



KURURRUNGKU CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, BILLILUNA

NEWSLETTER

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New Staff and New Challenges for a New Year

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter for 2022.

It has been an interesting start to the 2022 school year. At the end of last year we farewelled Mr David, who had been our acting principal for the second semester, and Miss Jenny-Lee, who, after a number of years at KCEC, had accepted a position in Mulan. Miss Naomi, our previous principal, who had been Head of Campus at Edmund Rice in Geraldton during semester two, was offered and accepted that position permanently. All three will be missed but will be lovingly remembered by all in Billiluna. Thank-you, David, Jenny-Lee and Naomi. We wish you all the best in your new ventures.

Mr Martin, who had taught the middle years class for two years, was appointed as our new principal and we welcomed back Mr Steve. Mr Steve taught here until the end of 2019 and has returned to us from Warlawurru School in Red Hill. Miss Grace, who had been our ECE teacher for the final term of 2021, agreed to remain in that position, while Mr Seamus, who married Miss Grace during the holidays, joined us as a specialist teacher. Miss Danielle continues as the junior class teacher and has also taken on the responsibility of the Religious Co-ordinator role as well as leading the school for the first week of the term when Mr Martin was in isolation in Perth.

Welcome back Mr Steve and congratulations Miss Grace and Mr Seamus. We hope you enjoy your time at Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre.

Our attendances for the first six weeks of the first term have been very encouraging and the students have had the opportunity to enjoy lots of activities, including a range of rotational activities on census day and a swimming day at Balgo. Other swimming days are planned as the year progresses.

Unfortunately, the dreaded Corona virus has hit Billiluna, arriving around the end of week six and meaning many families have been required to enter isolation. School attendances have been severely affected with as few as one student attending on some days. As part of our commitment towards educational continuity, our teachers have prepared and delivered work packs for the students. As families emerge from their isolation periods, I expect to see attendances return to the healthy levels they were at prior to the arrival of corona virus.

We look forward to students returning and the message to families and the community is:

SCHOOL IS STILL OPEN!

ECE Class

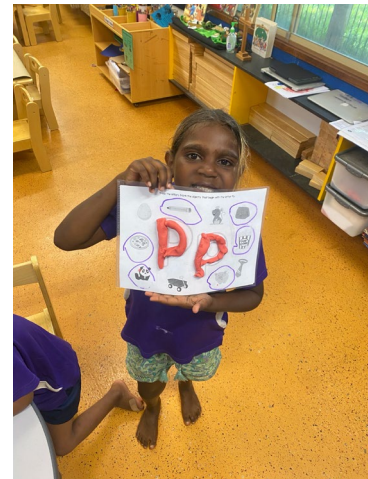
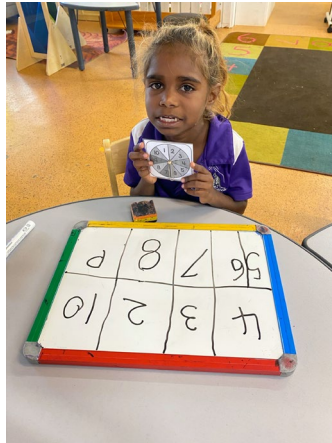


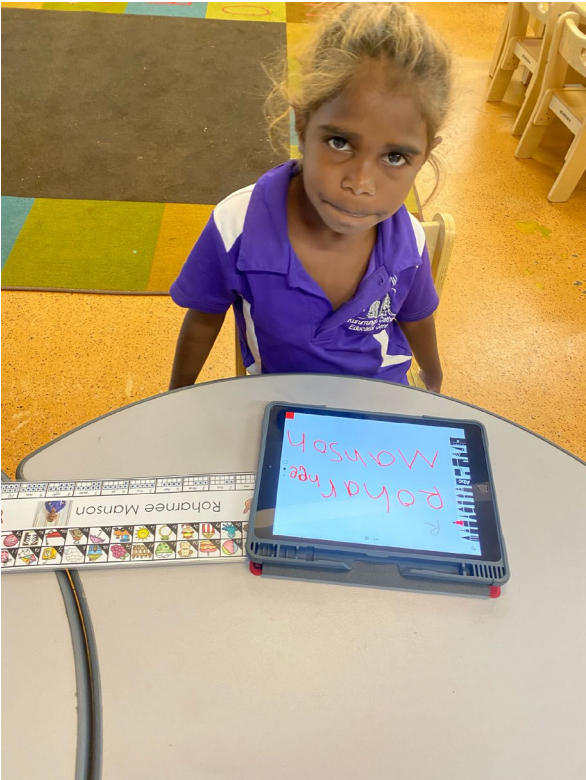
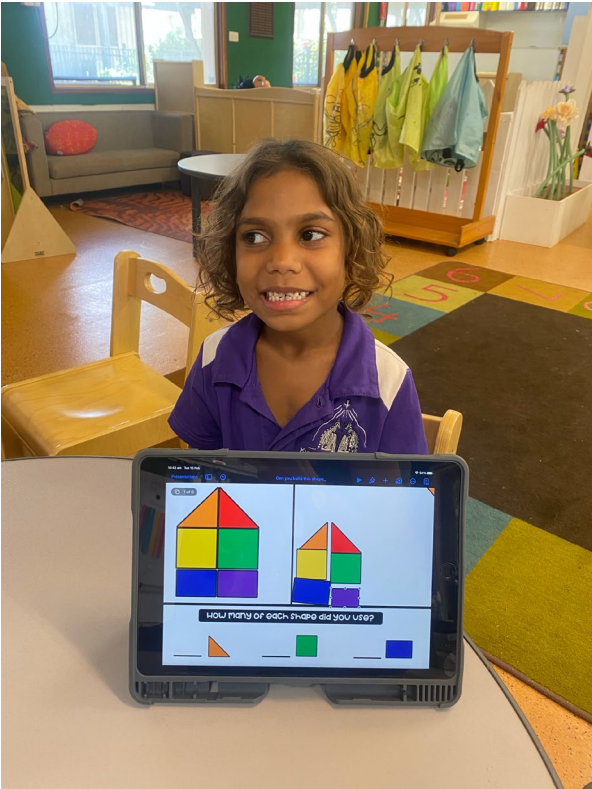
Miss Grace is leading the ECE class and is being assisted by Miss Suraya and Miss Erica.

