

IPECS INFORMER



PRIDE

Play Respect Integrity Diversity Effort

Everyone Belongs



*Here is the land, and here is
the sky;*

*You are my friends, and here
am I.*

*Thank you to the Ngannawal
people for looking after the
land on which we play.*

Save the Date

**Thursday 5 December— Art
show, auction and mini fete**

Notes due back

Buoyed up! - yr 2 only

**Tuggeranong school
house— kinder only**

**Walkathon— whole
school**

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From our Executive Teacher

Dear Families

Term 4 is up and running!

Last week we celebrated Children's Week with a delicious breakfast organised by Louise our Community Coordinator. Children and their families shared fruit and baked goods prepared in our sustainability classes. The bliss balls were very popular (and delicious). Don't forget to pop in and enjoy some yummy food at our Breakfast Club each Wednesday from 8.30am in the family room.

At this time of year our children and their families are beginning their transitions to new year levels and in some cases, new schools. Children leaving IPECS next year have begun this process and it is wonderful to hear all about their experiences when they return after each visit. Preschool orientation and Kinder transition sessions begin next week. Please see myself or Katie if you have any questions regarding this process.

All children last week participated in our annual Walkathon, with some year 1/2 children completing the Walkathon twice. Thank you to all the families who came and supported their children in completing multiple laps. If your child was able to collect sponsorship money please ensure that you return it to the school as soon as possible. We will announce the final amount of money raised in our next newsletter.

There was great excitement as the first of our PRIDE value boxes was filled. The continued EFFORT that all children have been demonstrating has been recognised by our p-2 educators. The names of five children were randomly drawn out at our Whole School Gathering and they will meet to determine the celebration that all children will participate in. The celebrations will be held Friday 8 November 2pm-3pm (for p-2) and the following Wednesday 2pm-3pm for Rubies and Amethyst classes. Please see our Facebook page and notifications on Seesaw for more details.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, let's hope that we get some of the forecasted rain on Sunday!

Aimee

IPECS PRIDE

Play

Resilience

Integrity

Diversity

Effort

Mission Statement

To engage and equip
children as lifelong
learners and empower
families as
partners in education and
care.

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Katie Brown.

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Jane Harrold

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Jets News

What an amazing year we've had! We have enjoyed participating in different learning experiences such as taking part in the Writing Festival. The children wrote many stories on topics that they were interested in. Did you know that when children draw pictures, they are planning, brainstorming and developing ideas? Picture writing is an essential prewriting skill. As their literacy skills further develops, pictures help them plan to write a story. Here is what the children wrote about;

Sarah My holiday	Josh -Ancient Egypt	Symphony Possum Magic	Anthony O. Ninja Turtles	Mikaela My family	William Dinosaurs
Baijdan Ninjas	Nathan - Harry Potter and The Philosopher's stone	Tyler -Animals And family life	Zac - Home and Ninjas	Flint Ninjas	Aubrey My cousins
Maggie My family	Emma Aussie bites	Gracie My family	Terese My family	Anthony J. Steam trains	Claudia My Family
Atlas .Dinosaur's information book	Juno Possum Magic and other stuff	Ryan Colours	Hanz Dinosaurs	Laura 3 Balloons	Sid -Discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb



Library

In library this term, students are focussing on the publication phase of our IPECS writing process. Kindergarten classes are writing a shared story, which they will illustrate using techniques covered last term. We will then publish the stories and they will be available in the library for students to read. Year 1 and 2 classes are working towards publishing class books about the areas of expertise that they wrote about in class last term.

Sustainability

In Sustainability this term, we are focusing on **Giving**.

Students will be looking at the following questions: *What is giving? How can we give to our school community?*

They will explore different ways to give (time, money, resources, food) and understanding different ways of giving. Students will also focus on being aware of what is happening in our school community, checking in on community members and finding out what they need and how we can help.

Makerspace

In Makerspace with Katie and Nira, the students will be exploring, classifying and sorting materials. They will be looking at materials that float and sink to create boats that can transport and hold different objects in water. Students will then collect data and represent it in a table and graphs on the ChromeBooks.

If you have any clean recyclable materials (boxes, containers, bottles etc.) we would love to have them to use in Makerspace. Please drop them off to Nira in Building 8 or the Garnets classroom in the 1/2 building.

