

Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 6

Friendship & Learning

Tuesday 19 November 2019

Every student is known, valued and cared for in our school

Bush Fires

We hope that families are managing well. Our thoughts are with all families affected. Please see the back pages for information relating to disaster relief.

A story written by Rosie (Yr 1) inspired by Jackie French's book, 'Fire.'

One little spark, the fire got wild, burning, stretching, higher and higher. The wind changed direction the fire died down, the land was like a black, blank page. The land was re-born, it was now a forest. Birds sang once more in the colourful forest. Trees of all colour, the trees reached the sky, the flowers blossomed in the bright blue sky.

What do you think?

We're keen to get your feedback about your impressions of the school. We're particularly interested in first impressions so we'd welcome any feedback in this area.

- What were your first impressions of the school for your family?
 - On a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (high), how would we rate?
 - Do you have any ideas for improvement?
- Feedback can be given verbally or in written form (handed in at school) or via email (genevieve.slocombe@det.nsw.edu.au) Thank you!



Schools Spectacular

Wednesday 20th November – Sunday 24th November 2019

Jemma, Tess, Indigo, Ben and Flynn are looking forward to our Marimba Excursion to Sydney this week. As well as performing as part of the pre show entertainment, these students will be visiting Darling Harbour, Paddy's markets, Government House, participating in a cultural tour in Chinatown, busking at Bondi, having fun at Luna Park and watching the incredible Schools Spectacular!

TERM 4

Wed 20-Sun 24 Nov Schools Spectacular (selected students)

Mon 25 Nov Science presentation

Tues 26 Nov Yr 6 Transition Day @ 'The Rivers'

Thurs 28 Nov Year 3/4 Camp @ school

Thurs 28-29 Nov Year 5/6 Camp

Tues 3 Dec Yr 6 Transition Day @ 'The Rivers'

Wed 4 Dec Year 6 Farewell

Thurs 12 Dec Concert 6.15-8.00 pm

Tues 17 Dec Tie Day

Wed 18 Dec Last day of term

Before School Care

Last call out for anyone who may be keen to have a Before School Care Service program at our school. Possible hours of operation could be 7.15am – 8.45am. The session fee cost for a permanent booking would be \$17 (before the Child Care Subsidy). The session fee cost for a casual booking would be \$19 (before Child Care Subsidy).

If this may be of interest to your family, please contact Genevieve or the school: 66895208 or Email: genevieve.slocombe@det.nsw.edu.au



We wish a
**Happy Birthday to Leo, Banjo,
 Mrs Parker & Mrs Ward !**

Congratulations!

Term 4 Week 4 Awards

Student of the Week

K/1 Willow C

1/2 Jassy

3/4 Luke

5/6 Billy

Merit Awards

K/1 Willow M, Abby, Eden

1/2 Bodhi, Rosie, Willow Mc

3/4 Nirvana, Ansh, Floyd

5/6 Banjo, Aaishween, Rosa



Tie Day Tuesday

Floyd and Oscar have planned a TIE day for Tuesday 17 December. Originally the day was a 'Just for Fun' activity. However due to the bushfires that are affecting lots of families, the boys thought that if families have some spare change, they could donate a coin or two on the day. This will then be forwarded on to organisations helping local families who have been affected by the fires. Thanks

News from the 3/4 classroom

We have been busy writing our chapter a day for NaNoWriMo. This is an international writing challenge where people from all over the world attempt to write a whole book in one month. So far stories have sizzling starts, interesting characters and a whole range of adventures that have to be overcome so that their main character eventually gets what they need. We have also been busy with our science project of constructing a pollinator from recycled parts. The blueprints of the designs are looking very interesting. Our challenge this week will be new and innovative ways to power our pollinators.

Mechanica: Science Presentation

Students from all classes will be presenting their pollinator to our judges next Monday 25th November. They will show their design and prototype (model) to Bruno and explain how it will be used on his macadamia farm to pollinate the trees. As we have had nearly a week away from school, students will be busily completing their work this week. Happy constructing, everyone!



Disaster Relief Grants

For household contents and structural repairs

Fact sheet

The Office of Emergency Management can provide disaster relief grants to eligible individuals and families whose homes and essential household contents have been damaged or destroyed by a disaster.

If you have limited financial resources and no insurance you may be eligible for a financial contribution towards the cost of essential household items and making your home safe and habitable again.

Am I eligible for a Disaster Relief Grant?

- I am a low income earner**
You will need to meet an income and assets test
- My home has been damaged**
You will need to show this is the main place you live and the damage was caused by the disaster
- I do not have insurance**
This assistance does not replace insurance or compensate for other losses
- It has been less than 4 months since the disaster**
You need to apply within 4 months after the disaster happened

How do I apply for a Disaster Relief Grant?

Call Disaster Welfare on 1800 018 444

A disaster welfare officer will provide information about the grants, application process and eligibility criteria. (See over the page for an application checklist.)

