



The Oak Leaf

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10 th & 11 th	Mother's Day Stall
May 21 st	School Photos
May 22 nd & 24 th	School Tours
May 26 th	Comedy Night

Principal's Column

Next week, students across in Grades 3 and 5 across the state will undertake testing in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Numeracy.

It is important for parents and students to understand that NAPLAN tests are just one of the assessments teachers use at Oak Park. Also, these tests by their nature, can really only be a 'snapshot' of how a student performs during one 45 minute period on one particular day. It would be wrong to assign too much emphasis to the tests.

A little while ago I came across this article in *The Educator* magazine. It was under the headline

'School's NAPLAN letter goes viral as tests begin'

The touching letter, received by Year 3 students at St Paul's Primary School in Gracemere, told students that the NAPLAN tests "do not assess" all of what makes the students "exceptional and unique".

"The people that score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program," stated the letter.

"They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad."

The letter, composed by three teachers at the school, was uploaded to Facebook by parent, Paul Lawrie, and has now been shared over 25,000 times.



Uniform Award

This week's
Uniform Wearer of the Week Award
goes to
ADAM JAMMAL IM

Congratulations Adam for setting such a terrific example to the rest of the school!



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Lawrie told the *Daily Mercury* he found the note in his son's backpack, and wrote: "Well done to St Paul's for sending this home with the kids."

Online, the letter has been hailed as "great", "brilliant", "thoughtful" and "lovely", and a reminder that "a child is so much more than a NAPLAN test".

Comedy Night

**Our Comedy Night is ALWAYS a fun night.
HURRY UP AND CALL INTO THE OFFICE TO GET
YOUR TICKETS**

Reading

What do Independent and Successful Readers Know and Do?

- Approach reading with interest
- Presume they will understand what they read
- Have a broad reading vocabulary and know the meaning of many words
- Have a range of strategies for working out the meaning of words
- Can effortlessly read many words
- Recognise there are different text types
- Know they will need to draw on different strategies to read different texts

Reading by the end of the third grade is a key milestone in a child's educational development and sentinel indicator of future educational success.

Attendance at school is crucial – when absenteeism becomes a pattern it is hard to intervene.

How important is it to practice reading?

Students who read:

- Less than 1 minute a day read 8 000 words in a year
- 5 minutes a day read 282 000 words in a year
- 20 minutes a day read 1.8 million words in a year

Anyone at any age can learn to read but teachers cannot compensate for a lack of practice.

Chess Club

Chess Club began their first official Chess Tournament today. The children are very excited! The overall winner will win a trophy and there will be medals for those that win in their age categories.

The tournament will continue until the end of the term with each student playing a different player each week.

Grant specializes in Chess Tournament and will run the tournament following official rules and regulations, this way the students will know what to expect if they ever enter a Chess Tournament outside school.

Have fun player chess with your child this week!

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Condolences

On behalf of Oak Park Primary School staff, students and the community, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Gutbier family, for the sad news on the sudden and unexpected passing of Kathryn. Kathryn was a member of our school community for many years, with William and Violet attending from their Foundation years.

Thoughts are with Peter, William and Violet

Japanese News

Have you thought about your outfit for Japanese Day? There will be a prize for 'The most unique style Japanese dress' this year. If you are not dressing up in something of a Japanese theme, you are expected to come in your school uniform.

Some ideas include: Pokemon, Japanese flag, *Kimono* or *Yukata* (Japanese robe), Hello Kitty, Ninja, Harujuku, sushi, noodles, rice, Samurai, Taiko drummer, or some Nintendo game. These are just a few of the many options – Sky is the limit!

Another reminder for the Japanese incursion 'Wasabi'. It is expected that all students will attend and be immersed in some of Japan's culture. All permission forms and payment are to be completed on Compass by 11th May 2018. Thank you to parents/guardians who have already paid. In order to confirm our booking we need the finalisation of numbers for this event.