This term in ECE class we have been working hard at learning our letters and numbers, shapes, and colours, about special places and weather patterns, and about Jesus and the Catholic Church.

We've been doing lots of arts and crafts, and we always have a great time with our playgroup friends on Fridays!

We've just started learning about the Easter Story and we're excited for the Easter weekend!



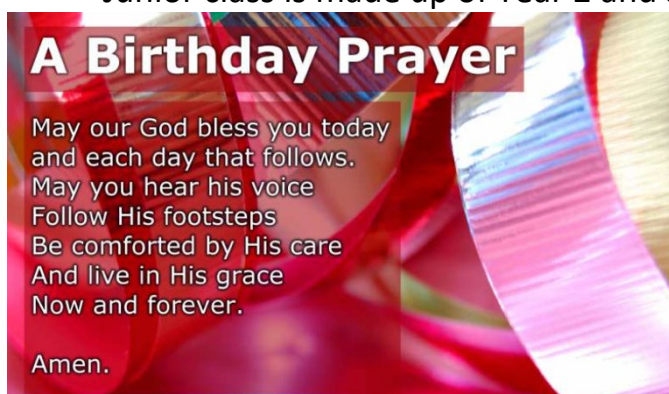




Junior Class

Junior class is made up of Year 2 and 3 students this year, led by Margaret Kungah

and Danielle. We started the year with several birthdays – congratulations to Ashley (Junior), Vera, Tyrin and Wonnietta! Sean's birthday is coming up soon too – we wish Sean a wonderful day and many happy returns! With all the birthdays in our class I looked up a birthday prayer to share – I think it is a good one for all of us even if it is not our birthday yet.



We are excited that the classroom renovations have now been completed and we have shiny new sinks and cupboards. Everyone is most welcome to come and visit and admire them with us when it is okay to do so. We are truly spoilt that we have a new stove in the classroom as well. Junior class tried it out the day after it was installed – the cake we made smelt and tasted just right!

Our class student attendance over-all this term has been strong! Keep it up! As a result of this solid attendance, Junior class students have made some great progress in their English and Maths skills already. We look forward to that continuing as each person is safe

to return to class, when covid settles down in our community. We look forward to a great year of learning, friendship and fun together.



Middle Years Class

Mr Steve is teaching the middle years class this year, assisted by Miss Lesley. He writes: A warm welcome to parents, carers, and families from the Middle Classroom from Miss Lesley and Mr Steve. Our attendance so far for term 1 has been very good. As a reward, students from the junior, middle and senior classes have been attending swimming sessions at the Balgo Swimming Pool. Miss Bronwyn, the pool manager, as well as Mr Seamus, our sport teacher has been running the lessons. All of our Kururrungku students have enjoyed themselves and improved their swimming techniques. The final swimming excursion will be held on the 7th April.

It's been a pleasure being back in Billiluna, and teaching again at Kururrungku School. I look forward to meeting with each of the parents and carers of the Middle Classroom students soon. If you would like to arrange for a time to speak with me, please feel free to drop by school at the end of the school day.



The Middle Years students joined with the rest of the school for a smoking ceremony earlier this term.

Senior Class

This year the senior students have been working on improving literacy, numeracy and safety with COVID-19. We are using Behind the News as part of our Literacy Program. In Mathematics we have concentrated on subtraction and tables. We have created posters and videos on handwashing, masks and social distancing.



A reading group working with Miss Candace.