



Eureka Public School

Newsletter

Strive to Achieve

Week 7 Term 1 Tuesday 13th March 2018

WHAT'S ON	
Week 7	March
Wed 14	Gymnastics—No Cost
Fri 16	Assembly / Canteen / Scripture Music with Kate / Cross Country
Week 8	March
Tues- Thurs	NAPLAN ONLINE Practice Yr3 & 5
Wed 21	Gymnastics—No Cost
Thurs 22	FCCC Visit 10am-11am
Fri 23	Assembly / Canteen / Scripture Music with Kate / Cross Country
Permission Notes Due	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 7—2019 Enrolment FormsGymnastics NotesBook Club—Due 26 / 3 / 2018Interrelate Note & Money Yr 5&6	

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

You are practicing

Gentleness

when you...

- Make it safe for people and animals to be around you
- Touch carefully
- Speak with a soft voice
- Express your feelings peacefully
- Take time out when you don't feel gentle
- Think gentle thoughts that make you smile inside

Affirmation
I am gentle.
I think, speak and act with gentleness.
I show care for people and for everything I touch.

Hello everyone,

Firstly, thank you to everyone for their well wishes and thoughts over the last few weeks. It really helped to know you were all thinking of my family and I. Special thank you to Miss Lisa and Miss Georgia who stepped up to cover me whilst I was in Sydney.

The Eureka Playgroup is back up and running each Wednesday morning with lots of new Mums, Dads and bubs attending. The Playgroup is open to any families and runs from 9:30am till 11:30am.

Cross Country training commences this Friday at 10:45am. Mr Coleman and Miss Lisa will be training with the students. Parents are also invited to participate. Spare shoes / socks are recommended as the ground is often wet!

This week's newsletter is full of things from our classrooms, with some writing from the Senior Class and some information about the amazing Minecraft Education program running on Thursday afternoons.

We are looking forward to a visit from the students at FCCC on Thursday next week. They will be visiting from 10am till 11am. If there are any parents that would like to come along and welcome the FCCC staff, parents and children, that would be lovely.

I often get lovely messages from our students about why they love Eureka PS so much. Bridget wrote to me a few weeks ago

"Eureka School In Action".

***Eureka is a helping school and a happy place.
Our specialty is Indonesian and our playground
is beautiful. The bus has a TV!***

Love your work Bridget!!

Have an amazing week!

Michael Coleman, Principal ☺

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PUNCTUALITY OF STUDENTS

Please remember that school commences at 9am each morning. Each Monday we start with assembly. Tuesday-Thursday we start lessons at 9am sharp. On Friday we have our Whole School Assembly at 9am. This morning there were 7 students that arrived up to 20 minutes late for class. As each student enters, they disrupt the lesson. The teacher has to once again explain what the lesson is to each and every student that walks in late. It is very disruptive and not respectful to staff and students who are in the middle of learning. Please ensure All students are at school ready to learn at 9am. Thank you in anticipation.



CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

All students will be training for the upcoming Cross Country each Monday and Friday for PE for the remainder of this Term and early next Term. Students should pack their joggers / running shoes in a separate plastic bag on these days or bring along a change of socks / shoes in case they get wet feet. Cross Country is part of the school curriculum and all students will be training. If there is a medical reason why your child can not participate, please send along a letter from your GP stating the condition. Parents are more than welcome to train with Staff and students at 9:15am Mondays and 10:45am Fridays.



GYMNASTICS

Free Gymnastics lessons commence this Wednesday for all students K-6. Lessons will be after lunch. Please ensure your child is in school uniform shorts or skorts to allow easy movement for activities. This program is funded through the Sporting Schools Program that Mr Coleman applied for last year, saving each family \$40 per child!



DROPPING OFF LUNCHES IN SCHOOL TIME

Please remember that our school has a number of rules that must be adhered to by parents at all times. They are developed by the NSW DoE and are mandatory in all schools. They are not made up by the staff at the school to annoy you, they have been developed to ensure the safety of your children and are usually the result of a critical incident regarding a child in recent times. Students are not allowed to go to the school's boundary fence to collect things off parents. This included lunches. If you are unable to have your child's lunch prepared in the morning, feel free to bring it at an alternate time but you **MUST** deliver it to the Administration Office, signing in as you do so. We appreciate your understanding and acceptance of this security measure at our school, which assist us to protect your children. It only takes a few minutes!