There has been some confusion regarding the



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payment and consent for this excursion:

There were 2 excursions with a \$7 payment, and while many families have thought they'd paid the Japanese \$7, it was actually the Kym Lardner \$7. We would ask families to check their bank statements if you believe you have already paid, but it is showing that you have not.

If for some reason your child is not attending Japanese Day, could I please ask that you let me know via email.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Melissa Ly
Japanese Language Teacher

2018 Writer's Festival "A Hard Knock at My Door"

, Thursday 3rd May 2018.

From Student News - Amelia Miller and Yasemin Yilmaz

Wow! What beautiful writing pieces created for the 2018 Writers Festival. From the Foundation kids' artwork to the Grade 6's lengthy and descriptive writing pieces. This year's Writers Festival was probably the best one yet! What a blast.



The whole event was spectacular. First, you entered The Writer's Festival feeling like a celebrity, walking down the red carpet, looking at all the preps creativity. To the left, you saw a brick wall, but if you looked a bit closer, you saw the 1/2's awe-inspiring work! Further round the track, you saw what looked like a library, comfortable seats, racks and racks of books, all displaying the 3/4's work. Getting to the end of the display, you came face to face with a black cube, but not just any black cube. It was a house filled with 5/6 work!

The assembly was also a hoot. We had the amazing guest speaker, Kym Lardner. He made *everyone* laugh and told some wonderful stories. He made us realise how important it was to have fun when creating stories. There were awards for the 'most outstanding' and 'most improved' writer. The choir sang "Words Make The World Go 'Round" with harmony and passion. Parents came in flocks surrounding the assembly like a fence. After assembly, parents had a chance to find and admire their child's masterpiece and later that day students got to see and share their friends and siblings writing.

We went to the streets to find out what the students thoughts were on this year's festival.

"Interactive and fun!" exclaimed a Grade 6 student.

"It was amazing!" announced a grade 4 student.

So you heard it here first, this festival was an absolute hit. Thanks for everyone's hard work and



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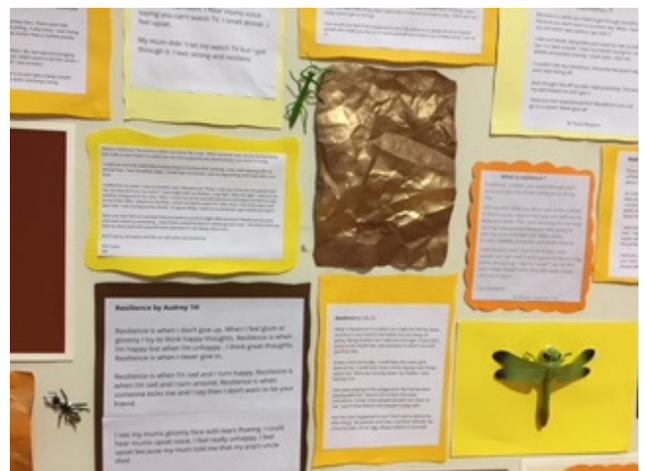
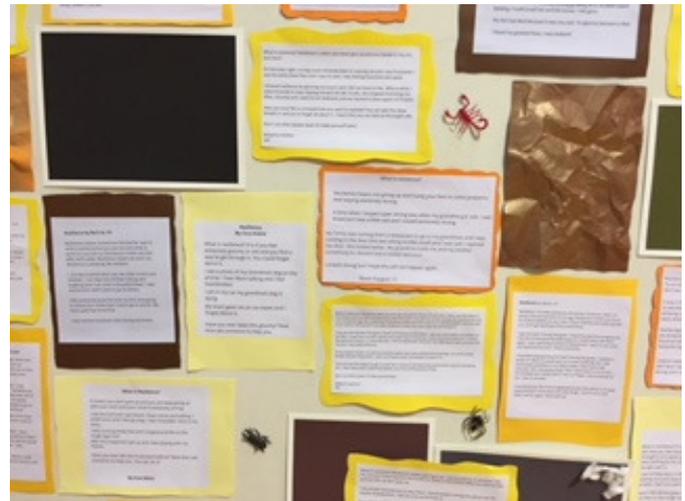
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commitment to making such a great festival this year! Here are some great photos.....