Home visit

A disaster welfare officer will need to visit your home to inspect the damage before an assessment can be made.

Decision

Once your application including supporting documents is complete and a home visit has occurred, we will make an assessment as quickly as possible. We will write to you to tell you the outcome of your application.

If your application is approved, there are two types of assistance you may receive:

Grants for replacing essential household contents

Essential items are those required for normal daily life, such as bedding and some electrical items (e.g. a fridge or washing machine).

Grants for essential structural repairs

Assistance may be provided to make essential structural repairs if you are a home owner. Assistance is not provided for repairs to other areas of your property, such as damage to fences, painting, pools, sheds or garages.

How are my income and assets assessed?

Statement of Income

If you are a wage earner you should provide proof of the income you were receiving at the time of the disaster and attach the relevant pay slip to your application.

If you receive Centrelink payments or a superannuation pension you should attach your latest advice letter. If your income included pension payments from another country an advice letter showing details should also be attached.

If you are self-employed you should provide evidence of your taxable income (such as your tax returns).

Rent or home loan repayments

You will need to provide us with information about your rental or mortgage payments. If you are renting your home please attach your last weekly rent receipt. A copy of your lease and the list of furniture and other contents included in the lease should also be provided.

If you are paying off your home you should provide a statement from your lending authority which sets out the minimum rate of repayment and the balance owing on your mortgage.

Are other assets included?

Assets such as savings in the bank, shares, or a second property are also considered. If you meet the income criteria but have assets above \$10,000 (single person) or \$20,000 (couple), these will be included in the assessment of your eligibility for assistance under this scheme.

You will need to tell us about all assets owned by you and your spouse or partner. You will need to supply evidence such as current bank statements, or council rate notices to prove property ownership.

Information you provide will be checked and we will contact the agencies that you have nominated, such as Centrelink, financial institutions and insurance companies. When you sign the application form you are giving us permission to check that information.

Can I appeal a decision?

You may appeal the decision if your claim has been declined or you have additional information that supports your claim. Appeals can be lodged within one month and addressed to:

Director, Disaster Welfare Services
NSW Department of Justice
GPO Box 5434 Sydney NSW 2001

Disaster Relief Grant Checklist

The following is needed when applying for a disaster relief grant

Proof of income (one of the following)

- Centrelink advice letter
- Income statement/payslip
- Evidence of taxable income (e.g. taxation advice) for self-employed

Insurance details

- Policy numbers
- Insurance company correspondence

Verification of home loan repayments or rent

- Your last normal weekly rent receipt
- A statement from your lending authority

Proof of assets

- Bank statements
- Proof of investments
- Council rate notice (if home owner)

Structural grants

- 2 quotes for repairs



Get Ready for the 2019 - 2020 Bush Fire Season

The bush fire season generally runs from 1 October until 31 March annually, however the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) may alter this period in a local government area, dependent on the conditions.

Principals and workplace managers are responsible for getting their schools ready for the bush fire season. They are also responsible for coordinating the emergency response of the school or workplace in the event of an emergency according to their school's Emergency Management Plan (EMP).

Follow the 5 steps to get your school ready for Bush Fire Season:



**Know your
risk**



**Plan now for
what you'll do**



**Get your
school ready**



Be aware



**Incident
Management**

1 Know your risk

Your school or workplace will be identified as being within one of the following three categories:

1. Schools on the Bush Fire Register

These schools are considered more at risk in bush fire prone areas and are required to cease operations on days where a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared.

2. Schools in a bush fire prone area

These are schools declared by the RFS as being in a bush fire prone area.

3. All other schools

These are schools not identified as being in a bush fire prone area but may be impacted by grass fires, smoke or road closures.

The level of risk for all schools has already been identified. Check your school's level of risk on the Health and Safety intranet.

Considerations

It is important to take steps to minimise exposure to bushfire smoke where possible. Consider inside activities with the windows and doors shut. Air conditioning can help filter out smoke that gets into the building. Information about health risks associated with bush fire smoke can be found on the NSW Health website.

2 Plan now for what you'll do

An EMP should consider key actions for planning, preparation, response and recovery specifically related to the risk of bush fires for your school.

Key steps involved:

- Update your EMP on ICE along with updated contact details.
- Discuss your bush fire arrangements with your local NSW RFS Officer.
- Ensure all staff understand their roles and responsibilities in an emergency situation.
- Communicate to off-site evacuation locations regarding intention to use as off-site emergency evacuation facility.
- Liaise with the local Asset Management Unit regarding Asset Protection Zones and preparing your school.
- Ensure you have read the Department's Communication Protocols and aware of your responsibilities in an event of an emergency.
- Plan how you will communicate to the school community.
- Familiarise yourself with the procedures for temporarily ceasing school operations.
- Complete the e-learning module to assist in planning for the bush fire season.
- Make arrangements for alternate transport options if needed.
- Identify 'shelter in place' locations onsite and confirm location with local RFS.