SENIOR CLASS SHOWCASE

QUICK-WRITES

**The senior class were shown the picture on the next page
We discussed ways to set the scene for an audience
by engaging their senses. They were allocated
15 minutes of writing time.
These are some of their story beginnings.**

Who's There?

I see it.....the demon with his blades of fire and his mouth full of souls. I throw a sword. It has no effect. He flicks me. I go flying to the wall. Slam! Flip! I say "I didn't think a demon could hurt a God that much." I jump at him with my blades of lightening. His sword of fire blocks it. I wish to win this.....Dead or Alive!

By Toby, Year 4

Who's There?

The world flashed white. Wisp growled from beneath me. "Shh, you're okay." I rubbed its thick, shield-sized scales. The white screen faded. I hopped off his back and took in my surroundings. Everything was coated in a thick, white blanket of mist. Something nudged me in the back. "Oh, come on Wisp," I said. "Don't be a baby." The massive blue and black dragon replied with a soft growl. Something was wrong. I shuddered. The mist reminded me of the death smoke at Kakado Cottage. Something roared in the distance.....

By Zoot, Year 6

Untitled

'You do know that it's a movie in the cinema.'

"Yeah, I know that," I reply as I reach my hand down for popcorn. There is no popcorn.

"Where's the popcorn?"

I turn to my friend who was gripping my arm. It feels like there is no blood. I see the popcorn bucket on her head and the drink in her hand. There's popcorn everywhere.

"Well, there goes ten dollars."

I blink and then I see the monster in real life. My friend screams.....

"Aaaaaaaarrrrrrrggggggghhhhh!"

By Emily, Year 5

The Mysterious Cave

I was trudging through the moist, dark forest. Suddenly, I heard a faint flapping sound. It was getting closer. Then a cloud of bats flew towards me. I ran flat-out through the forest. Suddenly, I tripped. Then I fell deeper and deeper but I didn't hit the ground. I fainted. When I woke up I thought I was dreaming but I wasn't. I stood up and looked around. I was in some cave. It was pitch black but I figured there was a cave wall in front of me. I heard a rumbling and the wall suddenly collapsed. There, standing in front of me, was a massive mutant, growling monster. It roared and it spotted me. It stamped its feet and the cave walls shook. Had it heard something? Then another wall collapsed and another monster appeared. The first monster slashed at it. Then they started duelling. I was trapped.....or was I?

By Tom, Year 4



The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers **FREE dental care to ALL children under 18**.

- ☐ Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.
- ☐ It is recommended that children have regular dental check ups starting at 1 year.
- ☐ Regular dental check ups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- ☐ Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

In the Classrooms

Junior Class

Maths	Multiplication; Area
English	Indonesian Stories /Dragon Dawn Persuasive Writing; Conjunctions
Sport/PE	Cross Country; Gymnastics
Humanities	Southeast Asia
The Arts	Indonesian Masks
Homework	Y1&2—Maths revision; writing Yr3—Unit 4 Spelling /Mentals Home reading (10 mins nightly)

Senior Class

Maths	Maths Pathways; Multiplication; Area
English	Punctuation / Descriptions
Sport/PE	Cross Country; Gymnastics
Humanities	Southeast Asia
The Arts	Wire Sculptures
Homework	Spelling/Mentals Unit 3 Home Reading (10 mins nightly)

CANTEEN NEWS

Friday March 16th

Lynne

Special \$3.50

Bacon Quiche



If Vegetarian option is required please text Lynne

Please remember that no children are allowed in the canteen due to WH&S regulations.

STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

DUE BACK TO SCHOOL NOW!

We are preparing your children's Semester 1 Reports & Portfolios so please return the Red Portfolios ASAP.