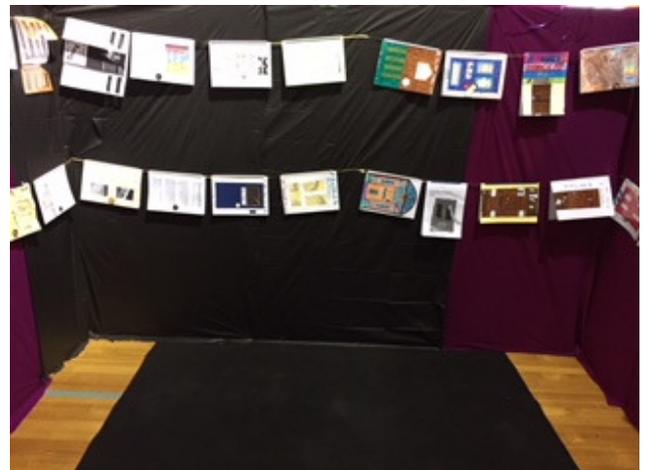
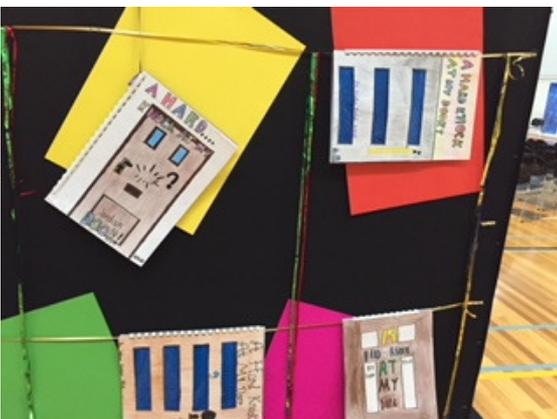
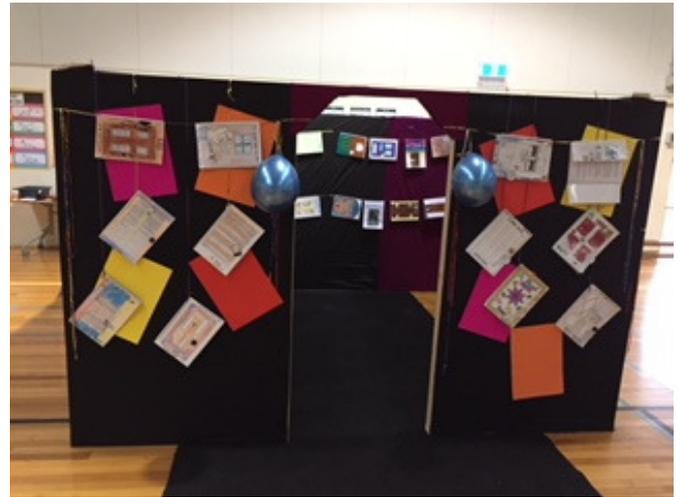
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Mothers Day Stall

Thursday 10th May & Friday 11th May

The PFA Mothers Day stall will be held this coming Thursday and Friday mornings. Items will range in price from 50 cents to 6 dollars. This year we have sourced some handcrafted items from the Broadmeadows Special Development school and some students from BMDS will help us sell on Thursday. There will also be bulbs, catalogue items and handicraft donations received from the school community for sale. Thanks to everyone who has donated to this years stall. If you would like your child to purchase from the stall, could you please send some money and a reusable bag with your child to school on Thursday and/or Friday.



Premiers Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Oak Park Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you choose to participate in the Reading Challenge, please return the forms to Denise Anderson (Grade 4).



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Walking School Bus

Want to join the Oak Park Primary School Walking School Bus?

A Walking School Bus is a school bus powered not by an engine but by legs! It is a safe, healthy and convenient way for children to travel to and from school. It's a fun way for children to get exercise and walk to school safely, great for the environment, and eases traffic around school!

Oak Park Primary School Walking School Buses are open to families to join the fitness & fun!