Read the Prepare your school checklist for more details.

2019 - 2020 Bush Fire Season

Note: Shelter in place locations should only be used as a last resort. They are to be used when all other options listed in your emergency management plan cannot be actioned safely and should be under the guidance of emergency services advice.

3 Get your school ready

Schools and workplaces are required to prepare their sites before the bush fire season to ensure the safety of staff and students. The following should be maintained throughout the bush fire season:

- Ensure your school is physically prepared for the bush fire season.
- Ensure firebreaks are maintained and garden rubbish, native shrubs and tree branches are kept well clear of buildings.
- Ensure First Aid Kit is stocked and ready for use.
- Practice your plans and drills.
- Communicate bush fire preparedness information and arrangements to the school community.
- Key Contact information is quickly available in the event of an emergency.
- Test and verify fire protection systems.

Read the Prepare your school checklist for more detail.

4 Be aware

Stay up to date during periods of increased fire danger by monitoring the following:



In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)
Call the Incident Report and Support Hotline
1800 811 523 (Option 1)
Call the Bush Fire Information Line 1800 679 737



'Fires Near Me'
Free Smartphone App



Local radio, TV, newspaper, local ABC/
emergency broadcaster



Fire Danger Ratings at rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr
Fire Activity and Alert Levels at rfs.nsw.gov.au/Livetraffic.com



facebook.com/nswrfs
twitter.com/nswrfs

The Bush Fire Alert Levels provide information about the severity of the fire, its location and what you should do. Further information on Alert Levels is available from NSW RFS Alert Levels website.



ADVICE

A bush fire has started.
There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action to protect your school community.



EMERGENCY WARNING

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts lives at risk.

School Safety website

The School Safety website provides parents and the community with up to date information on all adverse weather conditions and school closures across the state.

5 Incident Management

When schools are impacted by fires, employees must implement an appropriate incident response commensurate with the circumstances of the incident, which may include:

- Immediate provision of first aid if required
- Contacting emergency services (triple zero 000)
- Activation of the EMP
- Notifying the incident to the line manager
- Reporting the incident to the Department's Incident Report and Support Hotline
- Contacting school community
- Cooperating with emergency services
- Coordinating post incident support services for anyone impacted by the incident
- Maintaining a record of decisions made and actions taken



Your local Work Health and Safety Consultant is available for support and advice.

Dunoon Primary School Christmas Raffle



Your choice of one of 5 our fantastic Prizes:

- A fantastic Christmas Hamper from the Dunoon General Store
OR a Hamper from Macademia International;
- A carton of Coopers Beer OR a carton of Tooheys Beer;
- An Annual pass for 1 child & 1 adult to The Macademia Castle

Thanks to our generous supporters for the prizes and for your support!
Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Drawn – at the End of year concert, on Thursday 12th December.

P & C Christmas Raffle

Your child has been given a booklet today!

Clunes OSHC Vacation Care Program December - January 2019-2020

Monday 16 th Dec	Tuesday 17 th Dec	Wednesday 18 th Dec	Thursday 19 th Dec	Friday 20 th Dec
SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	CAPTIVATING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Deck the Christmas tree & make decorations Write a Santa list & sew a Christmas stocking 	CHRISTMAS PARTY PIZZAZZ Indoor & outdoor wacky Christmas games for Xmas pressies! 
Monday 23 rd Dec	Tuesday 24 th Dec	Wednesday 25 th Dec	Thursday 26 th Dec	Friday 27 th Dec
CATCHY CHRISTMAS TUNES Learn Karaoke style carols & jokes  Dance like a crazy Santa or Elf Toss jingle bells	CHRISTMAS FOOD FUN Lay the table for Christmas lunch, eat, drink & be merry! 	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 30 th Dec	Tuesday 31 st Dec	Wednesday 1 st Jan	Thursday 2 nd Jan	Friday 3 rd Jan
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 6 th Jan	Tuesday 7 th Jan	Wednesday 8 th Jan	Thursday 9 th Jan	Friday 10 th Jan
TERRIFIC TIE DYE *Bring in a white shirt or material*  Learn different tie dye techniques - sunburst, lines & circles	INCREDIBLE ITALY Learn Italian words & Roman numerals Play 'Bandiera' & 'Piovra' Craft the 'Leaning Tower of Pisa' or an Italian dough flag 	NIFTY NERFS Bring your Nerfs & darts with your name on them & goggles or sunnies for eyes  Create a Nerf dart holder Practice your target skills Make a marshmallow shooter	EXCURSION Lismore Ten Pin Bowl & Indoor playground COST \$9.95 socks to be worn in playground DEPART 9:15AM 	ROCKET LAUNCH PARTY Build & launch a rocket to space! Play 'Space Race', 'Pop goes the Planet', 'Satellite Delay' & 'Amazing Gravity' 