★ FAMILY SHOWS AT NORPA THIS SEASON ★



THE 78 STOREY TREEHOUSE
21 & 22 JUN



RED RACING HOOD
31 AUG & 1 SEP



BIG BAD WOLF
25 & 26 OCT

Performance Partner



TICKETS

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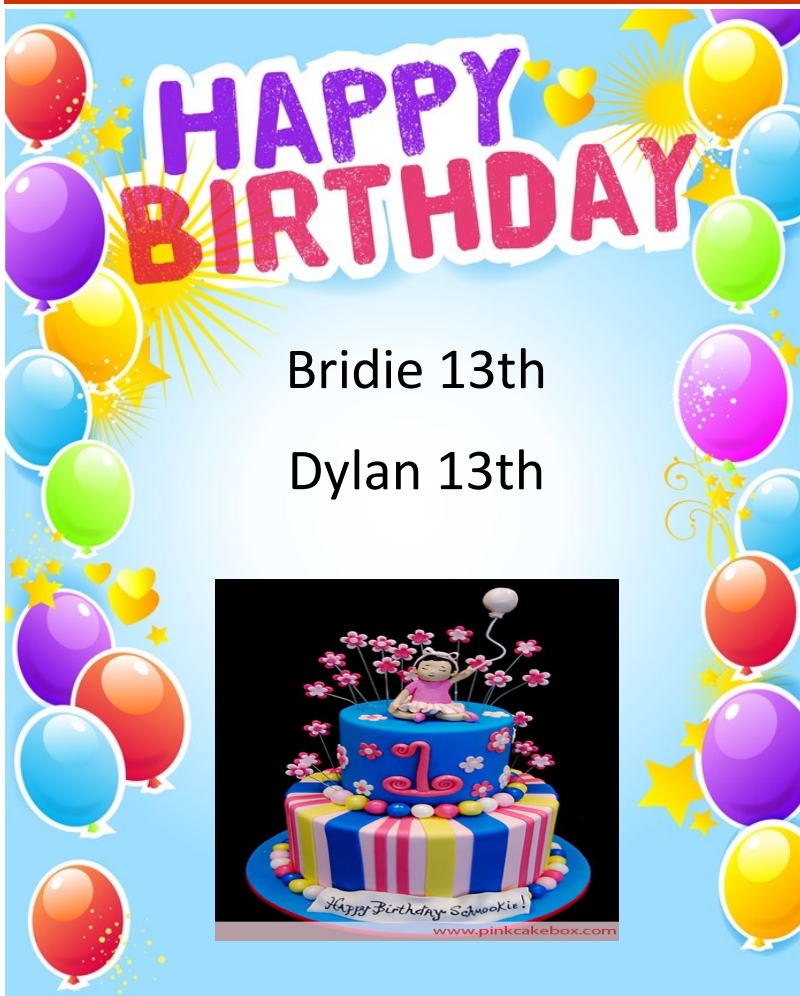
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CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2018

Please Select the week you are able to co-ordinate the canteen. Remember this is a major fundraiser for your P&C, with funds being used to reduce the cost of excursions.

Please nominate the weekly special menu item when you reserve your place on the canteen roster.

Week	NAME	DATE	Donation of baked goods	Fruit & Special
7	Lynne	16/3		Quiche
8	Laila	23/3	TBA	Vegie Lasagne
9	No Canteen This Week Due to Easter Friday			
10	Silke	6/4	Salmon pasta and pesto pasta	Watermelon Salad
11	Darya	16/3	Muffins	Spaghetti Bol



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Book Club catalogues are attached. All orders must be placed either at school or online as a Loop Order by **Monday 26th March, 2018**

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Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
7	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March Assembly 9am Canteen / Scripture Music With Kate Cross Country Training	17 18 Mar
8	19 March Cross Country Training	20 March NAPLAN ONLINE Yr3&5	21 March NAPLAN ONLINE Yr3&5 Gymnastics	22 March NAPLAN ONLINE Yr3&5 FCCC Visit	23 March Assembly 9am Canteen No Scripture / Music With Kate / Cross Country Training	24 25 Mar
9	26 March Inter-relate @ Bexhill PS Yr 5&6 Cross Country Training	27 March P&C Meeting 5pm	28 March Gymnastics	29 March Easter Hat Parade & Egg Hunt	30 March Public Holiday Good Friday	31 1 Apr
10	2 April Public Holiday Easter Monday	3 April	4 April Gymnastics	5 April	6 April Assembly 9am Canteen Scripture Music With Kate	7 8 Apr
11	9 April Inter-relate @ Bexhill PS yr 5&6	10 April	11 April Gymnastics	12 April	13 April Assembly 9am Canteen / Scripture Music With Kate LAST DAY TERM 1	14 15 Apr

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Cross Country Training is commencing this Friday. Students should bring runners / joggers and a spare pair of shoes and socks due to the wet grass in the mornings.

Parents welcome to come along!



We would love parents to donate baked goods for our canteen as we are running low. You can cook or buy them and both will be appreciated just drop them to the school office for the canteen.

