



KURURRUNGKU CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, BILLILUNA

NEWSLETTER

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New Staff and New Challenges for a New Year

Hello and welcome to our second newsletter for 2022. I would have liked to have had this issue out much earlier, but our colour printer has been offline until recently.

The Billiluna community has recovered well from the Corona virus which, at one stage, affected just about every second house in the community. All except for a couple of A/T's and one teacher have had spells in isolation after testing positive to the virus. Thank you to the clinic staff and the wider community for their efforts in containing the infections.

The second and third terms have progressed well, although attendances could be better. Students are currently on a four-week challenge where they receive a raffle ticket for each day they attend school. On the final day of this term, the raffle will be drawn at the end of term assembly with the winner receiving a \$100,00 voucher at the Kururrungku store. Remember, the more tickets you have, the better your chances of winning so, all you students, get to school every day! As the old saying goes: "Ya Gotta Be in it to Win it!!" We had a very successful sports carnival early in the third term and the best attending students have participated in a football and basketball day in Balgo where they were in teams that also comprised of students from Balgo and Mulan. There is another football and basketball day for the three schools scheduled for Friday, September 16 and, if the day is like previous days, it should be great fun. Parents, guardians and other family members are all welcome to come and cheer the teams on.

The staff and students of Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre are very proud of our school and our school family. Visitors often comment about how neat and tidy our school looks and how polite our students are. There are some wonderful initiatives being undertaken by our dedicated teaching staff and our students are very engaged.

Mr Seamus has been selected to represent Kimberley teachers in the Kimberley Calling roadshow in Melbourne and Ballarat. Well done Mr Seamus, the students and staff of Kururrungku CEC are so proud of you and hope you have a great time in Victoria.

Miss Grace will be taking maternity leave for the fourth term as she prepares for her and Seamus' first child. I am sure you all join with me in wishing all the very best to Grace and Seamus as they face the challenges of parenthood. See you and the bundle of joy next year, Miss Grace!

With Miss Grace going on maternity leave, I would like to welcome Mrs Lourde Cannell to our teaching team. Lourde is, of course, Mr Steve's wife and has been employed as a cleaner for the last eight months. She has volunteered in the ECE class at various times, knows all the students and gets on very well with the rest of the staff. Welcome aboard, Lourde, I am sure you will be a huge hit with the students.

Martin Jones
Principal

ECE Class



Playgroup Open Day

During the second term in ECE, we had lots of fun learning in class and playing with our friends. We got to go on bush trip with Ms MK where we found lots of bush tucker and listened to stories about Myarra Pool and the Rainbow Serpent. We had lots of visitors throughout the term such as the STOP trial people who checked our skin, the dentists who checked our teeth, the ENT people who checked our hearing and the protective behaviours people who taught us about personal safety. In Week 9 we ran a special playgroup and we had our biggest turn out ever, it was great!! We enjoyed fun NAIDOC week activities in week 10 including painting, yarning with Daisy and Katie, eating bush turkey and witchety grubs, and spear throwing. We're looking forward to more exciting activities!

The students and staff really enjoyed participating in the NAIDOC activities. It was great to see members of the community joining in to help the students with their efforts. Thank you, everybody!



NAIDOC painting with Katie Darkie



Hand painting



Miss Erica gets into the hand painting, Kiarni and Cecily being super cute and teeth cleaning.

Junior Class

Term 3 has been really busy with a mix of exciting visitors and activities. To start with, we have our Athletics day, bush trip, visits by people who love to help us learn to use I-pad apps such as 'clips' and 'i-movie' and health teams teaching us how to stay healthy.

In more day-to-day work, the Junior class have started practicing skip counting by 10s; and making and reading 2-digit numbers. In Religion we are studying the unit Reconciliation, where we will learn Jesus teaches people to follow God's Commandments, and that people say sorry to God when they have not followed them.

We also have a new rewards program in class this term, to encourage class members to come to school early! That way they won't miss out on their literacy learning. If your child comes home with a little Nutella, you will know they have been achieving this!



Pictured: *Deklan, Sean, Roniesha and Jimmy*

Middle Years Class

The Middle School has been busy practising their researching skills. Over the past two weeks the students have completed PowerPoint research projects on Mary MacKillop, and our three famous Australian artists we have lost over the last fortnight - Archie Roach, Judith Durham and Olivia Newton-John.

In other news, our class enjoyed their first bush trip of the school year, when we visited Myra Pool, the Creek and Lake Stretch. We looked for Mudiwa (bush gum) and wood to make spears and tapping sticks. Harry and Revona found a skull from a bull.

Finally, our middle class is progressing very well with their Indigenous Drumming sessions. Each of the students can play and recognise the 3 notes - base, tone and slap, and can incorporate the three notes into a simple arrangement.

Steve
Middle Classroom Teacher



Students listening to MK



Revona and Harry with the skull!!

Senior Class

Activities during August, 2022.

This term Mr Tim has taken the class for Art. They have produced good images in chalk.

In Mathematics we are working on the Metric System and Biblical units compared. Noah's Ark was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits. In the Metric System it is about 137m, 24m and 14m.



We measured the Men's and Women's World Championship High Jumper gold medal outside of our classroom. Shaquille (On the chair) and Azonia show the winning height of the World Champion High Jumper at the 2022 World championships.

