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Term 2 Week 5

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 25 May	All students return to school 5 days per week. Reconciliation Week
Mon 8 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to fulltime schooling! We are thrilled to be seeing the children again, every day, even though things will still be a little different. Remember to send work packs back and if your child is in a Kindergarten or Support class, they also need to return their Maths text book please.

As students return to school every weekday, the NSW government has requested parents do not enter school grounds unless absolutely necessary. Thank you in anticipation for your understanding. If you do need to visit our school, please enter via the office in Karingi Street. We still have plenty of hand sanitiser for students and staff use and new soap dispensers were installed in student and staff toilets, last week. All students should now be aware of the need for extra hygiene habits. Cleaners will also continue to work extra shifts to keep our school squeaky clean.

This year, we have again been receiving free books from Dymocks Book Bank. In fact, we have received books every term, for all students in Years 3 – 6, for ten years now! Can you believe this generosity? Mrs Hull is our school's co-ordinator and has worked this out at approximately 300 students x 4 terms = 1200 books per year for ten years, meaning this initiative has cost Dymocks around \$200,000! We are extremely grateful for these books and it is wonderful to see our students enjoying their books, in their classrooms. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to encourage your child to read. Whether it is reading for information or reading for pleasure, comprehension is one of life's necessities. And in this windy, cold weather, who wouldn't want to curl up with a good book?

Reconciliation Week celebrates twenty years this week and what better theme could have been chosen than this year's 'In This Together'? Founded on mutual respect and understanding, it is the perfect goal for everyone to show tolerance and thoughtfulness towards others, no matter who they are or what their background is. Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Rheese Bull, is visiting all classrooms this week, with a story and an activity to encourage inclusivity, as we are all 'In This Together.' *"Throughout this time we have also learnt how to reset relationships based on respect. While much has been achieved, there is still more work to be done and this year is the ideal anniversary to reflect on how far we have come while setting new directions for the future."* Karen Mundine CEO.

Cheryl in the canteen again thanks you for your support and has advised opening hours this week will return to five days per week for recess and lunch. Don't forget to remind your child that lunch orders must be placed before school, please.

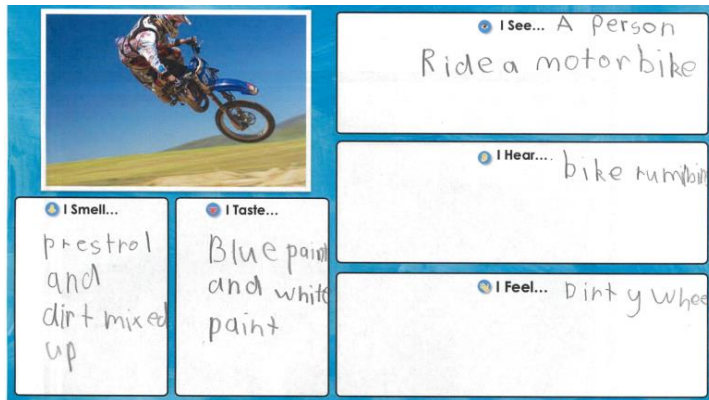
Next time you're driving down Uligand Street, have a look at our new school sign. The old sign was erected in Uligandi St when we purchased the electronic sign. It was past its use-by-date then, but it seemed a shame to throw it away when we didn't have a sign at all, at the Uligandi St entrance. It has now finally been replaced. I have to say, I am quite pleased with the number of improvements we have been able to complete recently, with sensible budgeting.

Our Uniform Shop has long pants in stock, in time for the cooler weather. Students can collect an order form for all Uniform Shop items, from the office or you can phone the office and we will send a form home. Orders can be handed in to the office and they will be filled then collected either by yourself or your child.

