

# Metella Road Public School

AIM HIGH



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Term 3- Week 4

Monday, 8 August 2016

## Calendar

What's On

### Term 3, Week 4

Tuesday, 9 August	Book Week Author Visit 'Aaron Blabey'
	Stage 2 & 3 Spelling Bee Finals
	P & C Meeting @ 7:30pm
Wednesday, 10 August	Wanderers Cup Round 1
	Parents Auxiliary Meeting @ 2:00pm
Thursday, 11 August	Australian Girls' Choir Auditions

### Term 3, Week 5

Monday, 15 August	Book Week Fair Opens
Tuesday, 16 August	ICAS Mathematics Competition
	K-6 Assembly
Wednesday, 17 August	Book Week Parade
	Book Week Fair Closes

### Term 3, Week 6

Monday, 22 August	Blacktown Music Festival Performance @ 7:00pm
Tuesday, 23 August	Sports, Performance and Special Groups Photo Day
Wednesday, 24 August	2017 Kindergarten Interviews
	OOSH Meeting @ 7:00pm
Thursday, 25 August	Zone Athletics Carnival

### Term 3, Week 7

Monday, 29 August	Calmsley City Farm Excursion
Thursday, 1 September	Father's Day Stall

## Principal's Message

### Lockdown/Evacuation Drills

Last week we conducted our second safety drill for the year, a lockdown drill. Many students may have come home talking about a special bell and students being asked to sit in the middle of the room with the lights off. These drills are an important step we take to ensure all our students are safe if ever the time comes to need to implement one of these drills.

Whenever we practise our safety drills our staff talk to our students about the process first. We then conduct at a planned time and then discuss ways we can improve our process. We then may conduct a drill without notice.

Please discuss the drill with your child and if you have any questions please talk to your class teacher, or I am happy to have a chat.

### Open Day

Education Week Open Day was such a success! Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and friends who visited classrooms, bought sweets and goodies from the Year 6 Peddlers Parade and watched our performances. Our classrooms looked fantastic as always, our Year 6 students and their families went to great effort to create beautiful cakes, toffees and other treats and our performers were unbelievable. Our choirs and dancers are truly exceptional. I am so proud of each and every one of our students!

### Outdoor Learning Environments

In our next step to create great outdoor learning environments for our students the area outside our Stage 3 classrooms upstairs in Block E is now a colourful and attractive space. When students work in groups or with our School Learning Support Officers they can work in an inspiring place that will help them Aim High!!



### Uniform Shop – Back to Basics

Our uniform shop is now open **Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm – 3.30pm**. The uniform shop will still open on **Fridays from 8.00am – 9.30am**.

Back to Basics also has an online ordering system.

Step 1: [www.cowanlewis.com.au](http://www.cowanlewis.com.au)  
 Step 2: School wear/Back to Basics  
 Step 3: Metella Road PS logo

If you have any concerns about our uniform or the uniform shop please contact me through the front office.

### Excursion Cut Off Dates

On each of our excursion letters home we have a cut off date for final payments. We have to have the cut off dates to be able to order buses and give final numbers to the venue/performers we have booked. I feel terrible that we have to refuse taking money after our cut off date but it is necessary. If we were to continue taking money and permission notes up until the final day, or allow parents to transport their child to venues then we run the risk our not having the correct number of buses, or correct number of seats on the bus. Teachers would run the risk of not having correct class lists on the day.

### Electronic Copy Of Our Newsletter

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via email please send an email to [metellard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:metellard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Mr P. D'Ermilio  
Principal

### Deputy Principal's Report

It's been flying start to the school term with Athletics Carnival, Education Week Open Day and the upcoming author visit with Aaron Blabey, the Book Fair and Book Week celebrations. Stage 3 have their Snowy Mountains and Canberra camp to look forward to and the P&C are holding their major fundraiser for the year, an open air movie night on 10 September on the school oval.

A big focus for our students this term is getting to school on time. Getting to school before the bell is important because it gives students the opportunity to interact with their friends on the playground. It also ensures that students don't miss important morning assemblies and messages that are communicated through Sentral every morning. For some students, being late often makes the transition into class difficult as they can feel anxious and rushed. So far this term, we have seen less late arrivals and this is having a positive impact in classrooms.

