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 Term 2 Week 4 Newsletter 2020 Issue 8

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 4 already! Over the last fortnight, we have seen all of our students return to school and the routine of classroom learning which has been wonderful. We continue to celebrate the successes of all students, and plan to begin assemblies again in Week 5 (children and staff only at this stage), in readiness for when we can invite our parents back on site to join. We continue to thank you all for your ongoing support.

There has been quite a lot happening around the school of late, with the upgrading of ICT infrastructure and equipment, painting of some areas in our Admin building, and planning for continual development of our outside environment.

This year, our school has been included in the Fibre in Schools Project meaning that we have had new fibre connections installed, with the plan for them to be activated in Week 7. This will provide access to the SWiFT internet service, which will give us more reliable internet, faster speed and a greater bandwidth. The department has supported us in the purchase of a new server cabinet, and all existing ICT equipment has been moved up to the mezzanine level in the Administration building. In addition to this, we have purchased 7x new HP Touchscreen Laptop computers to be used by the students, and 2x new HP computers for Administration use. We expect these to be delivered and set up by the end of this term. This investment in new ICT infrastructure and equipment ensures that we are continually upgrading our capacity and that we provide a minimum of one laptop per student at our school.

Over the past fortnight, Brenton Poole (PCW) has begun painting around the outside of the Administration building focusing on the wooden window and door frames, and patching the outside doors (toilets, back kitchen door) in readiness for a new coat of paint. We have ordered new toilet door signs and are planning for a 'WOW factor' sign on the inside entrance of the building - we cannot wait to share it with you. Once the outside painting is complete, Brenton will move inside and paint some of the same areas on the inside of the Administration building. This has made a huge difference already to the aesthetics of these areas, and the students are already commenting on how neat it looks and that they love the colour choice. We hope you do too!

Student Individual Learning Plans will be sent home by the end of this week, including goals set last term by the students in collaboration with their teachers. Normally these are discussed as a part of parent/teacher interviews; however, due to the Covid-19 situation interviews were not held as usual at the end of the term. As we are still following Government and Department for Education directions, we are still limiting the amount of people who have access to the school site. If you would like to have a phone call or video conferencing interview with your child's teacher at anytime, please do not hesitate to make contact with us to organise. Hopefully restrictions will soon ease and we will have the opportunity to conduct face to face interviews (with social distancing) in the near future.

Kindest Regards,  
**Natalie Coote**

## ATTENDANCE

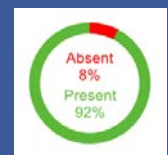
Please remember to inform the school of any planned or unplanned student absences. This may be a written, verbal or phone explanation prior to, or 'on the day' and a follow up note in your child's message book/diary the next day. This will help the school to maintain accurate records.

Our 2019 attendance target is 96% or greater



Year to Date (2020)

The average daily attendance rate Year to Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 20/05/2020



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 20/05/2020



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 Department for Education



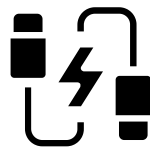
# Reminders

Milo Monday's and Friday's  
20c donation

Toastie Tuesday's and Thursday's

Friday 5th June - Pupil Free day

Monday 8th June - Public Holiday



## Conductor or Insulator?

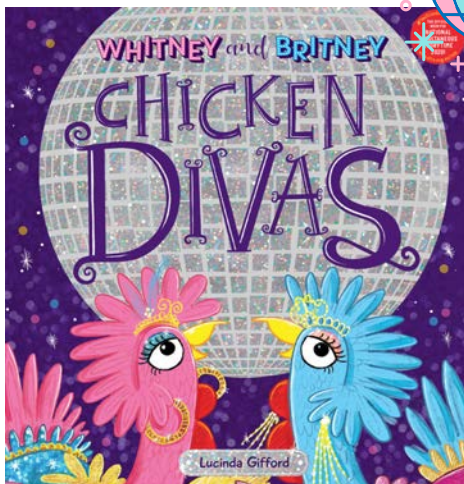
Last week the BLA spent some time experimenting with electrical circuits where they learnt that conductors allow the electricity to flow and insulators do not. Students had to predict which items would be conductors or insulators.



