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Dawson Public School

NEWSLETTER

Our Mission Statement

Dawson Public School is committed to creating a safe, respectful, flexible and caring environment that empowers students to discover, acquire and articulate skills as a life-long learner.

Monday 28 February 2022

Term 1 Week 6

Principal's Message

I really want to thank the community for their patience, understanding and support with such a complex beginning to our school year. I have really appreciated this. Even through all the disruptions and restrictions we have managed to roll out a strong focus on learning and wellbeing for our students. The school has experienced many challenges through building works, heavy rain, and long term COVID restrictions that all contribute to impacting negatively on people's mental health. As we all know, prolonged disruption is trauma. So, I want to especially thank everyone for their support as we work through this complexity.

As a father with 3 sons at school, I understand firsthand the challenges of trying to guide our kids back into a routine. I ask families to please keep this focus and effort up. To provide the best opportunity for our kids, it is very important they are strongly encouraged to be at school, on time, every day. The more your child is at school, the more they learn and the more they will be able to connect positively with others. By involving our kids in the value routine to engage at school, we are supporting them with a very strong life lessons – that all success comes from practice, dedication and consistent effort over time.

Beginning Teacher Network Award – I am extremely proud to acknowledge our Beginning Teacher Network school initiative has been formally acknowledged with an Award from the NSW Department of Education. Our school leaders, Mrs Wilson and Mr Sterling lead this very important process to support all the beginning teachers across the Mount Druitt Network. They are supported by a range of leaders across our school. The Mount Druitt Beginning Teacher Network Award acknowledges and celebrates the outstanding achievement of our very own leaders from Dawson Public School. This extremely important initiative lead by Mr Sterling and Mrs Wilson supports and leads our beginning teachers across the entire network to ensure our students have the best equipped quality teachers in their classrooms. Congratulations to all our leaders involved in this sensational initiative.

Parents and Citizens Meeting

It was wonderful to meet with so many parents at our last P&C meeting. Thank you for the warm welcome, enthusiasm, and support. P&C Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at school at 2p.m. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Wednesday 09/03 starting at 2p.m. The AGM is a brief meeting where all P&C positions are declared open and up for nomination. This is then followed with the normal P&C meeting (at the conclusion of the AGM).

COVID Updates – From today we no longer need to have children cohorted into groups. That means they will be able to congregate in the main playground instead of being restricted into cohorts. We are excited to announce that parents and visitors will soon be invited back to school for events. We do request that families still utilise the kiss and drop zone to drop off and collect kids, and of course we understand that you may need to come into the school to visit our office or the uniform shop. Our canteen will be open for students to purchase over the counter before school, at recess and lunch. We encourage families to still utilise the online ordering option or send in a lunch order with their children. The school will be sending the last of the RAT tests that the department will be supplying. You no longer need to complete RAT tests as previously. We ask if your child is displaying symptoms that you use these. Teachers will continue to wear masks this week. We will continue to encourage good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

Meet the Teacher - We will be holding Meet the Teacher events this week to share some organisation and processes across classes. It is really about sharing and introducing our teams. We will focus on Attendance and highlighting our whole school expectations and processes to demonstrate how we build on our Positive Behaviour for Learning (often said as PBL) through encouraging and teaching our kids and staff to be Safe, to be Respectful, Cooperative and Responsible. We will be sharing our processes for what happens if our kids are not choosing to be safe, respectful or not cooperative or responsible. We will share an overview of learning and homework expectations, and any upcoming events.

So our Stage 3 teachers, therefore Year 5 and 6 teachers and Assistant Principal, will complete an online Meet the Teacher session today, Monday 28/02. Stage 2, so our Year 3 and 4 teachers and Assistant Principal will held tomorrow, Tuesday, and Stage 1, so Year 1 and Year 2, will be on Wednesday, and our Kindy Meet the Teacher session will be on Thursday. These will all run online via zoom, from 3.15p.m. Zoom Details will shared via Schoolbag app and below for your convenience.