On July 1 the first stage of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (commonly referred to as the NDIS) began to roll out in NSW. The NDIS is an Australian wide scheme that replaces the current NSW disability support system. In Western Sydney, this rollout included the local government areas of Auburn, Blacktown, Holroyd, Parramatta and The Hills Shire. The NDIS will provide targeted, individualised support and improved access to services for people living with disabilities. Eligible participants are provided with a funding package that allows them to choose the services and help they need, in the way they want.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has been established by the Australian Government to implement the Scheme. The role of the NDIA is to work with eligible families to develop a plan to support their needs and help them to achieve their goals. The plan is then is used to provide a funding package under the NDIS. The level of funding is directly related to the persons' needs. If you have a child with a disability and believe that you may be eligible for the NDIS, please visit the website below to check your child's eligibility using the NDIS Access Checklist. You are also welcome to contact myself if you would like assistance to better understand the process.

For further information:

- Visit the NDIS website: <http://ndis.nsw.gov.au/>
- Email enquiries: [enquiries@ndis.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@ndis.gov.au)
- Call 1800 800 110 (Monday-Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm EST)

Finally, Term 3 is always a traditionally busy term, so please make sure that you check Facebook, the Metella Road Public School app and our website to keep up-to-date.

Mrs N. Parker  
Relieving Deputy Principal

**From the Office****LMBR**

Metella Road Public School will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on **5 September 2016**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **29 August** and **5 September 2016**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **29 August 2016**. From **6 September 2016**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **31 August 2016** and **5 September 2016**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **31 August 2016**. From **6 September 2016**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Online payments:** Between **27 August 2016** and **4 September 2016**, we will also not be able to accept online payments as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding online payments before **27 August 2016**. From **5 September 2016**, online payments will be accepted as before.

We thank you for your understanding in this busy time.

Mrs C. Ryan  
School Administration Manager

**Kindergarten News**

Congratulations to the Kindergarten students for a great start to Term 3. It is wonderful to see the students working hard and being motivated learners.

This term the students in Kindergarten will be learning about the importance of farms and farm animals. We have been discussing and writing about farm animals including what they look like, what they eat, where they live and what they give us. This week we have the privilege of having the *Living Eggs Hatching Program* in our classrooms. This program enables the students to develop a deeper understanding of the life cycle of a chicken. The students were able to witness chicks actually hatching from their eggs and observe them growing and changing. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this heart-warming experience. We are looking forward to seeing other farm animals and learning more about farm life, when we visit Calmsley Hill City Farm later this term.

We are also studying the author Mem Fox and reading lots of her books. We are learning about the characters in the stories and comparing them to ourselves and other characters. During our Science lessons, the students are investigating different types of weather, and talking about how the weather can affect

what we do and what we wear. In Mathematics, we have been learning to count forwards and backwards from a given number and add and subtract groups. We have also identified and sorted two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects.

Last week we had our Education Week Open Day where the parents visited the Kindergarten classrooms and had the opportunity to look at the wonderful work we have completed throughout the year. The students were very proud of what they have achieved and enjoyed sharing their learning with their family and friends.

We are looking forward to more fun and exciting events happening this term, including our Book Week author visit, the Book Character Parade and our excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm.

Mrs S. Larobina  
Early Stage 1 Supervisor

**Stage 1 News**

We cannot believe that it is already Term 3! Our Stage 1 students have immersed themselves again in their learning, showing that they are motivated learners! They enjoyed having their parents and grandparents visit their classroom last week for Education Week. It was wonderful to see so many parents come and see the amazing work their children have done throughout the year. We also enjoyed watching the many performances at our Open Day Assembly – they were most entertaining!

In English, students have been exploring the theme of heroes. They have been investigating the characteristics of a hero and the different ways people can be heroes. We are reading a wide selection of texts that feature heroes of different shapes and sizes, learning how to compare and contrast the multiple characteristics of heroes. Students have been learning about onomatopoeia (BOOM! CRASH! POW!) and have been having an exciting time creating their own comic strips featuring their heroes and villains. We have been focusing on the verbs that are used to explain the action of the superheroes and have been even learning how adverbs describe the verb! In Writing, students have been learning how to write like acclaimed authors. They are learning how to “show”, rather than just tell to make their writing interesting and easy to visualise. We are so proud of their efforts this term!

