



# STUDENT NEWSLETTER 2020

Quote

"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before." – Bonnie Blair

## 100 days of kindergarten

Last term our kindies celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day of kindy. They got to dress up as old people and have a lot of fun. The kindies made hats and made some cool masks. A Lot of the kindergartens wore makeup and had funny walking sticks. Then they took pictures that are hung up in the library. As well as that the teachers got in on the action and dressed up too. They are much closer to being a hundred than then students.

We interviewed some kindies to see what they thought about it. This is what they said.

**Mona H**

It was fun and I loved dressing up as an old lady. We got to have a party and watch a movie.

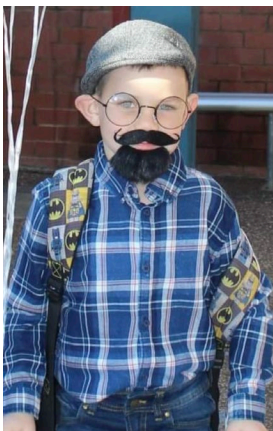
**Payton J M**

I loved it very much. I got to dress up as an old lady and wear glasses. I also had a walking stick. The classes got to watch us parade.

**Qaez**

It was fun. I got my picture taken then it got hung in the library. I dressed up as an old man, it was very funny

We also interviewed Mrs Bryce, she told us that they celebrated kindies 100<sup>th</sup> day of kindergarten so that they could help kindies recognise numbers on the calendar by counting how many days until their hundred<sup>th</sup> day. The teacher chose to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> day of kindergarten not only to help them learn but to have fun and celebrate an important milestone in their lives.





# Freaky Friday

On the 6th of November 2020, our SRC after considering the proposal by Samara, Tianna & Danni (Year 5) hosted a Freaky Friday.

You could wear whatever you wanted as long as it was appropriate. This Freaky Friday was for free and all you had to do was have fun. Samara, Tianna & Danni convinced the SRC and Miss Love and Mr Pope that given how difficult 2020 has been it was time to do something for fun and something for free. Miss Love and the SRC organised this event, which was loads of fun.

# Starlight Foundation

Susanah W, a lovely girl in year 6 has decided to do a fundraiser for kids with disabilities. It is coming on Friday the 27.11.20. Susanah's little sister is just one of those kids. It is very heart-warming to hear that she is fundraising for the foundation. I have interviewed her and this is what she said, My sister's disability is PFFD (Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency). To help with her disability she will need to use a walker. The starlight foundation helps kids feel better by playing with them. The money that they are using from the fundraising goes towards toys, video games, art supplies and many more to brighten the lives of some very sick kids.

The fundraiser will involve watching a movie, dressing in mufti and donating a gold coin. More advertising to come from Susanah and the SRC – keep an eye out.

If you want to fundraise go to this website; [starlight.org.au](http://starlight.org.au)



**Starlight**  
Children's Foundation

# Year 6 Formal

The year 6 formal will still be going ahead but we will be needing to follow safety guidelines due to covid 19. Parents won't be allowed to stay and there won't be as much staff as last year. It will be held at Campbelltown catholic club on Monday December 14th. However, we are glad we still get to spend some final and special time together.





# Year 6 Camp

All of the year 6 teachers have decided to host a year 6 camp because it is their last year at the school. So they have gone out of their way to organise this. School camp will be held on the 5th and 6th of November. There will be BMX, Archery, Ultimate Skirmish, Bush Survivor and Initiative Games. It will be held at the school in week 8.

## School Shop

This year's school shop was a success, children have been collecting their tokens and kindies get to spend their dojos or stamps, to get big prizes such as a lego set for 200 TOKENS !! They could also get smaller prizes for 40 tokens such as Harry potter pens, little wooden owls for your stationary and hot wheels cars!!

There will be the final shop for 2020 in week 9 TERM 4! We are so excited to organize the last School Shop for 2020! YIPPEE !!!!