Monday	Stage 3 Year 5 & 6	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64268456758?pwd=MzlsSWFEdklkSz hQTV JpNWJwZ3BMQT09 Meeting ID: 642 6845 6758 Passcode: 374329
Tuesday	Stage 2 Year 3 & 4	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/61769039444?pwd=RlNZdytmbE9Fb UpzR C9kY3hnZlICZz09 Meeting ID: 617 6903 9444 Passcode: 602387
Wednesday	Stage 1 Year 1 & 2	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66083369614?pwd=eU1KNENWeUxz d2Flak5BWm5EbkRGZz09 Meeting ID: 660 8336 9614 Passcode: 2022
Thursday	Early Stage 1 Kindy	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66083369614?pwd=eU1KNENWeUxz d2Flak5BWm5EbkRGZz09 Meeting ID: 660 8336 9614 Passcode: 2022

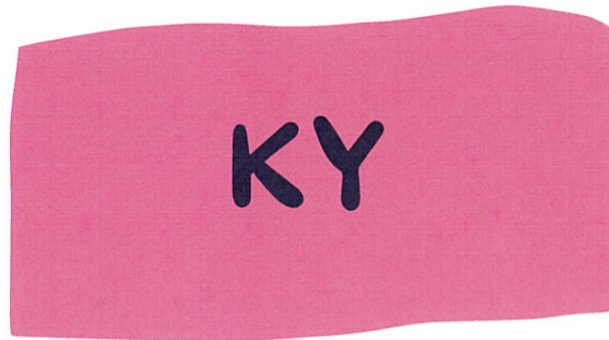
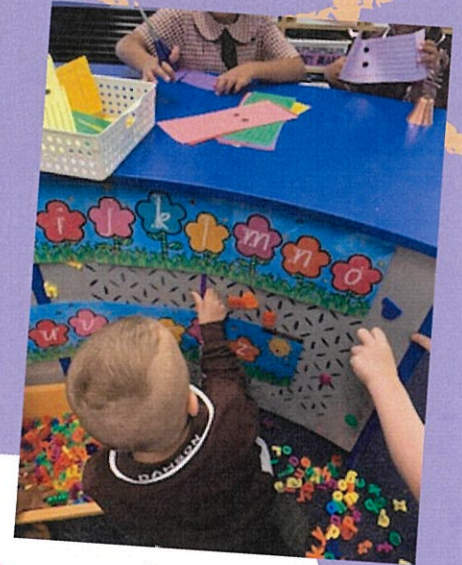
Check in Assessments - Over the next few weeks our Year 4 and 6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy online check in assessment. The results of these assessments will be used, along with school data, to inform our teaching.

Disaster in Tonga

A crisis has struck our neighbours in Tonga. This is one of the worst volcanic eruptions the Pacific has experienced in decades. It's estimated that up to 80,000 people have been affected by the latest catastrophe. Dawson Public School will be collecting donations to provide to a registered charity that is connected with the current disaster relief situation in Tonga to provide support to affected communities.

To donate, please go online onto the School web site <http://www.dawson-P.schools.nsw.edu.au/> Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Trev Mason
Principal



KY HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL START TO THE YEAR. WE LOVE OUR DAILY LITERACY ACTIVITIES, LEARNING OUR LETTERS, NAMES AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS. COME INTO OUR CLASSROOM AND YOU WILL FIND A LOVE OF ART, STORIES AND DANCING TOO.

We cannot wait to see what this year has installed for us

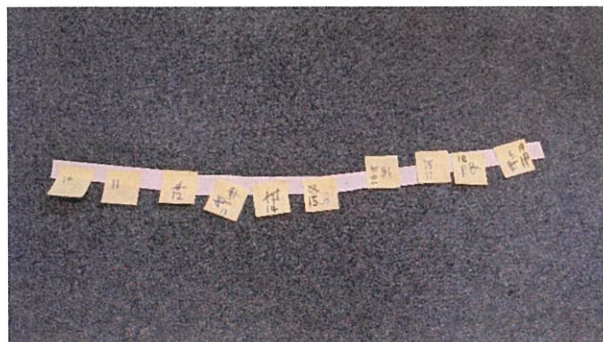
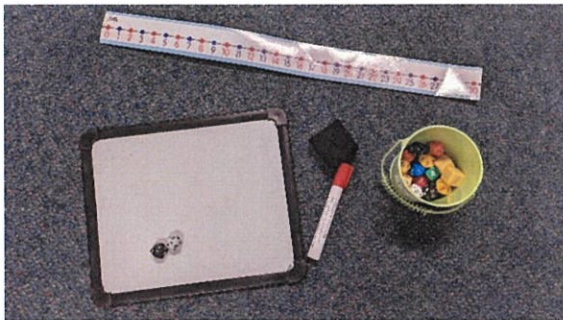