In Mathematics, students have been learning how to make groups of 10 to help them count quickly. They are developing more sophisticated strategies to help them add and subtract numbers more quickly and effectively. Students are using strategies such as ‘doubles’ and ‘near doubles’. They are very clever! We have also been investigating the properties of two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects. Students have been integrating technology with Mathematics to produce two-dimensional shaped houses.

In Science, our Stage 1 students have been learning all about water. They have been investigating the water cycle, determining where water actually comes from. They have been mad magicians, creating evaporation, condensation and precipitation ... IN A BAG!! Can you believe it?! Students have been observing a cloud in a bag and then watching it rain! They have also been conducting very serious investigations to determine if it matters how much water plants receive. They

have made lots of hypotheses and we cannot wait to see if our predictions were correct!

In Human Society and Its Environment, students have been learning about our waterways (which ties in beautifully with our Science unit) and why it is important to keep them clean. Students are thoroughly enjoying learning how to be responsible citizens who care for our waterways. They definitely see the value in responsibly using water as students have come to the conclusion that we desperately need water to survive!

Stage 1 students have been focusing on keeping their hands and feet to themselves over the past fortnight. They are reminded every morning at our morning assembly the importance of being kind. Students know that if they require any help on the playground, they can always ask a teacher for assistance. We believe that all our students deserve to feel safe and happy at school.

We are incredibly proud of our Stage 1 students and commend them for their motivation. Our students continually Aim High! Well done Year 1 and Year 2!

Ms J. Minenko  
Stage 1 Supervisor

### Stage 2 News

The students in Stage Two have made a great start to the term. This fortnight's focus is Motivation. The students are demonstrating that they are in lines on time. Students that are showing this are receiving Mini Metella's, which is a new initiative system that has been put in place by our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team, to promote this focus.

Last term, Stage 2 went on our excursion to The Power House Museum, Observatory Hill and a tour around the Rocks. We all had such a wonderful day! We had the experience of experimenting in the Discovery room, which the students were amazed by. The students also got to observe how technology, engineering, science and design have impacted Australia and the world. We enjoyed a picnic lunch on Observatory Hill and experienced the Rocks with our walking tour. The students discovered many old buildings and brick work that the convicts had made as well as some of our famous icons. Thanks to all those parents who came and helped with our classes. Miss Diamond and Miss Erdelj did a fantastic job organising, which was appreciated by all.

This term in Modelled Reading, we are learning all about quality texts with highly complex messages. Through a variety of shared experiences including: reading, writing, speaking and listening activities, our students are investigating and analysing effective techniques used by authors to engage readers. Through these investigations they are composing their own imaginative texts such as descriptions and narratives that have language focuses. These consist of complex sentences, quoted speech, noun groups, adjectives, idioms and apostrophes. It has been sensational to observe them discuss and construct their own complex narratives and descriptions.

In Mathematics the students have been learning various whole number and addition and subtraction strategies. In the strand of space, we are learning all about the different concepts of two dimensional shapes, including symmetry, regular and irregular and rigidity of shapes and tessellation.

Thank you to all those parents who took the time out of their day to come and visit our classrooms during Open Day.

Mrs L. Bartlett  
Stage 2 Supervisor

### Stage 3 News

The students in Stage 3 have had a great start back to Term 3. All students have been continuing to work extremely hard to achieve specific learning goals in all Key Learning Areas.

Last term, we had a great day raising money at the Walkathon. Thank you to all the Stage 3 students who participated in the Walkathon and for working hard to raise money for Metella Road Public School.



In Literacy, Stage 3 is participating in a film study for the film called 'Jumanji'. Students have been focusing on how films make people think imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically through the elements of colour, sound, special effects, camera angles, camera distance and editing.

In Mathematics, thirty students from Year 6 have been continuing to participate in Maths Olympiad challenges. These challenges aim to introduce students to important mathematical concepts and teach major strategies to develop flexibility in problem solving.

Year 6 Fundraising is going extremely well. Our next Year 6 Fundraising event is the Year 6 Mini-Fete, which will be on Thursday 20 October (Week 2 of Term 4). There will be more information provided during Term 3 in regards to this event. I would like to thank all the Year 6 students who participated in the Peddler's Parade. Thank you to the parents and carers for helping your child make all the delicious cakes and slices that were sold on the day.

