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Arncliffe Public School Newsletter

Term 3 | Week 9 | 2021



Home Learning Awards (Week 7)

NB: There will be a two week delay in publishing award names so that students can receive their awards in the mail before announced here.

K Blue: Aviraj D, Hassan T K Red: Harper M, Toby C K Green: Jaffar H, Sami M

1/2 Blue: Cynthia L, Felipe V, Fadel S1/2 Green: Emilie D, Emily P, Audrey W1/2 Orange: Gabrielle H, Ariyah T, Andre G

1/2 Red: Owen M, Shada Y, Jacob H
1/2 Purple: Willow M, Jawad T, Anvi N
3/4 Blue: Alex H, Scarlett C, Jeremy H

3/4 Green: Mohamad H, Yasmin N, Soyombo E

3/4 Orange: Ali H, Ivan K, Zara J

3/4 Purple: Damon K, Deon G, Chiara D 3/4 Red: Charlie T, Caitlin G, Samuel M 5/6 Blue: Xavier M, Kaylee C, Farrah A 5/6 Green: Shamaiya G, Imogen B, Ali T 5/6 Orange: April T, Joseph Z, Lucas P 5/6 Red: Naomi S, Christopher P, Lexie B

Silver Awards

N/A

Gold Awards

N/A

Specialist Teacher Awards

ARABIC: N/A DRAMA: N/A



From the Principal

Dear APS Parent and Carers,

We hope that you continue to keep safe and well, whilst enjoying the beautiful Spring weather. We hope that you and your children enjoyed "Arncliffe Unplugged" on Tuesday, and that is provided the space to relax from the more academic side of learning.

Next week is Week 10 and the final week of Term 3 - can you believe that! We have a wonderful week planned "Creatively Courageous" to highlight the APS spirit. Monday is Pyjama day, Tuesday Ultimate Fan day, Wednesday Crazy Hair day, Thursday Kindness day and Friday Spirit day. Later in the newsletter there is overview for the week and there will also be a post in Google Classroom and See-Saw. This is going to be a fabulous week of fun, to close out what has been a very challenging term for us all.

The teachers have been having fun making a wonderful film clip that will be in Google Classrooms and Sew Saw on Monday for everyone to enjoy. A special be thank you to Ms Saltirov and Ms Fotopolos who created the film and were the organisers of Creatively Courageous week. Both have worked tirelessly on both projects and it is greatly appreciated.



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From the Principal (continued)...

A brief snapshot from NAPLAN

We have very pleasing results with our school achieving continuous improvement in Reading and Numeracy. The Department of Education set individual school targets for Reading and Numeracy and I am delighted to say that our results for Reading are 10.68% up from the baseline target and 4.82% for Numeracy.

We are one of the 55 schools in Metropolitan South Region to achieve our Numeracy target. We are also one of the 113 schools to meet the Reading targets. These results are fantastic and a reflection of the teaching and learning delivered by our talented and dedicated teachers. More NAPLAN will be shared in the Week 10 edition of #ArncliffeMatters.

Have a happy Week 10 everyone 😊





Tell Them From Me

Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me 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 on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

The survey is available in 23 languages.

More information about the survey is available at: www.education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

To access the survey for our school go to: http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/arncliffe21

Kindergarten Enrolment rolls on!



We may be in lockdown, but we are still doing the very important job of enrolling next year's kindergarten students. If you have a child that will be starting school next year and you haven't already contacted us, please call the office now. Also, if you have friends in the area that are interested, you can point them to our Virtual School Tour (links on our website).

Enrolments for both in-area and out-of-area can now be done online (links on our website). Please call our friendly office staff if you have any questions.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 online and home delivery options

Due to the extended lockdown, Scholastic Book Club has now opened up Issue 6 to NSW until the end of this term. The great news is they can provide families with the temporary option to have books delivered to their home and our school will still earn 10% in Scholastic Rewards on home delivery orders. Click on the link below to view the digital catalogue:

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/6421/bc621web.pdf



Next week: Creatively Courageous

Hi boys and girls,

Do you have what it takes to be Creatively Courageous? Well, get ready! Week 10 is designed for you to participate and embrace five different themes for each day of the week whilst home learning. Below is a poster to give you more details about what each day entails.