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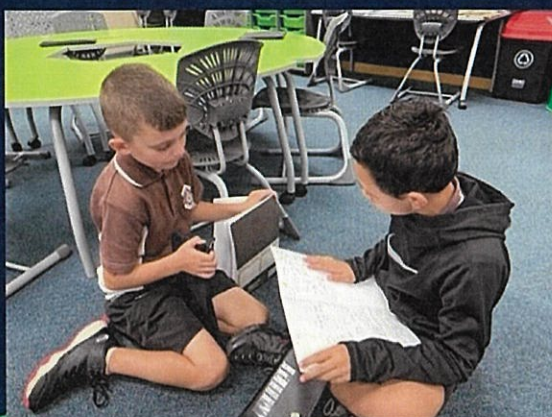
1B with Miss Brown

In 1B we have been enjoying getting to know each other and I have loved seeing what each student is capable of in their learning and social skills. I am extremely proud of their abilities in maths. We have been learning about addition and subtraction using a number line and have had lots of fun experimenting with different activities to help learn.



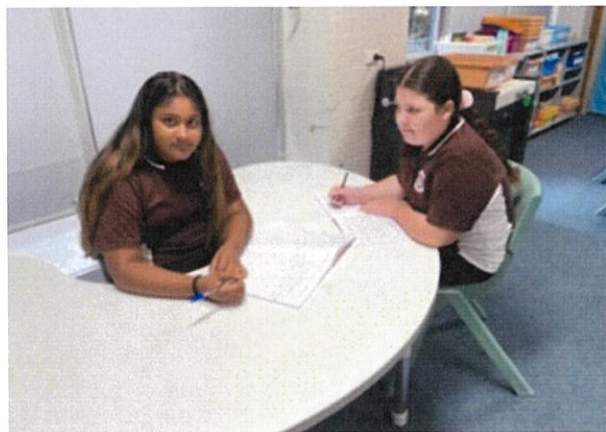
3/4F

3/4F have been learning about how we can all become authors. We have been exploring the structure of a imaginative text and sharing our ideas with our peers. We have been working on creating interesting stories for our audience. We look forward to sharing our stories with everyone!



Writing in 5W

5W have been working hard during writing lessons and looking at imaginative texts. Students have developed their knowledge of how narratives are structured and how to write with purpose. They have practiced writing a range of sizzling starts to hook the reader during the orientation of their story. Students have examined how the inclusion of rich vocabulary can enhance the quality of their writing. Some wonderful and creative pieces of writing have been produced by all.



Preschool News

Welcome to 2022 at Dawson Preschool! It has been a fabulous start to the year and our children are all settling in well. They have been engaging in a variety of activities, including active play, drawing and painting, participating in group times and solving puzzles.

Our educators in the Butterfly room are:

- Mrs Barat (Monday to Friday)
- Mrs Bell (Monday and Tuesday)
- Mrs O'Toole (Wednesday to Friday) – currently on leave and being replaced by either Mrs Bell or Miss Kim

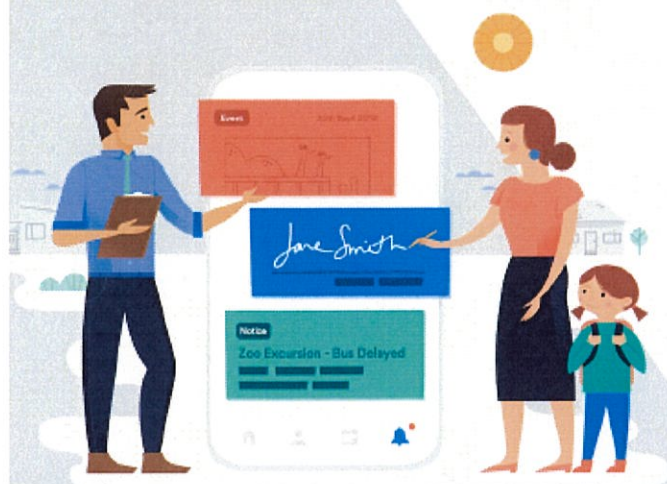
Our educators in the Bees room are:

- Ms Lane (Monday to Friday)
- Mrs Hain (Monday to Wednesday)
- Mrs Bell (Thursday and Friday)

They are being supported by our new Preschool Assistant Principal - Mrs Taylor, who also works in both rooms, either alongside the educators or covering their break times.



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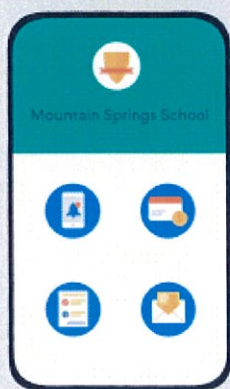
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