This prize is 40 tokens

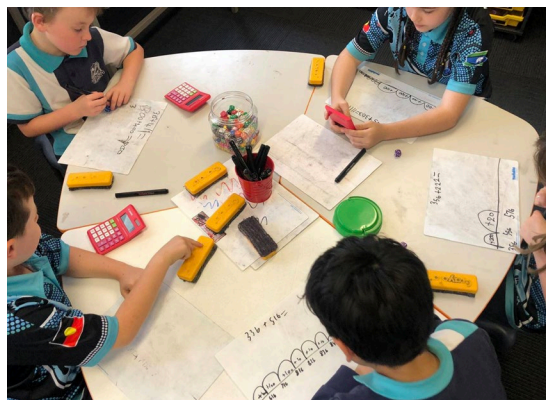


## Jokes for Kids

What did the bin chicken say to his crush  
I bin chicken you out! **Credit to Kaitlyn**

What do you get when a banana does not put sunscreen on  
Its skin peels! **Credit to Tiana Clark**

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon  
Great food, no atmosphere! **Credit to google**



## Principal Report

This year of extraordinary challenge is coming to a close. I want to thank parents for supporting us through the challenges that 2020 has brought our way.

- **School Leaders 2021:** Last Friday our potential Captains and Vice Captains jumped onto zoom and persuaded us as to why they would make great leaders for 2021. I must say it was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and values displayed by these young people. Thanks to Miss Johnston and Miss McDonald for organizing this process. Good luck to all of you and remember regardless of the result you can all still lead through words and actions of kindness, resilience, co-operation, problem solving and so on.
- **Year 6 Camp:** Coming up next week our Year 6 students get to sort of go to camp at school. Not quite the same but there are loads of exciting activities for them to enjoy.
- **Kindergarten Transition:** Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed meeting our new Kinder students for 2021. They have been settling in well despite having to leave mums, dads and carers at the front of the school.
- **Kindergarten Graduation & Christmas Feast:** Coming Up next week our Kindies for 2020 will hold their Christmas feast. We congratulate them on their learning and progress. I wonder if Santa will pop in. I believe we can make a covid exception for him. Graduation will be after Kindies Presentation assembly the 10<sup>th</sup> December
- **Year 6 Farewell:** As stated above by our Year 6 journalists Year 6 will still have their farewell. This will be a special occasion that will be modified according to covid restrictions but it is nice to know they'll still get time together and with their teachers. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Presentation Days:** Stage 3 will be 7.12.20. Stage 2 and Support Unit will be the 8.12.20. Stage 1 and Kindy will be on the 10.12.20. Finally a brief assembly will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December where we will announce student leaders and specialist awards.

**P&C:** Some restrictions have been eased and we can finally hold a P&C meeting. The P&C Meeting will be held after school (parents are allowed on site after students have left) at 3.15pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December in our school library so we can spread out. The number of adults present can be a maximum of 25. At the meeting we will discuss where to next for the school (School Plan 2021-2024), where to next for P&C and the School Canteen. Please register your interest by emailing the school [thomasacrep.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thomasacrep.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Numbers may have to be capped and P&C members will be given first priority. If there are more parents interested I will arrange another after school meeting to discuss the above early in 2021. To be involved you must fill in the appropriate covid paperwork and be symptom free.

**School Plan -** We are currently working on the School Plan for 2021-2024. In the last three years the school has had a strong focus on Formative Assessment (Learning Goals/Success Criteria), quality teaching of English and Mathematics, as well as, Well-being initiatives to support student engagement. Thomas Acres also offers a range of extra-curricular activities such as drumming, band, dance, public speaking, debating, sport, etc. We encourage you to sit with your child and complete the survey so that we have both parent and student voice reflected in the results. There will be various prizes available for completing the survey. If you wish to go into the prize draw, please complete the return slip below and return to your child's classroom teacher. Your child's name will go into the prize draw. This will be drawn Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Please go to the survey monkey link below (copy the link into a URL on your computer or phone, or alternatively click on the link on our Facebook page, website or Seesaw page) then take a few minutes with your child to answer the following questions. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8RH3XTG> While you are there please take 1 min to answer our canteen survey on survey monkey also <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83Z5L2G>

