cupcake stall proved successful and we have our wonderful community to thank for supporting the school. We still have some ideas up our sleeves, keep an eye out for a note about the **COLOUR RUN** which is coming up fast, Thursday of week 10. We look forward to your support in this amazing event.



## Support

3/6R have been working hard to learn new Maths and Literacy skills. The students are enjoying hands on experience in learning their numbers and sight words. Well done 3/6R!



K/3D have been learning about the interesting animals found in the sea. Students are learning the names, features, habitats and life cycle of some of the amazing living things found under the sea.



3/6P and K/6F meet every Thursday for their weekly buddy sessions. They learn new social skills, make new friends and work on different projects together. The students have had a lot of fun together as they learn how to be safe and respectful with new peers.





Well done to all the Support classes for all your hard work in Semester 1.  
Enjoy your excursion to the Aquarium and IMAX theatre.

### Sports Report!



Early this Term we held our schools Athletics Carnival which was a huge success. We were proud to see the effort that all our students put into each and every event and we would like to acknowledge the students who received a ribbon for placing first, second or third in the 100 metre finals, the 200 metres and the 800 metres.

#### 100 metre girls

#### 100 Metre Boys

**5 Years** - 1st Destanee C

**5 Years** - 1st Ali A

2nd Mirna A

2nd Baraa A

3rd Abbigail C

3rd Zakaria A

**6 Years** - 1st Zara C

**6 Years** - 1st Danny T

2nd Melodie Y

2nd Flynn M

3rd Regina B

3rd Dj B

**7 Years** - 1st Aaisha S

2nd Nevaeh H

3rd Dezaray W

**8 Years** - 1st Freedom R

2nd Jullunya D

3rd Diana E

**9 Years** - 1st Eva C

2nd Tegan O

3rd Manda A

**10 Years** - 1st Martina Q

2nd Malak J

3rd Ella S

**11 Years** - 1st Tiana-Lee T

2nd Larissa D

3rd Melelupe T

**12 Years** - 1st Juliegh R

2nd Diolo W

3rd Anjali R

**7 Years** - 1st David L

2nd Gabriel T

3rd Brody C

**8 Years** - 1st Khoda C

2nd Kyrell T

3rd Kayde B

**9 Years** - 1st Matthew C

2nd Hunter M

3rd Jad C

**10 Years** - 1st Zac D

2nd Ali E

3rd Walid S

**11 Years** - 1st Kareem A

2nd Youssef H

3rd Josiah S

**12 Years** - 1st Omar F

2nd Khaled B

3rd Karam A

**200 Metres**

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**8 Years**- 1st Freedom R

2nd Diana E

3rd Karla L

**9 Years** - 1st Manda A

2nd Nadia G

3rd Eva C

**8 Years** - 1st Khoda C

2nd Kyrell T

3rd Michael T

**9 Years** - 1st Hunter M

2nd Matthew C

3rd Mahmoud H



**10 Years** - 1st Malak J

2nd Martina Q

3rd Felissety T

**11 Years** - 1st Tiana- Lee T

2nd Alanna M

3rd Salanieta Q

**12 Years**- 1st Juliegh R

2nd Jaime O

3rd Jana S

**10 Years** - 1st Ace G

2nd Ali E

3rd Zac D

**11 Years** - 1st Jamil A

1st Josiah S

2nd Kareem A

**12 Years** - 1st Khaled B

2nd Omar F

3rd Karam A

**800 metres**

**8 Years** -1st Jallunya D

2nd Angel W

3rd Amaar S

**9 Years** - 1st Eva C

2nd Nadia G

3rd Farah Fattal

**10 years** - 1st Felissety T

2nd Malak J

3rd Aisha C

**11 years** - 1st Susana S

2nd Ashlee C

3rd Maram A

**12 Years** - 1st Juliegh R

2nd Jaime O

**8 Years** - 1st Kyrell T

2nd Malek S

3rd Tarek E

**9 Years** - 1st Matthew C

2nd Jad C

**10 Years** - 1st Walid S

2nd Mohammad M

3rd Zac D

**11 Years** - 1st Josiah S

2nd Youssef H

3rd Ali A

**12 Years** - 1st Omar F

2nd Khaled B

3rd Anjali R

3rd Karam A

A big congratulations to these students and for those who did well in the field events. We have 42 students representing Lurnea at our Zone Athletics Carnival next week and we look forward to hearing about how they went at the end of next week. Good Luck to all students attending Zone.

### What's Coming Up...In Term 3?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 22/08-26/08	Book Week		K-2 Assembly Zone Athletics Carnival	<b>Support Unit Excursion</b>	
Week 7 29/08-02/09			3-6 Assembly	<b>Year 5 to WSU - First Foot Forward</b>	Winter Gala Day 4
Week 8 05/09-09/09	<b>and</b>  surveys open		K-2 Assembly <b>DanceSport Gala Event</b>		
Week 9 12/09-16/09			3-6 Assembly Premier's Spelling Bee	<b>PBL Reward Day</b>	
Week 10 19/09-23/09			K-2 Assembly	<b>Year 6 Colour Run</b>	Last day of Term 3  and  surveys close

