



Staying Strong As One



KURURRUNGKU CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, BILLILUNA

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER 2020

Christmas Concert and End of year awards – Wednesday, 9th December, 10.30am
Please come along and Enjoy the celebration



Time flies and another year has nearly passed us by. Certainly some parts of the year (Covid) are best left behind.

We look back on a wonderful year at Kururrungku and reflect on some of the awesome achievements and progress that our children have made.

ECE



What a great and busy year ECE have had! Miss Jen and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the ECE class. What an amazing group of children. Corona virus has not wiped the smiles off these children's faces. So much has happened this year but the biggest highlight for me is seeing the children achieve. I am so proud of them all. I am amazed at how far they have come and what they have learnt.

The children loved learning about different occupations in term 3. Each week, we visited a different job site such as, the airstrip, Ian's workshop, the clinic, and the art gallery. Parents, just so you know we have many future palaeontologists (dinosaur bone finders) 😊.

Play has also been an important part of our classroom. Every afternoon (or morning for the pre kindergartens), we have offered rich, learning play opportunities. My husband, Phill, built a house to section off the play space. Each week we change the area to suit what we are learning.

I have loved getting to know your children. It is going to be very difficult to say goodbye to the year 1's as they leave to go to Junior class next year. Thank you for a great year and I look forward to next year!

Miss Jess



Juniors

Our class has been blessed with many visiting students during the year plus many who have been able to come nearly every day. There has not been a dull moment! We have enjoyed bush trips to Mayarra Pool and Lake Stretch; worn green hair for St Patrick's Day; red noses for our Christmas concert; and led liturgies and shared stories at assemblies. We have adopted a sunflower and grown dwarf beans (not very successfully!); sung; danced; helped each other; embedded hand-washing into our day; worked hard; and learnt a



thing or two! Except when he needed to be away for the arrival of Murphy, Timothy has been with us throughout. The older students are 100% ready to move up into the Middle Primary class – I am both proud and excited for them but already missing them! Congratulations to each of the Junior Primary students for your unique and valuable contribution to our class. I wish you a safe and blessed Christmas holidays and look forward to seeing you next year.

Love, Mrs Danielle.

Important Dates:

9th December – Christmas Liturgy/ Concert

11th December – Students and staff Finish Year

28th January, 2021 – School resumes for staff

1st February, 2021 – Students return

Middle - 4 5 6

A number of new students have joined our class during the year, many for only a day or two, others for more than half the year. Everybody has always been welcomed and made to feel part of our class. Due to low numbers in the senior class, some of our older students moved to Mr Greg's class during the third term.

The class participated in a number of excursions during the year. We had a fun bush trip out to Lake Stretch and enjoyed a great day playing footy in Halls Creek. We also had a lot of fun representing the school at the Balgo swimming carnival where everybody tried so hard.

Of course, the biggest excursion was when six students travelled with Mr M and MK for a week in Broome. We left Billiluna early on the Monday morning and returned, mid-afternoon, on the following Friday. While in Broome we did lots of activities including walks on Cable Beach, swimming at the Broome Aquatic Centre and visiting Willie Creek Pearl Farm, Malcolm Douglas Crocodile Park and the Sisters of St John of God Heritage Centre. We also had time to go shopping!

We have had lots of fun times this year and look forward to more fun in 2021



Seniors

The Senior Class has been busy working this term. They have been learning new skills in Maths and English. We have been using times tables tricks to help learn the times tables. The class are using IXL program to help practise the skills in both English and Maths. Some students have made huge improvement in Maths and reading levels. It's great to see. The class worked on the Remembrance Day service and producing a power point for the day. On the 11th November before lunch the service was held and went well.

We have been doing MasterChef challengers to practise reading, planning and cooking food. A few times we have produced lunch for all the students and staff. The making of a potato bake was extremely successful. The damper with lunch was also loved by the students. It is pleasing to Miss Lesley and myself that Senior Class students are working hard and doing their best. This is leading to a solid platform for the future. Well done students and keep improving.

Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Parents Note:

The school year ends for children and staff - Friday 11th December.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Kururrungku. I would like to thank the wonderful staff for their support over the last 4-5 months. Well done to the boys and girls who participated with great enthusiasm and the recent swimming carnival at Balgo.

As we rapidly approach the holidays, I wish all students, families and staff a very safe and relaxing Christmas break. I wish every student the biggest and brightest future in the years ahead. Welcome back next year - Miss Naomi, after her well-earned break. I'm sure all staff will look forward to a wonderful 2021.

Mr David