## National Simultaneous Story-time 2020

Next Wednesday the 27th of May we will be taking part in the National Simultaneous story-time event where more than one million people will all read Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas at the same time. This is a wonderful, bright and fun book written by Lucinda Gifford which we are sure all of the students will love. After next Wednesday the book will be available to borrow in the library.

If you would also like to participate at home then you can visit <https://www.alia.org.au/nss> to register for free and order your own copy of the book or you can tune into ABC kids at 11am to watch Denise Scott read the book from the Playschool Story Time couch.



To parents and carers for waiting at the gate in the morning for school drop off and in the afternoon for pick up. Also for maintaining social distancing guidelines of 1.5 metres between each person and for contacting the school with any questions or concerns that you may have. This has helped us to maintain our directives from the department, so we appreciate your support and willingness. From all of the KOMPS staff

THANKYOU

## SRC Announcement

On Friday, term 2, week 4, the SRC has discussed that we would have a video game - themed dress up day. Please bring a gold coin donation. Wear full clothing and if your character has no t-shirt on then you will have to choose another character. No weapons or video game accessories allowed.





The students in the ELA are reading James and the Giant Peach with Mrs Bevan. At the completion of each chapter the students have a writing/ drawing task to complete in the Reading Journal.

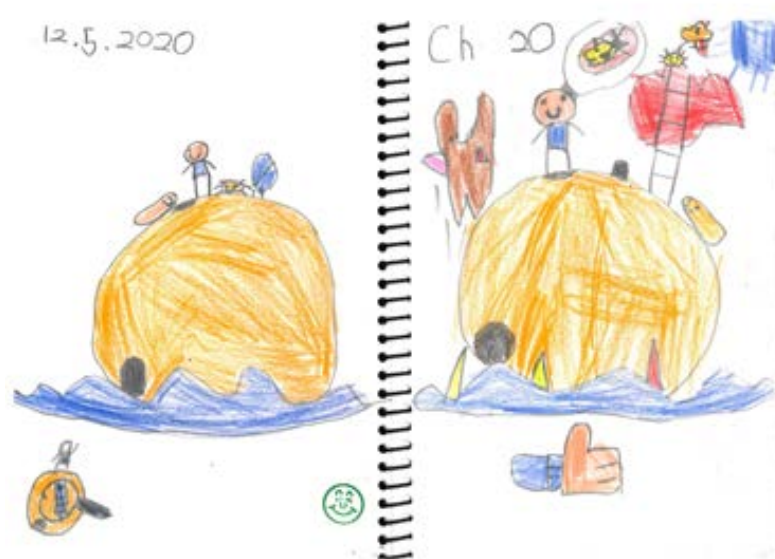
In Chapter 14 the centipede was nibbling at the stem of the peach, suddenly they were free from the tree and rolling down the hill through the village and over the cliff landing in the ocean.

In Chapter 19 all the creatures in the peach were worried about being eaten by the Sharks which were circling the peach. James suggested catching seagulls to lift the peach out of the water away from the Sharks.

We are now reading about the peach being high in the sky above the sea with the ship the Queen Mary underneath.



The students are making papier-mache peaches and then we will make the characters from the story to put inside. We might not be able to make the 502 seagulls it took to lift the peach out of the sea though!

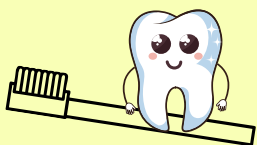


## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Helping our Community GROW



At Berri Dental, we are super passionate about helping your child grow a bright and healthy smile, from their very first baby tooth, through to every molar. It's so incredibly important for children to look after their teeth for their future smile, health, and well-being. It is for that reason that Berri has used this opportunistic time during COVID-19 to create a video and dental health activities to teach/remind children (of all ages) about the oral health basics and to get them thinking about their teeth. To recognise their great efforts, email a photo of the child's completed activities and brushing chart to us at [admin@berridentist.com.au](mailto:admin@berridentist.com.au) for them to receive a certificate of achievement and a mystery dental-related prize.



<https://www.berridentist.com.au/news/2020/04/27/children-dental-tips-from-berri-dental/>



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# Book Club

Dear families,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our class is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

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Your Child's Teacher