Our Stage 3 camp to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains is in Week 8 of Term 3. Just a reminder that the final payment of \$77.00 is due on Wednesday 10 August, no later than 12pm. The information notes regarding medication and dietary requirements are also due by Wednesday 10 August. All students are required to hand the medical card and dietary requirements to Mrs Adams please.

Mrs B. Adams  
Stage 3 Supervisor

### Library

Oliver has now arrived and it is a new web-based software program that tracks library circulation and management. The interesting part for students is that they have access to Orbit in Oliver through their portal where they can search and track their loans in the library. They can reserve and add reviews too. You may have also noticed the overdue notes have changed!

Book Week is approaching with Aaron Blabey visiting Metella Road Public school in Week 4. This term we have been discussing and illustrating the Book Week theme: Australia: Our story.

Stage 1 have been colouring and cutting out two very important book characters a Pug and a Kangaroo, then writing their own story about the two meeting each other.

Stage 2 have drawn aboriginal designs into animal motifs.

Some Stage 3 students have been very clever and prepared a review, loaded it to Orbit and taught themselves how to reserve a book in Orbit. The rest are working on Famous Australians for Book Week.

Mrs B. Aylett  
Teacher/Librarian

### SRC Update

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the walkathon late last term. Everyone we spoke too, seemed to enjoy themselves, especially when it came to having colour thrown all over them. With the generosity of our community, we have raised a considerable amount of money to help provide our school with some amazing resources. With having over 500 students needing prizes, there was sure to be a few hiccups. We are only human! Again, our thanks go to those people who are still waiting for their prizes, they have been ordered and we are sure they will arrive soon. We humbly apologise for this.

Our next SRC meeting is coming up. Feel free to share any suggestions and we will raise these at our meeting.

### Student and Sport Leaders

Our leaders have been working closely to try and see how they can become even better leaders. They all have responsibilities and at a recent meeting suggested many more ideas on how they can become better role models for the younger members of our school. In the near future, we will be discussing changes we can make with the student leadership roles.

Mrs M. Holburn & Mrs M. Gafa  
Coordinators

### PSSA

We really have not had a great run with the weather. Please understand that the decisions to cancel PSSA are made based on the closure of sporting grounds, keeping in mind, the safety of all students. All schools in our zone have received extra equipment to be used for PSSA teams. This equipment is very expensive and is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all our teams on their dedication and sportsmanship. Fingers crossed there is no more rain and we get to play the next four weeks of the winter season.

Mrs M. Holburn  
Coordinator

### Can Count

At Metella Road Public School we have an aluminium can recycling program whereby students can deliver crushed aluminium cans bagged & labelled with student's name, class & number of cans on Fridays ONLY to outside Mr Nash's workshop in D block (by arrangement large amounts can be picked up). At the end of the year a tally is made of all students to find the student who has collected the most cans, this student, with the help of Mr D'Ermilio, will be awarded a prize. All moneys collected from recycling helps supply classroom resources for your children.

Our thanks go to Liesel 5A, Kiera 4E, Callum 1/2H, Charlize KL and Luke 3F for collecting aluminium cans. Also, a huge thanks goes to Mr Gary Fry, a grandfather of an ex-student who regularly donates cans to the school.

Mr M. Nash  
General Assistant

### P&C and the Parents Auxiliary

Welcome back to Term 3, Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays! There are lots happening at school this term.

### Family Movie Night

The main fundraiser for the P&C this year will be an Outdoor Family Movie Night to be held in Term 3 on Saturday 10 September at Metella Road School Oval. Gates open at 6:00pm for a 7:00pm start. Further information will be sent out soon. If anyone is interested in volunteering with the organisation of the Outdoor Family Movie Night please contact Mrs Kendall on 0410 503 416.

### Father's Day Stall

We would just like to let you know that our Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 1 September. The gifts will range from \$1.00 - \$6.00. A separate note will be sent out in Term 3. If anyone is available to help with the selling on the day of the stall, we would love to see you. The stall will be held under the Hall COLA from approximately 9:00am to recess.

### Federal Election BBQ

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and teachers who volunteered their time to cook sausages and sell drinks to the hungry people waiting to vote. \$1376.00 was raised on the day. Well done to everyone involved.