We can't wait to see you end the term being Creatively Courageous!

Please be sure to send in your photos of you participating in each theme to the school email: arncliffe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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We've gat spirit, yes we da. We've gat spirit, Haw abaut yau?

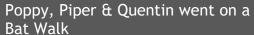


We've got spirit, yes we do. We've got spirit, How about you?



Arncliffe Unplugged!

Thank you to the students who sent in pictures of their activities on our "Arncliffe Unplugged" day last Tuesday. We hope you were able to enjoy a day away from screens.







Eashan and Leo cooked choc mint slices, chilli con carne and banana bread bites. Yum!

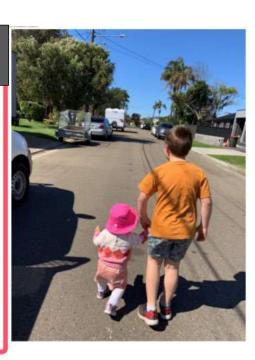




TARNCLIFFE UNPLUGGED

From Rafael C

I took my sister for a walk in the park. I showed my sister the river near the park, lots of different types of leaves and i told my sister how the birds make their nest.



Important Information from TASK about Vacation Care



TASK STATEMENT ABOUT UPCOMING HOLIDAY CARE - SYDNEY SERVICES IN LOCKED DOWN LGAS

We are writing to advise you about upcoming holiday care. As you all know, we have been committed to supporting families who need us with before and after school care throughout this lockdown period. We take the responsibility of keeping your children, our team and the community safe very seriously. And we continue to have this as our top priority. For now and looking forward into term 4 when school returns.

We have been consulting with principals, leaders in the OSHC sector and the Education Department over the last few weeks in an effort to determine the best way to manage everyone's safety during holiday care. At the present time, the period allocated for the NSW school holidays falls in the last 2 weeks of the lockdown period for most of NSW. This is also the time the Government has been warning will see the highest covid case numbers and hospitalisations.

TASK has been operating our services in line with the health orders and with every precaution in place, including the limitation of staff within and between services. This has so far (touchwood) been effective in keeping everyone safe. However, Holiday Care provision is a very different story:

- Generally, Holiday Care is a much longer day (7am-6pm) 11hours. This means we need to INCREASE our staff (potentially tripling the number to cover the 3 shifts in a day) at a time when we ought to be reducing numbers of people and their movement;
- TASK does not want to be responsible for making anyone sick, nor do we wish to be a super-spreader of covid.

As children are not eligible to be vaccinated yet, the advice is that the BEST way of protecting them is for all the adults around them to be fully immunised. TASK updated our policy to include compulsory vaccination against covid for all staff on August 26. The Education Department made it mandatory for all workers in Early childhood services (includes OSHC) on sept 2. Due to eligibility requirements, Not all TASK educators have yet had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated (especially those outside of Sydney), and many will use this time to do so BEFORE school returns in Term 4.

To date, TASK has had 4 of our school communities impacted by positive covid cases. It is a very stressful and scary experience for everyone. Should any TASK families or the increased numbers of staff attending vacation care test positive, everyone would need to isolate for 14 days in line with the directions of NSW Health. Apart from the very real risk to everyone's health (1 in 10 cases are now requiring hospitalisation), this could severely diminish our capacity to be operational in term 4 when school transitions back to Face to face learning.

TASK is extremely concerned about this risk and have determined that the best course of action is to NOT operate vacation care in your area for this period. We understand this will be difficult for our families working in essential services, but we strongly believe it would be irresponsible to put the health of your families and so many others at risk

We hope you can understand and appreciate the difficult position we are in on this issue. We ask everyone who has been using our services to make alternative arrangements for the 10 days of holidays to assist the whole community in staying safe and well.

Thank you, TASK Team

Community Information



