

# BAMBARA PRIMARY SCHOOL *We are the Future*



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### **Messages from the Principal - *Linda Knox***

Luckily Springtime arrived last week for the start of swimming lesson. Our Pre Primary to Year 3 students had balmy weather for their afternoon lessons. Staff on duty at the pool were proud to report exemplary behaviour from our students. Thanks to all our parents for making sure every student had the necessary items for lessons each day.

We have had a spate of vandalism over the past few weekends and threatening behaviour from youths towards staff on school grounds at the end of the school day. The Pre Primary playground had to be closed this Monday, due to the broken glass on the pavement and sandpit. Should you be walking/riding/driving past the school and see anyone other than families on site, please contact the Hillarys Police on 9403 1000 and Ed Security on 9264 4632. It would be appreciated if you could add these to your contacts list on your telephone.

Classroom teachers reported their satisfaction at the quality of the parent/carer interviews held in Week 8. We had a 70% turnout. Students in Years 3-6 who were invited to attend interviews alongside their parents gave the idea the thumbs up, many enjoyed being part of conversations about achievement and progress.

Nominations for the two vacant positions on the School Board 2021 closed on Friday and with luck only two nominations were received. Congratulations to Deanna Foster Kindy parent to James Dohrmann and Sake van Weeghel who re-nominated for a second term. It is pleasing to welcome both Deanna and Sake to the School Board for 2021.

Channel 7 film crew were busy filming a promotional video for Telethon a proud sponsor of Oz Harvest. Bambara PS has developed a strong partnership with Oz Harvest who appreciate working closely with our school to provide nourishing produce for our school hampers program. Thank you to our Year 6 school leaders: Jacob, Jack, Taryn, Natalie, Ashlee, Isla, Jess and Nidhi.

In closing, the staff and I wish to thank you for all your support during Term 3. Although we've not been able to get together as a community I keep my fingers crossed that we will be able to return to our old normal after the Premiers announcement in October.

### **Messages from the School Board Chairperson - *Sake van Weeghel***

A few days more to go and term 3 is finished. A great well-deserved break of two weeks to re-energize and reconnect with family, friends and nature. We all have been quite fortunate to live in Western Australia as much as normal during a time impacted by COVID-19. Whilst we are still in Phase 4, we would like to thank parents for their unwavering support of Bambara Primary School's COVID-19 management.

Last week the parent-teacher interviews were held and I sincerely hope you took the opportunity to check-in with your child's progress. For me personally, it was good to see and speak to the teachers and ask not only questions about their educational capabilities, but also about their social and emotional skills. Furthermore, I was appreciative and grateful for the hard work delivered by our teachers and education assistants.

As a School Board, we will commence preparations in the development of the next three-year business plan in Term 4. Feedback has been collected in Term 3, which will be used as input for the business planning process. We look forward to working together with the management of Bambara Primary School in setting the direction and next steps in preparing our students for their next phase and challenges of this time.

We wish you all a well-deserved break and hope to see you back all-freshed up and re-energised. Stay Safe!

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR..**

#### **SWIMMING LESSONS CRAIGIE LEISURE**

Pre Primary - Year 3

Last Day - Friday 25 September

#### **WWW ASSEMBLY SCHOOL LEADERS**

Thursday 24 September

#### **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

Friday 25 September

#### **TERM 4 COMMENCES**

Monday 12 October



*Year 6 school leaders*



Join the school Facebook group: 'Bambara Primary School - Official Group' - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BambaraPS/>

# Messages from the Deputy Principal - Shelley Smith

The Values focus for this fortnight is "Leadership".

- Taking a lead when working with peers.
- The student interacts with others as a leader but in a positive manner. The students learn how to set an example for others.
- The child demonstrates that he/she can be trusted to do the right thing and encourage others.
- Adults can discuss qualities of a good leader and encourage children to take on minor roles to build up to leadership.

## Library News

*Kindergarten* students enjoyed the story of the "Very Tiny Dinosaur on the Screen".

*Pre Primary* students shared "Harry and the Robots" and are now looking at facts about dinosaurs from an eBook. We are reading the facts and then writing a sentence from the facts using key words.

*Year 1* students completed a Listen, sketch draft based on Harry and the Bucketful of dinosaurs. They were very clever at identifying, drawing and stating the beginning, middle and end of the story.

*Year 2 and Year 3* students missed their lesson from Week 9 and will have that time made up.

*Year 4/5* students have continued their novel study on "The One and Only Ivan". This week there is a sad part.....