### The Good Guys

If you shop at THE GOOD GUYS, Prospect, mention at the PAY POINT that you want your SKOOL IS COOL dollars to be allocated to Metella Road Public School P&C Association. This is a great way for the P&C to purchase prizes and giveaways for upcoming events e.g. 2016 Family Movie Night.

### 2016 Entertainment Books

Anyone wishing to purchase an Entertainment Book can use the link below and help support our school. The school will be holding a limited amount of books and can be sent home to those who purchase them. Alternatively, you can buy them online, or purchase a digital membership. If you have any enquiries regarding the entertainment books, feel free to contact Roxanne Black on 0401 669 409 or email roxanneblack1@optusnet.com.au.

Thank you for supporting our school.

[www.entbook.com.au/217i018](http://www.entbook.com.au/217i018)

Next P&C Meeting

We hope to see you all at the staffroom on Tuesday the 9 August for the next P & C meeting it is a great opportunity to meet other parents and find out what is going on at school.

Next Parents Auxiliary Meeting

The next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, 17 August, 2pm in the staffroom. All welcome to come and join us in organising events, fundraising and eating yummy cakes or slices.

Mrs R. Black and S. Kendall  
P&C Representatives

## **P&C Fundraiser**

**Come and join us for our major fundraiser for the year – an open air cinematic experience on the back oval!**

**Enjoy a picnic, BBQ, popcorn, gelato and help us to raise money for the school. A major raffle will also be held on the night.**





**Weekly Timetable of Regular Extra-Curricular Activities**  
Term 3 – 2016

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Debating 6C Classroom (8.25am) Miss Curran			Knockout Soccer Training / PSSA Sr Girls Soccer Training Back field (7.45am) Mr. Byrne Mr. Calnan Mixed League Tag Training Back field (8.00am) Mrs Davies
Recess	Stage 1 Dance Group Hall Mrs Land M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne PSSA Netball Blue Teams (Sr and Jr) Basketball Court Miss Bedwell	M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne PSSA Netball Gold Teams (Sr and Jr) Basketball court Miss Hawkes	M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne Netball Knockout Team Basketball court Miss Hawkes Primary Proms Choir Multipurpose Centre – Stage 2 Mrs Cartwright	Stage 2 Dance Hall Miss Agius Mrs Beklaris M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne Drumming Group Multipurpose Centre – Stage 3 Mrs Cartwright	
Lunch	PULSE Choir K1 Classroom Mrs Boase M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne Play Support Mr. Byrne K-2 COIA Miss Thomas Library 3-6 students Mrs Aylett Drama Club Multipurpose Centre Miss Banning	M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne Play Support K-2 Field K-2 COIA Miss Thomas Senior Choir Multipurpose Centre – Stages 2 and 3 Mrs Cartwright	Junior Choir K1 Classroom Ms. McCoy Mr. Calnan Boys Dance Group Hall Miss Middlehurst Ms Day M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne Play Support K-2 COIA Miss Thomas Library 3-6 students Mrs Aylett	SUPA Club 3D Classroom Miss Diamond Mr. Calnan Mrs Cartwright M-League (Kindergarten, Stage 1) Back field Mr. Byrne Play Support K-2 COIA Miss Thomas Library 3-6 students Mrs Aylett	Play Support K-2 Field K-2 COIA Miss Thomas Chess Library Mrs Aylett

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After School				Junior/Senior Boys Blue Soccer Teams School oval (3.00pm – 4.00pm) Miss Agius Junior/Senior Boys Gold Soccer Teams School oval (3.00pm – 4.00pm) Mrs Holburn PSSA Junior Girls Blue Soccer School oval (3.00pm – 4.00pm) Mr. Byrne PSSA Junior/Senior Girls Blue Soccer Training School oval (3.00pm – 4.00pm) Miss Curran Stage 3 Dance Hall (3.00pm – 4.00pm) Mrs Day	

**Notes**

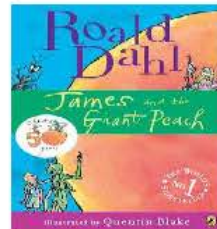
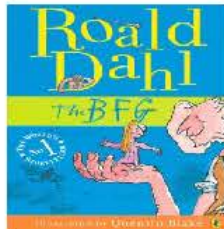
1. In the case of wet weather, training before and after school is not cancelled. Students must remain with the teacher.
2. In the case of a planned absence, e.g. teacher professional learning, parents/carers will be notified via a note home that training will be cancelled.
3. In the case of absence due to illness, parents/carers will be notified by telephone that training is cancelled.