From the East

The Station Street Walking School Bus provides a safe and fun way to get to school for families living on the eastern side of Pascoe Vale Road.



The Station Street Walking School Bus currently runs on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

If you live near the route – or can drop your kids off at a spot along the way – and are thinking about joining talk to Walking School Bus Drivers Lisa Kalimeris (email liskalimeris@gmail.com) or Bron Barwick (email nursebron@yahoo.com).

Interested?

If you or your children would like to be a part of these Walking School Bus routes, or if you want a route in your area please contact Walking School Bus drivers Lisa Kalimeris, Bron Barwick, or Stacey Lowry.

From the North West

The New Road Walking School Bus provides a walking route to school for parents and students living to the north and west of Oak Park Primary.



The New Road Walking School Bus runs on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 8:30am.

If you live on the route, currently walk to school via New Road or can meet us at the corner of The Avenue and New Road at 8:30am, please talk to Walking School Bus Driver Stacey Lowry (email stacey.lowry@actionis.com.au or ph. 0403 598 299) about getting involved.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS 'Expression of Interest' form located at the back of the newsletter

Paws For Books

Competition details for the 'Paws for Books' book fair will be distributed to students on Friday. Enter for a chance to win a \$10 voucher for the Book Fair. All entries must be handed in to the Library by **Friday 18th May.**

Year 6-7 Transition

Friday 11th May is the final day for Year 6-7 Transition forms to be handed in to the Office. If you are not applying for a Government Secondary College, but have secured a place at a Catholic or private College, you will still need to hand this form in.

OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION TIMELINE Year 7-2019

April: Transition packs distributed to parents/carers of Year 6 students.

11 May: 'Application for Year 7 Placement' forms to be returned to Oak Park Primary School by this date.

8 August: Oak Park Primary School to notify parents/carers in writing, with placement offers.

11 December: Secondary Schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.



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Secondary College Information



ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE
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Achieving excellence with innovative STEM Education

- STEM Learning Centres at all campuses
- Architecturally Designed Niddrie Campus Opening for 2019
- Leading academic accelerated learning programs for individual subjects and students

COLLEGE OPEN DAY
30 April 2018



Information Session for all campuses at Essendon Campus 6:00pm
Tours 9:30 am & 11:30 am @ each Campus

Niddrie Junior Campus
Years 7 to 9
Via Watt Street
Airport West 3042
Ph: 9375 8400

East Keilor Junior Campus
Years 7 to 9
82 Quinn Grove
East Keilor 3033
Ph: 8331 0109

Essendon Senior Campus
Years 10 to 12
286 Buckley Street
Essendon 3040
Ph: 9319 1300



Nelson Alexander Academic Scholarship for Coburg High School Students

Coburg High School, with the support of Nelson Alexander Coburg, are proud to offer an academic scholarship for an incoming 2019 Year 7 student to fund the purchase of a new MacBook Air computer, valued at \$1500. To apply for this scholarship, students need to submit a response to the following task.

The Task
There are two parts to this task. Part A is compulsory and takes a written form. Part B is optional, but is strongly encouraged, and takes a multi-modal form.

Part A
Students are required to write a response to the following question:
Why is technology a life changing force?

Entrants can choose to explore this idea in any number of ways, including, but not limited to:

- Historic technological achievements, including inventions that changed the world; developments in medicine, engineering, transportation, space exploration and communication technology, including mobile phones, the internet and social media.
- The impact of technology on the environment, both negative and positive.
- The way people's lives have been changed by the communication developments of the internet, social media and global communications.
- Predictions of how the world will change with new technological developments.