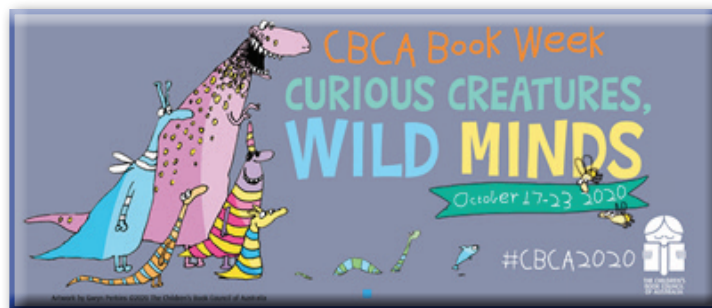
*Year 5/6* students are presenting their research project on disorders. It is invoking some very interesting discussion and creating a greater awareness for students about a whole range of topics. It is very impressive to see how the students are empathetic and keen to understand the effect the disorders have on people.

This week is reward week in library for all the students who have been following the library rules and regularly borrowing and returning books. Yay for all the Bambara students as everyone will be rewarded this week.

## Book Week

Book Week began back in 1945. It was all started by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) as a way to bring children and books together. Usually Book Week takes place during August, in Term 3 of the school year. This year is a little different though. In 2020, Book Week was postponed due to the impact of COVID-19 on the community. Book Week will instead be celebrated in Term 4, during the week of October 17-23. Each year the CBCA chooses a theme for Book Week.

The theme helps to inspire young readers to get involved, to create excitement around the event of Book Week and to connect everyone involved in celebrating Book Week together. This year the theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. I will have Book week activities in the library in that week and we will have a dress up day on Thursday October 22. So there's the theme - **Curious Creatures and Wild Minds** so dress up in any way that reflects this theme or dress as a favourite character. No pressure to have the best costume - preferably students will design their own from bits and pieces they already have. Some ideas.....Google it and seek inspiration or let your mind go wild and come up with your own creation based on a book. There are no prizes for best costumes. It's all about participation, fun and celebration of all the wonderful books we have in our world.



## Special Thanks

Over the last 2 terms Mrs Morecroft has worked with me in the Library. It has been great to have her interacting with the students and supporting them in their searches for fairy books or the latest lego books or whatever they fancy, lending a hand to little people having trouble with their work or checking out the sites our senior researchers are working on. All of this done with a sense of humour and a smile. THANK YOU Mrs Morecroft we will miss you and we've loved having you in the library with us.

## Holidays

It is hard to believe that the holidays are already here. Thank you to everyone for all your work over the term and to parents for their ongoing support - albeit from a distance. I hope you all have a lovely holiday. Stay safe and happy and we will be back for the final term of 2020.



# Awards and Celebrations



## Special Award Winners

Congratulations to: Koby, Lebron, Nidhi, Eaven, Max and Baylee.



## Special Award Winners

Congratulations to: Brodie, Mitchell, Chloe and Charlton.



## Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to: Taryn, Bodhi, Izaac, Jett, Marcel, Autumn, Joshua, Kyan and Isabella.



## Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to: Tajna, Jack, Alisa, Lukas, Lucy, Charley and Thomas.



## Values Award Winners

Congratulations to: Asher, Jess, Tessa, Penelope, Olivia and Emma.





# ECE 2 Kindy News *By Mrs Bell*

This term in ECE 2 we welcomed Mrs Atkinson to our class who is covering for Mrs Blanch. We have been busy as usual, particularly with the lead up to Father's Day. The children walked down to the Father's Day stall and did their shopping just as well, if not better than for Mother's Day. In class, they worked hard and with a lot of love to create thoughtful gifts for their dad. Mrs Bell gave a demonstration on how to decorate and add fondant onto sugar cookies. Reports from home indicated that the Dads were kind enough to share it with their children - just another reason we love our Dads so much!

The children participated in a Language Experience Approach in class, where they were shown the steps with how to make a Milo (complete with marshmallow!) then make their own, following the same order. They verbally reflected on the experience which we scribed, and were able to enjoy their Milo outside by the monkey bars, along with their masks they made. It was a very hands-on week for the letter M, that's for sure!

Continuing the learning outside of the classroom, the children have shown a keen interest with all types of insects and minibeasts found. This is the basis of our 'STEM' project and discussion. Last week, our class pet (a Hairy Mary caterpillar) called Strawberry, was nowhere to be seen in its glass tank. Upon inspection under a coconut shell, it was discovered that it had made a cocoon! This has formed discussions about what it will turn into, and how many days the children think it will be in there for. It might look very different after the school holidays, but Mrs Bell will try and keep it safe at home in the meantime.

