



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Tuesday 8th August 2022

Acting Deputy Principal

Mrs Tracy Caldwell

Principal Anna Starcevic

Assistant Principals

Mrs Sue Rowe & Mrs Sally Griffiths



Canteen Changes

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Jen Sutcliffe as our school Canteen Manager. Jen will be finishing up this Friday. (August 12th) The canteen will be closed until the P&C are able to find a relieving manager. Please see Hughie McCowan's letter on the next page regarding this. We ask all families to ensure that you are sending recess, crunch and lunch for your child/ren every day, as we are not able to give a date for if and when the canteen will reopen.

COVID-19 Advice for Families

A reminder to our families to always check the 'Advice for Families' page on the DoE website. This page is regularly updated in line with any changes and up to date information. The most important message is not to send your child to school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, and for a rapid antigen test to be undertaken. If the test comes back negative, the student should not return to school until either there are no longer any symptoms or a medical certificate is provided by your doctor confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis—such as hayfever for example. It is important that students do not attend school if they feel unwell. Sick students should stay at home and rest and recover—to avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Anna Starcevic Principal

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Dear TSHPMPS Community

It is with great sadness that we announce our long term canteen manager Mrs Jennifer Sutcliffe will finish up in her position as Canteen manager this Friday the 12th August. Jen has been successful in gaining a full time position in other employment in town. Jen will greatly miss the kids, parents and staff at SHPMPS and we will also miss her.

We wish Jen all the best for her future. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her faithful labours on our behalf through her work in the school canteen. The P&C is putting together the necessary criteria to begin advertising for a new Canteen Manager.

At this stage the school canteen will close this Friday the 12th August and remain closed until the position of Canteen Manager can be filled through an application process.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me on 0429 121 915.

Regards

Hughie McCowen

TSHPMPS P&C President


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Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction

Welcome back to Term 3. Here are the last three skills from Michele Borba, EdD article, "Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine" and "UnSelfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About Me World."

5. Curiosity

Curiosity is the recognition, pursuit and desire to explore novel, challenging and uncertain events. To help kids build curiosity, I like to use open-ended toys, gadgets and games. Give them paint, yarn and popsicle stick to create constructions. Or offer paper clips and pipe cleaners and challenge your kids to see how many unusual ways they can use them. Another method is to model inquisitiveness. Instead of saying "That won't work," try "Let's see what happens!" Instead of giving answers, ask: "What do you think?" "How do you know?" "How can you find out?" Lastly, when you read a book, watch a film or just walk by someone, use "I wonder" questions: "I wonder where she's going." "I wonder why they're doing that." "I wonder what happens next."

6. Perseverance

Perseverance helps kids keep on going when everything else makes it easier to give up. Mistakes can derail kids from getting to the end and succeeding. So, don't let your kid catastrophise their problem. Instead, help them zero in and identify their stumble. Some kids give up because they feel overwhelmed with "all the problems" or "all their assignments." Chunking tasks into smaller parts helps kids who have difficulties focusing or getting started. You can teach your daughter to "chunk it," for example, by covering all her math problems with a piece of paper, except the top row. Lower the covered paper down the next row and the next as each row is completed. Older kids can write each assignment on one sticky note, in order of difficulty, and do one task at a time. Encourage them to do the hardest thing first so they won't stress about it all night. Confidence and perseverance build as kids complete larger chunks alone.

7. Optimism

Optimistic kids view challenges and obstacles as temporary and able to be overcome, so they are more likely to succeed. But there is a dramatically opposing view: pessimism. Children who are pessimistic see challenges as permanent, like cement blocks that are impossible to move, and so they are more likely to quit. Teaching children optimism begins with us. Kids adopt our words as their inner voices, so over the next few days, tune in to your typical messages and assess the outlook you offer your kids.

On average, would you say you're generally more pessimist or optimistic? Do you usually describe things as positive or negative; half full or empty; good or bad; through rose- or blue-tinted glasses? Would your friends and family say the same about you? If you see that you're tilting to the half-empty side, remember that change starts by looking in the mirror.