If you or anyone you know is finding it difficult to cope, I have included a couple of phone numbers that may be helpful. Beyond Blue 1800 242 636 Domestic Violence 1800 RESPECT

Lynn Balfour - Principal

Support News



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The Epic Deadly Amazing Race

Justin had trained all his life to compete in the Epic Deadly Amazing Race which was only for the best Pro Bike riders. So he packed up his things and left the comfort of his home to travel to the dead centre of Africa.

When Justin arrived at the Epic Deadly Amazing Race there were only three other people to beat. At the starting line all four of them went zooming across the track. They did stunt jumps, 360's and bunny hops right before Justin was ready to do the most epic trick of all - **"the dead rat 360 oof noob lol shot yeet boi trick"**.

Justin jumped in the air and did the trick to everyone's amazement and everyone was in shock at his super ultimate awesome skills. Even the Green Gang were impressed.

No surprise, Justin was announced the winner. And that is the story of how Justin won the Epic Deadly Amazing race.

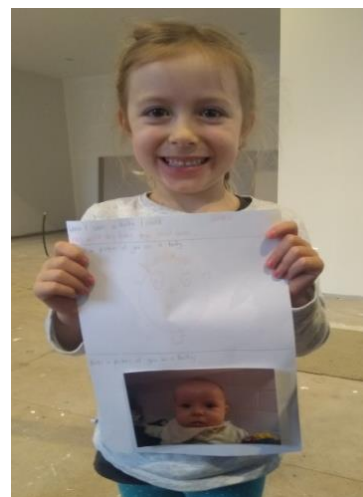
Early Stage One News

Early Stage One is happy to return to full time schooling. Last week students were participating in lessons from their work at home packs at school.

Mrs. Smith also did a fantastic demonstration how to gallop for some lucky kindergarten students.

This week we are all so thrilled to see all students back.

We also remind students to bring back work packs and maths textbooks so teachers can continue to use them in the classroom.



Stage One News

Stage One teachers are thrilled to be reconnecting with their classes after what has been a new and challenging time for us all. Well done to our students and parents for their efforts during this difficult time. This term, Stage One is learning about dangerous animals, their habitats, life cycles, diets and how they hunt and protect themselves in the wild. Students are learning how to identify important information in texts and online and how to put this into their own words to write an information report about a range of animals and topics.

All year 1 and 2 classes engage in STEM (Science Technology English Mathematics) activities as part of their weekly teaching and learning program. 1/2P has been creating mazes using a range of materials to test and modify their design to ensure that it can be solved while still posing a challenge. The results are truly a-MAZE-ing!



Stage Two News

Welcome back Stage Two and all students! We are so pleased to see you all and to see how much you have learned over this strange COVID-19 period.

Mrs Jones (and her baby bump) is so excited to be able to be back at school too after nearly seven weeks of working from home.

Here is a picture of some of some Stage two students with some completed work.



Stage Three News

Welcome back Stage Three, it is great to see you all. During the past few weeks, our students collected their Y6 shirts and Jackets. A huge thanks to our wonderful leaders for welcoming back our students yesterday.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Applications for specialist classes for year 7 2021 at BWSC close this coming Friday. Application forms are available at the front office or can be downloaded from BWSC Umina's Facebook page

P & C NEWS

Firstly we would like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a huge thank you to the teachers and staff for their constant support and guidance during these unprecedented times. We appreciate all that has been done.

We have decided to cancel the next general meeting but feel free email us if needed. If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership, please do so as we have some exciting things planned for the rest of the year.

Zippies Update

We would like to thank everyone for their patience in regard to uniforms during this time. The uniform shop will continue to be closed as we respect the Department of Education's stance on limiting parents on the school grounds. If you would like to place an order please do so through the front office with the correct amount in an envelope, the order will then be filled and sent to your child's class. Please ensure you include your phone number so we can contact you directly if we are out of stock.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be opened 5 days from this week however we ask that you respect social distancing rules when placing an order. Please put your order on a bag or envelope with the correct money inside and give it to your child to hand in to the canteen.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