**3A Class Report**

3A have been working hard in Mathematics and we have been learning about four digit numbers. 3A have been learning how to read, write and represent four digit numbers. We have also been learning how to place numbers in ascending and descending order using place value.



We have also been diving into our two new Modelled Reading texts by Roald Dahl. The first text we are reading is called 'James and the Giant Peach' and the second text is called 'The BFG'. 3A have been learning how to use evidence from each of the texts to predict what will happen next.



**3D Class Report**

**3D** have loved exploring different forms of *poetry*. We hope you like some of our poems. A *limerick* is a humorous poem using syllables and rhythm in five lines. A *diamante* is a seven-lined poem in a diamond shape describing opposites.

<p>There was an old man in a tree. He lived at Circular Quay. Every night he fights, Every morning he flies kites That's why he lives by the sea. By Maheswari</p>	<p>There was an old man in a tree, The colour of the sparking shiny sea. He thought he was fully blue. This was really true. Then he woke up being free. By Kanuja</p>
<p>There was an old man in a tree, Who had fled from a bad bee. Although he was gruff, he became tough! So he punched that big bad bee. By Raven</p>	<p><b>Plastic</b> by 3D A reflection on our Science, 'Material Matters'. PLASTIC indestructible, waterproof killer, repels, shapeable CONTAINERS, POLLUTION, GREEN, CLOTHING saver, absorbs, inflexible biodegradable, fluffy COTTON</p>



### 3/4B Class Report

3/4B has been working hard. They have all come back from the holiday break motivated and Aiming High. They have been demonstrating showing Motivation by being in line on time.

It has been enjoyable listening to and reading about their holiday experiences and many have had amazing Power Point Presentations to present to the class.

We are continuing to focus on quality texts focusing on Narrative Texts. Students have been examining different morals and concepts through "Knee to knee" strategy and our questioning and summarising techniques. We are still continuing to analyse visual literacy terms like: vector, gaze, stance, angles, light, shade and colour. We are reading in class "When the Wind changed", by Ruth Parks. It has been wonderful to watch their reactions and discover the morals and lessons to be learnt in this book, together.



We finished our Aboriginal Presentations with our Information reports with 3F. The students produced some amazing work!

These are just a few examples:



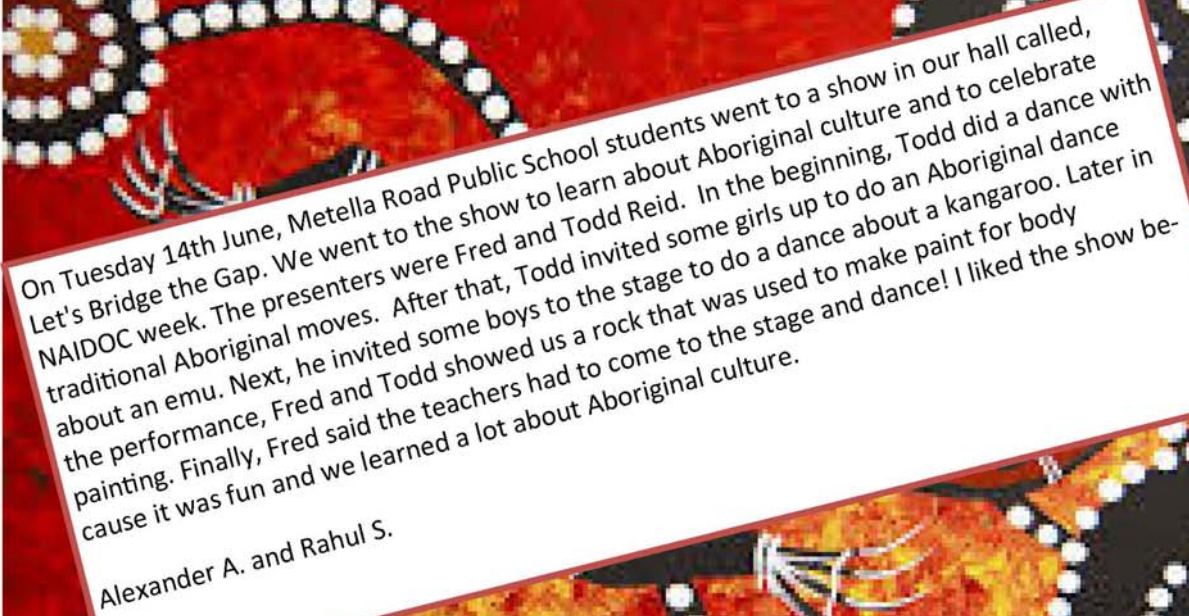
### 3F Class Report

It's hard to believe we are more than half way through Year 3. Wow! What a year so far! 3F are looking forward to another term of learning and friendship. We will be working hard through our programs in Maths and English, developing our numeracy and literacy skills. Always the enthusiastic Mathematicians, 3F students are asking questions and using mental and written strategies to solve problems. In reading groups it is lovely to hear fluent and expressive reading from our students. We are already enjoying our first quality literature, *The Hidden Forest*, and we can't wait to create some written texts based on the theme of the story. We are learning about space in Science and have already used this theme to create some great artworks. We hope you can come and view them, alongside our Superhero paintings, on Open Day! We will continue to work with our buddies in 3/4B learning about the history of Australia. Last term the combined classes worked together to research and present some impressive projects about Aboriginal history and culture. Many children have received Merit and Assistant Principal awards over the past term, congratulations! We are all concentrating hard on treating each other with kindness and respect. In August we will celebrate the Rio Olympics with our very own class Mini-Olympics. I wonder which 'country' will win the most medals in our daily class games?

Keep smiling, 3F!

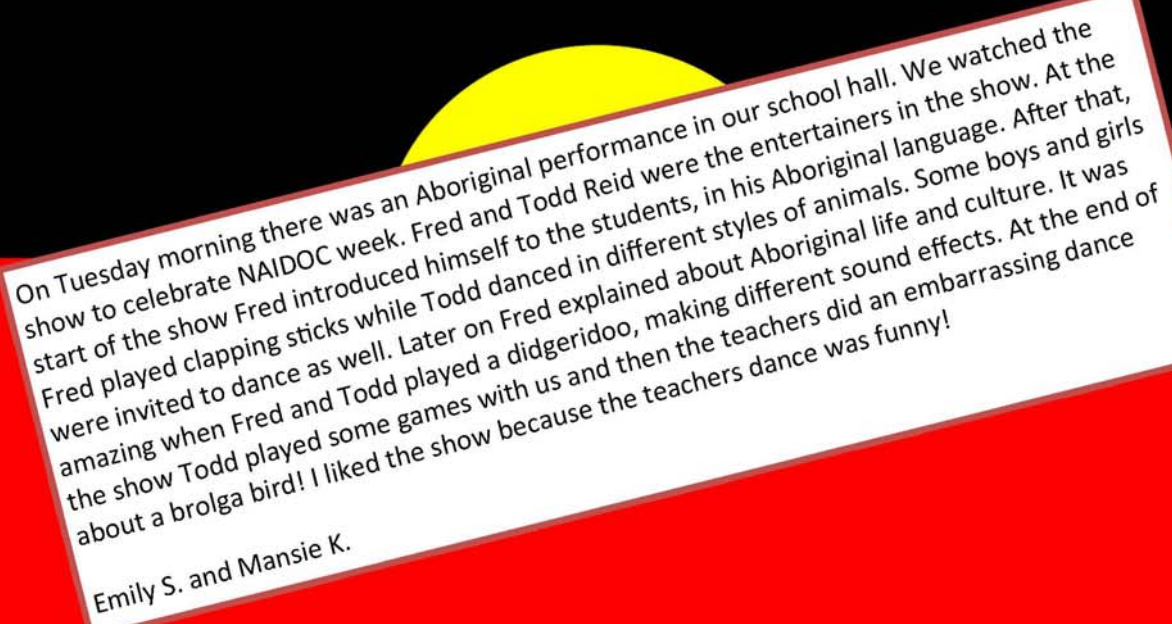


# NAIDOC Week



On Tuesday 14th June, Metella Road Public School students went to a show in our hall called, Let's Bridge the Gap. We went to the show to learn about Aboriginal culture and to celebrate NAIDOC week. The presenters were Fred and Todd Reid. In the beginning, Todd did a dance with traditional Aboriginal moves. After that, Todd invited some girls up to do an Aboriginal dance about an emu. Next, he invited some boys to the stage to do a dance about a kangaroo. Later in the performance, Fred and Todd showed us a rock that was used to make paint for body painting. Finally, Fred said the teachers had to come to the stage and dance! I liked the show because it was fun and we learned a lot about Aboriginal culture.