News from Miss Georgia—Humanities Teacher

This term the focus has been Geography. The students have been utilising mapping skills and understanding where Australia is in relation to Asia and the world.

They have undertaken an in depth investigation in to China and have completed a significant assessment task comparing China and Australia.

We will spend the remainder of this term learning about trade between Australia and Asia, Global Aid programs that Australia is part of, and the functions of the United Nations.

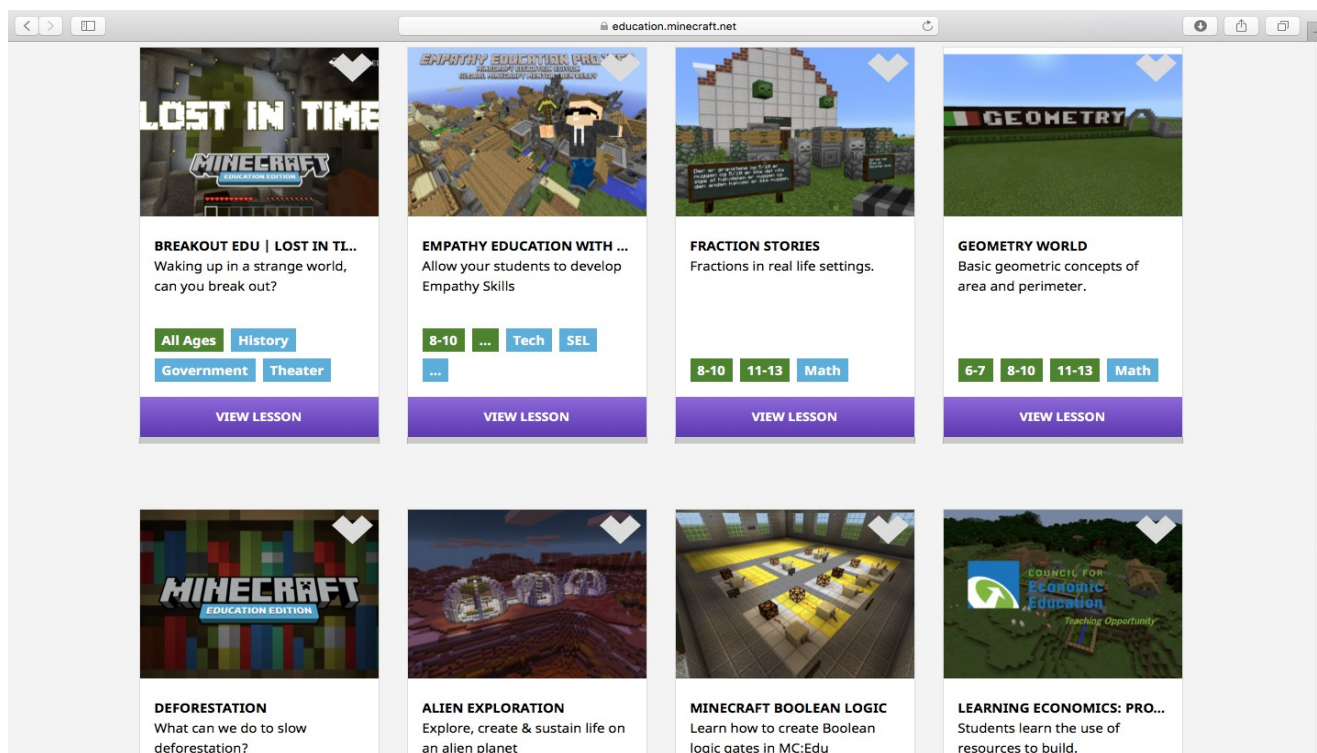
We are now, after some initial troubleshooting, finally up and running with Minecraft Education Edition.

On Friday I set the students a task of building a statue or monument that represents Australia in the 21st Century and the threats perceived as we move in to the future. Once constructed the students used the 'camera' in their inventory to take a picture of their design, and they saved it to their online portfolio.

I am aware there is some concern around the use of a gaming platform within school.

The Minecraft EDU is not the same as Minecraft where students spawn avatars and are in survival mode fighting various enemies.

In Minecraft EDU I facilitate the students to design or build or explore my online worlds or lessons. The engagement levels of my students during Fridays session was 100% focussed. This is fantastic. I have access to many pre designed lessons and have attached an image so you can see the kind of thing I will be using Minecraft for.



If you have any questions please come and see me or feel free to email.

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