We hope you have a lovely time with your families and return refreshed ready for another busy and exciting term.





# Pre Primary News *By Miss Deed*

We have been very busy in Pre Primary this term! The students have started a STEM project on deforestation. We have done some writing on the importance of forests, the definition of deforestation and the effects deforestation has on wildlife. The next stage is to come up with a solution to the problem. I can't wait to hear some of the clever ideas the students will come up with!

As part of the STEM project, students chose an animal that lives in a rainforest and they created beautiful art pieces to display in the classroom. The students followed steps on a video from 'Art Hub' and the final products the students created were incredible to say the least.

During P.E. the class have been participating in tabloid sports. On Wednesday students went down onto the oval and had fun doing hurdles, egg racing, soccer, skipping and potato sack racing!! In Health, we have been learning all about our bodies. The students have been investigating X-rays on the light table and we have also looked at body organs and their importance.

In Maths, we have been focusing on days of the week and talking about what the concept of yesterday and tomorrow. The class created a calendar that they took home to use to practice the concept of time! Another concept we have been doing revision on is shapes and we created some 2D monster shapes. Everyone enjoyed creating a character and name for their monsters.





## Hillbays Out of School Care Inc. Newsletter



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### REMINDER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We appreciate support from all our wonderful families. Please come along and contribute to what HOOSCI can offer our local community and schools.

DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 7PM

### Fee Schedules

Before School Care - \$24.00

Before School Care Kindy - \$29.00

After School Care - \$28.00

After School Care Kindy - \$32.00

Kindy Early Finish Wednesday - \$21.75

Vacation Care - \$21.00

Vacation Care Kindy - \$27.00

Transport BSC & ASC - \$1.00 per child

### Before School Care

Our before school care runs from 6.30AM. Breakfast is offered to all children, before 8am. HOOSCI provides:

Flexible and relaxed atmospheres to help children prepare their minds and bodies for their school day.

Indoor and outdoor activities are available, dependent on the interests of the children and how they like to approach their mornings before heading to a big day at school.

### After School Care

Our after school care provides stimulating and challenging programmes, while catering to individual needs. Our kids are motivated through play and discovery, while we focus on providing support and development of good self-esteem.

A nutritious afternoon tea is provided to re-energise the children after their long day at school. Service closes at 6PM

### Vacation Care

We offer exciting and fun vacation care programs out of Bambara Primary School during school holidays. Our supervisors work with their team of educators to design a program to include activities children choose to participate in... helping to build their independence, social skills and to encourage their individual personalities to flourish. Open between 7.00AM - 6.00PM

### Homework Club

At HOOSCI we also ensure that children have a chance to complete their homework and lend a helping hand if this is required. 😊

### Welcome

HOOSCI would like to welcome all new families that have joined us in the last month. Our service is growing, and we are pleased to advise that we have extended our licenced space to 80 children from our pre-existing 50 place capacity. We are truly blessed that the school has provided HOOSCI with an amazing space that the children can attend and feel at home while participating in the fun filled programs that our educators provide.

As the end of school term is fast approaching, the school holiday period will commence. Our program is open to all children from 4-12 years of age. Bookings are still available, please contact Kerry in administration via email and she will be sure to send through all required forms for your children to join in the holiday fun.

Have a safe and happy holiday period 😊

At Hoosci the children are demonstrating enthusiasm and curiosity towards exploring science concepts. Our favourite science concepts we are currently exploring include;

*Exploring forces-* When our kindy children noticed there weren't enough rip sticks for all of our beyblades they decided to make their own beyblades so they could still play with their friends! Children are resourcing their own learning by exploring different materials and resources in the HOOSCI environment to make their own spinning tops and beyblades. We are experimenting to observe the effect of forces, gravity and friction as we test which "beyblades" spin the fastest, strongest and longest



*Chemical Reactions-* Children have been participating in science experiments to observe the effects of the chemical reaction created by mixing vinegar and baking soda. We are learning that the chemical reaction that occurs with these ingredients produces a gas called carbon dioxide. Children are making predictions, hypothesising and testing their theories as we experiment with this concept. So far we are loving the exploding baggie and balloon inflating experiments!



### Afternoon tea menu

The children at HOOSCI absolutely love being involved with preparing afternoon tea, baking, and sharing their ideas for our weekly menu. In small and large group discussions, children are communicating their ideas for afternoon tea options which has led to some thoughtful discussions regarding healthy options and options which are inclusive of gluten free dietary requirements. Please feel free to pass on some of your delicious snack options from home- we can add these ideas to our weekly menu options 😊