Entries must:

- Be no longer than 1000 words (there is no minimum length)
- Written in formal English with a consistent style
- Be presented in black, 12-14 point font, preferably in Times New Roman or similar



Nelson Alexander



Part B
Students can include images, video or even a creation, artistic or otherwise, that their response is based on, illustrates or in some way complements. Some ideas include, but are not limited to:

- A video/ documentary produced and narrated by the student
- A speech or dramatic presentation on that has been recorded
- A drawing, painting, digital image, collage, montage or other visual presentation
- A student made technological device or invention
- A model of an invention, event, person
- Photographs of any of the above

Submissions:
Electronic entries can be submitted to: info@coburg.vic.edu.au
Hardcopy entries can be mailed or submitted in person to:
Coburg High School
Attention: Scholarship Panel
505 Unquert Street
Coburg VIC 3058



Please submit your entry with the following information:
First Name:
Surname:
Home Address:
Parent/Guardian Name:
Parent/ Guardian Phone Number:
Primary School:
Please confirm that you are a Grade Six student who will be eligible to attend Coburg High School in 2019:
Please confirm that the work submitted is your own:

Conditions:
Entries close 22 June 2018 and the winner will be announced in Term Three. This scholarship is conditional on enrolment at Coburg High School for the school year beginning 2019. The scholarship is for a MacBook Air Computer and is not a cash prize. Students must be submitting work that is their own and plagiarism will void the award. Primary School staff may be contacted to validate student work.

COBURG HIGH SCHOOL Nelson Alexander



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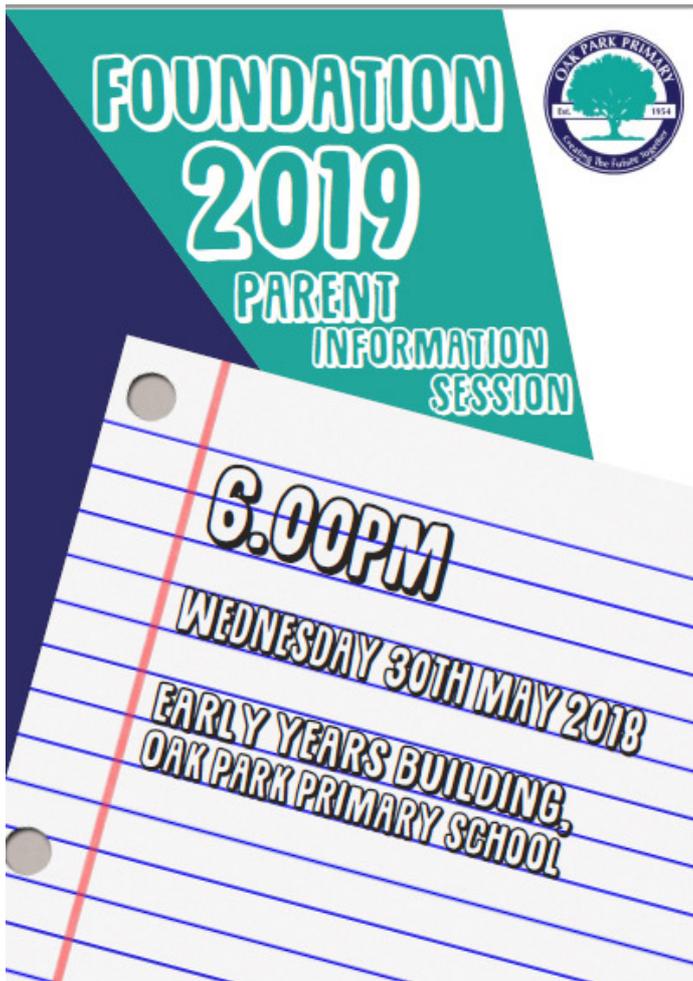
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2019 Foundation News



If you are contemplating enrolling your child at Oak Park Primary School in 2019, please call into the office to pick up and complete an Enrolment form.

Thank you

Energy Saver Champions

The Energy Saver Champions this week were: Grade 2M They received their trophy at assembly and will hold it until next week.

At home this week, you can save energy by: Turning fans off and using heaters when they should be used. *Written by: Teagan*
School Energy Monitors: Ryder & Barnaby

School Photo Information



Dear Parents and Students,

Photo day is fast approaching! School photo order envelopes have been handed out to every student. It is important to follow the order instructions on your personalised envelopes.