Alexander A. and Rahul S.



On Tuesday morning there was an Aboriginal performance in our school hall. We watched the show to celebrate NAIDOC week. Fred and Todd Reid were the entertainers in the show. At the start of the show Fred introduced himself to the students, in his Aboriginal language. After that, Fred played clapping sticks while Todd danced in different styles of animals. Some boys and girls were invited to dance as well. Later on Fred explained about Aboriginal life and culture. It was amazing when Fred and Todd played a didgeridoo, making different sound effects. At the end of the show Todd played some games with us and then the teachers did an embarrassing dance about a brolga bird! I liked the show because the teachers dance was funny!

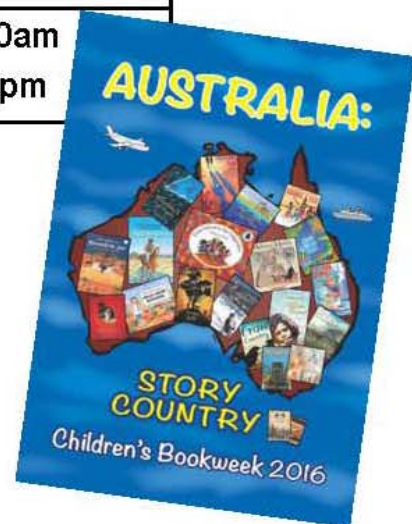
Emily S. and Mansie K.

## Book Week Celebrations 2016 – Australia: Story Country

### Book Fair

This will be held in the Library and parents are welcome to come and purchase the books with their children. The book fair will be open at the following times:

Monday 15 August	8:40am – 11:00 am 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday 16 August	8:40am – 11:00am 1:30pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday 17 August	8:40am – 11:00am 2:00pm – 4:00pm



### Book Character Parade

Our annual **Book Character Parade** will be held on **Wednesday 17 August from 12:15pm – 1:20pm.**

Students are asked to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. The theme this year is *Australia: Story Country*.

At the conclusion of the parade parents are invited to join their children for lunch.



## Granville East Public School

*We are Safe, Respectful Learners*

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1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

To the Students, Staff and Parents of Metella Road Public School,

Thank you so very much for your generosity in donating books to the recent Children's Book Drive.

You collected an amazing 1200 books which were donated to us at Granville East Public School. Our students were so excited to have the chance to choose their very own books in our recent Treasure Forever Book Sale. Many students did not previously have books in their homes but because of your support, they now have books of their own to read and enjoy forever. We hope that this initiative will help to begin a life long love of reading for our students. We could not have achieved this without your support.

Thankyou Metella Road!



Bronwyn Carlisle and Megan White  
Treasure Forever Book Sale Coordinators

Louise Reynolds  
Principal

## Community Noticeboard

Metella Road Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

Metella Road Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.

**GET in2 FUN GET in2 CRICKET**

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.

**MILO in2CRICKET**

**Why kids & parents love MILO in2CRICKET**

- ✓ Its loads of fun in a safe environment
- ✓ Kids will learn basic cricket skills
- ✓ Develops fundamental movement skills
- ✓ Develops team values
- ✓ 8 - 12 week program
- ✓ All equipment supplied, including soft ball
- ✓ Sessions last up to 60 minutes
- ✓ Inclusive of all abilities, skill levels and children with a disability

**SIGN UP TO PLAY MILO in2CRICKET!**  
With centres starting up all over NSW & ACT now is the perfect time to register your child to get in on the action this summer!  
For your local option and more information please visit the website below

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Get in on the action and sign your child up to play MILO in2CRICKET this summer! The MILO in2CRICKET program is designed for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years old. It is a fast, fun and active 8-12 week program that emphasises maximum participation, basic motor and cricket skill development in every 60 min session. It is experience based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong involvement in physical activity and sport. By taking part in the MILO in2CRICKET program children will learn the basics of cricket and develop lots of other skills. Each week children will play game based activities that will keep them active, have fun and learn about cricket.

For all of your local options and more information please visit [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)