Change is hard, but it's important to be the example of what you want your child to learn.



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Welcome to Term 3 in the Yellowtails



This term in science, the Yellowtails are exploring how forces make things move. We were lucky enough to spend a warm afternoon making boats when we learnt about floating and sinking. We evaluated our boats by seeing how many marbles they could hold. Our winner was able to hold 13!!

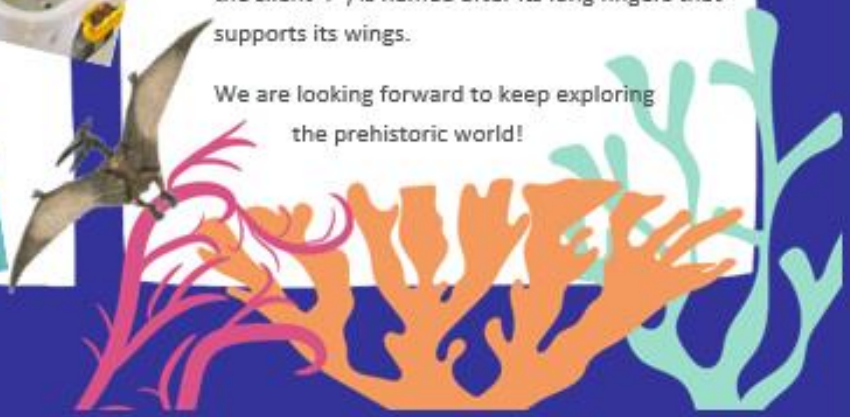
In health this term, we are also exploring what it means to be healthy. Looking at how a balanced diet, good hygiene and exercise make us healthier and happier.



Our literacy unit this term is focusing on the wonderful world of dinosaurs!

We have discovered some really interesting facts, like how a triceratops is named after its three horns, or how a pterodactyl (don't forget the silent 'P') is named after its long fingers that supports its wings.

We are looking forward to keep exploring the prehistoric world!



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Meal Deal-Wednesday August 10th-A Burgerlicious Deal

A cheese burger (meat patty, cheese & tomato sauce), a cup of chocolate milk and a cup of ice cream with topping \$6.00

OTHER CHOICES (Not included in meal deal)

6 nuggets-\$4:00

Snack pie-\$3:50 (larger than a party pie)

(Normal menu not available on this day.)

Canteen Donations THIS WEEK

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| Block Cheese | Danielle Wholohan |
| Beetroot | Nicole Arnold |
| Lettuce | Andrea Greaves |

Canteen Roster Term 3

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| Wednesday August 10th | Tammy Morris |
| Thursday August 11th | |
| Friday August 12th | Rachel Brown |



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

NEXT ASSEMBLY NEXT P&C MEETING

DATE: Friday August 18th, 2022

TIME: 2pm - Bruxner Hall

DATE: TBA

TIME: 5:30pm - Staffroom

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Terms 3, 2022

| Week/ Month | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------------|---|--|--|---|--------------------------|
| Week 4 August | 8 | 9 Granite Belt Dental Visit—ES1/S1 | 10 | 11 Granite Belt Dental Visit—ES1/S1 | 12 |
| Week 5 August | 15 | 16 | 17 NNE Athletics Carnival Fed Park | 18 | 19 |
| Week 6 August | 22 Term 3 School Development Day Students stay home | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Assembly |
| Week 7 Aug/Sept | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| Week 8 September | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Week 9 September | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Assembly |
| Week 10 September | 19 Stage 3 camp (Brisbane) | 20 Stage 3 camp (Brisbane) | 21 Stage 3 camp (Brisbane) | 22 Stage 3 camp (Brisbane) | 23 Last Day of Term 3 |
| Term 4 October Wk 1 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Week 2 October | 17 | 18 | 19 Stage 2 camp (Thalgarrah) | 20 Stage 2 camp (Thalgarrah) | 21 |
| Week 3 October | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

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