Ordering:

Payment Options include Cash or Online

TO ORDER WITH CASH

- On your envelope please select which package you would like to purchase & enclose CORRECT MONEY in your child's envelope
- Please include correct money as there is NO CHANGE AVAILABLE on or after photo day

TO ORDER ONLINE

- Using your child's SHOOTKEY logon to www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE. Following the on screen prompts you may select your chosen package and make payment
- You will receive an email once the order is complete. Please record your child's Reference Number on their envelope
- The online ordering system closes at midnight of photo day

Packages available:



Sibling Photos:

FAMILY PHOTO SLIPS ARE ATTACHED TO YOUR ELDEST CHILD'S PHOTO ENVELOPE

- Please leave the slip attached to your envelope and follow listed instructions
- Pay Online using the family SHOOTKEY
- Please note Family Photo's are taken LANDSCAPE
- Spare Family Slips are available at the school office if you did not receive one
- **PLEASE NOTE FAMILY ORDERS MUST BE MADE ONLINE**

FAMILY ORDERS MUST BE MADE ONLINE BEFORE 11.59PM THE NIGHT BEFORE PHOTO DAY.

Tips on Ordering:

- Every student must present their own envelope to the Photographer on photo day regardless of payment method
- Don't seal envelopes inside each other
- Please contact us if you have any further questions



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Community News

Supercare Pharmacies are open 24 hours a day



Coburg Pharmacy 4 Less
1 Louisa Street, Coburg
Phone: 9386 6655

Pharmacist available 24/7

Registered nurse onsite daily 6pm-10pm for:

- > mild temperatures and allergies
- > rashes, cuts, burns and bites
- > health screening and immunisations
- > other minor injuries and illnesses.

Nursing service is free
– no appointment or Medicare card needed.

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/supercarepharmacies

In the case of an emergency, visit your nearest hospital emergency department or phone triple zero (000) for an ambulance.



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OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY 26th MAY

OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
WILLETT AVE, OAK PARK



KATIE BURCH
YOUI

JEFF GREEN
UK COMEDY LEGEND

EVAN HOCKING
HEATH'S BROTHER

7PM FOR A 7.30PM START
TICKETS \$25 PRE PAID
OR \$30 ON THE NIGHT
BYO Alcohol, soft drinks and nibbles
Tickets can be purchased from
Oak Park Primary School Office
for more details contact
Craig Yorston on 0411 252 088





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WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Katia Marcialis	For working hard to always produce your best work and set a great example for others in our class. Well done!
FS	Benjamin Argent	For consistently doing his best work, and setting a good example to the rest of FS. Well done ! For her great persistence when dealing with challenging
FP		
1M	Sandil Samarathna	For always trying your best and extending yourself in Writing
1H		
1/2C	Charli Rennie	For the excellent improvement in the presentation of her work. Well done Charli
2M		
2D		
3E	Lucy Sapiano	For trying your best at everything you do in class, and for such an amazing effort with your writing about resilience
3P	Georgia Christie	For always being respectful to your classmates and having a go at every challenge
3/4B		
4A	James Barwick	For being a responsible monitor in our class
4JW	Artemis Rezaei Mirghaed	
5/6C		
5/6G	Koray Sezer	For focussing on working well with others in CBL, and on his mental maths program
5/6LD	Indy Simpson	For trying your very best and never giving up when challenges come your way. Well done Indy



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5/6P		
Sustainability		
Japanese	Lucy Taylor	For her great persistence when dealing with challenging origami, and always being a good listener in the Japanese classroom. Well done!
Performing Arts		

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School Council President	Joanne Roolker	joanne.roolker@live.com.au
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The Walking School Bus

Joining the Bus – Expression of Interest

Yes, I'm interested in my child joining the Walking School Bus

When would your children use the Walking School Bus? Please write their name(s) in the table below:



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Bus					
After School Bus					

Yes, I'm interested in helping out on the Walking School Bus

Please indicate when you would be available by ticking the appropriate box below:

Driver/Conductor Roster	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Bus					
After school Bus					

Name Phone (Hm)..... (Wk)..... (Mob).....

Address

Email

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