Spanish

In Spanish, Marisa will continue to focus on the colours, numbers and animals by showing videos in the Spanish language and playing lots of hands on games.

Preschool

Over the past fortnight in preschool we have been sharing our understanding and learning about growth. We have been fortunate to watch baby chicks hatch out of their eggs and we will now be able to observe their behaviour and see how they grow and change. Next to our hatching chicks we are also observing and caring for tadpoles and we will track their growth and changes too.

We are comparing these growth cycles to our own. Pre-schoolers have changed so much since they were little babies and can do so many new things now- like write, run and talk. It is exciting to think we are almost ready for Kindergarten.



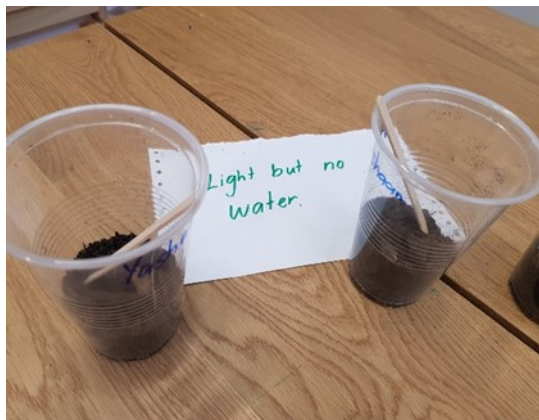
Mel, Sarah, Tanya, Jacquie, Ellen, Annette and Claudia.

Kindergarten News

It has been a very busy start to term four. The children have all completed the PIPs online assessment within the past two weeks. In week two we walked in the Walkathon. Most children completed three or four laps of the course.

We have completed our inquiry unit of work about living things. Hopefully the sunflower seeds are still growing at your house. We will be starting a new inquiry unit about traditions and celebrations that families have. If you or a family member or friend would like to come to talk to the children about life when they were little, please let Meg or Kathryn

know. On Thursday 14 November we are going to the Tuggeranong schoolhouse to learn about what life was like for students in the past.



If you would like to be a mystery reader this term, please let us know. Also if you have time at drop off or pick up to listen to some children read or to play a maths game we would love some extra help.

Regards, Meg, Priscilla, Leeanne, Bek , Lily and Kathryn

1/2 News

Hello everyone! Our Year 1/2 children have had a very busy start to Term 4. We have enjoyed the Walkathon, a visit from Constable Kenny Koala, the Children’s Week Breakfast, our excursion to the NGA Sculpture Garden and Arboretum and visiting the book fair.

We have a very exciting and full rest of Term 4 ahead. Here are just some of the things we are learning: Materials in Science, Athletics in PE, and for Maths we are focusing on measurement and number. During Week 4, Year 2 will be starting Buoyed Up and we are working hard on to create some spectacular art works for the Art Show in Week 8. We are looking forward to sharing all our learning with you.

Emma, Libby, Nira and Wendy and the Year 1/2 children

Wk 4	Mon 4 Nov 2020 preschool orientation and transition to kinder visits 9.30-10.30	Tues 5 Nov Preschool excursion to the Arboretum	Wed 6 Nov Breakfast Club 8.30-8.55	Thur 7 Nov Buoyed Up! 9.30-12.15 for year 2 only	Fri 8 Nov 2020 preschool orientation and transition to kinder visits 9.30-10.30 Backyard Ranger 9.30-11
Wk 5	Mon 11 Nov 2020 preschool orientation and transition to kinder visits 9.30-10.30	Tues 12 Nov Kindy fire safe presentation	Wed 13 Nov Breakfast Club 8.30-8.55	Thur 14 Nov Buoyed Up! 9.30-12.15 for year 2 only Kinder excursion to the old school house	Fri 15 Nov 2020 preschool orientation and transition to kinder visits 9.30-10.30 Backyard Ranger 9.30-11
Wk 6	Mon 18 Nov	Tues 19 Nov	Wed 20 Nov Breakfast Club 8.30-8.55	Thur 21 Nov Buoyed Up! 9.30-12.15 for year 2 only Whole school gathering 9.15	Fri 22 Nov Backyard Ranger 9.30-11