

# Sassy News

24TH JUNE 2021



## Term 2 2021 News

I would like to thank our amazing school community for all the wonderful support you have offered each other over this term. Please continue to connect with the school if you need further assistance as we all take the first steps in recovery from the storm.

Over the last two weeks we have been allowing our students tell their stories of the storms if you think your children need greater support please let me know.

On Wednesday our community thanked Cornelia Tyrell for the fifteen years of teaching at Sassafras Primary School. Students wrote thank you cards and letters and presented her with gifts on her last day. Below are some lovely words from Cornelia.

“My kindest regards and heartfelt appreciation for allowing me to impart language learning to such a great group of students and to work with such a positive, professional and multi-talented team. I will miss you all very much and will always think of my Sassy adventures with great fondness and joy.”

I would like to thank Frau Tyrell for teaching German to our students. I know that she will be missed by our students and we wish her all the very best and hope that she enjoys her extra time with her family.

### Term 3 Dates

#### School returns

Monday 12th July

#### 3 Way Conferences

Wed 28th July

#### Family Breakfast

Thurs 2nd Sept

#### School Review

7th and 9th Sept

#### Grade 4/5/6 Camp

13th - 15th Sept



Amy will also be taking maternity leave for Term 3 and 4. We wish her and her family all the best and will be very excited to meet her new baby in the middle of next term. I will be replacing Amy in teaching Art for the remainder of the year and am very excited to say that Paquita will be joining me as an Artist in resident every second week.

Mel is also taking long service leave next term.. We all wish her a lovely holiday as she travels through Central Australia and the East coast of Australia. We look forward to hearing her travel story when she returns Term 4. Lauren will be working both in the classroom and each day in

the office for term 3.

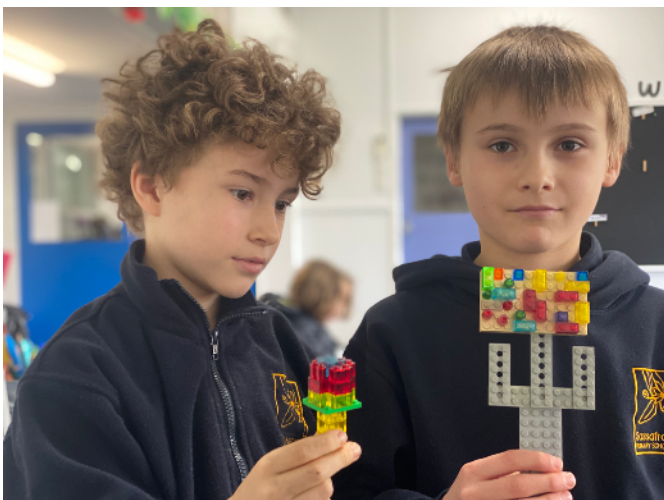
In Term 3 our new Outside School Hours program with Theircare will commence with before and after-school care. I was impressed by their submission and because they work at several local schools, I was able to hear many positive reviews of their programs. Sadly, this does mean that Jean is retiring from her role at Sassy Kids Club. We would like to thank her for her love and care of our students. And luckily it isn't goodbye, because she will still be teaching piano and violin.



## School Reports

Whilst we would normally have handed out our school reports prior to the end of Term 2 the disruptions of the last four weeks have meant that I have given staff until after the holidays to complete their reports.

The plan is to hand out our student reports on Friday 23rd July and hold 3 Way partnership meetings (parents, students and teachers) on Wed 28th July.



Thank you all once again for the personal support you have all given me during this semester. It has been a tricky time for us all and the kind words and the anonymous gift was well received. I hope that you are able to have a break over the school holidays and look forward to returning for an uninterrupted Term 3.

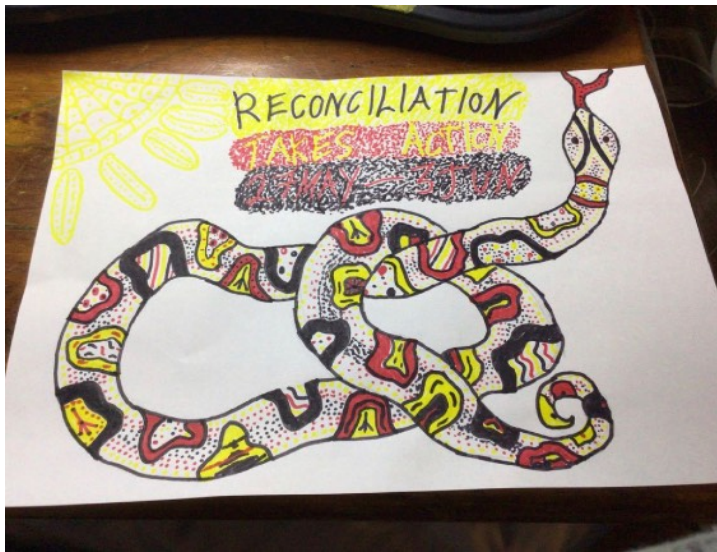
Stacey Goodger



## Visual Arts

This semester in Art our students have explained their skills and knowledge in the areas of technical drawing, printmaking and colour theory. Our prep/1/2's revisited how to mix colour, creating beautiful paintings from paint they mixed themselves. Our 2/3/4's explored texture and produced beautiful animal illustrations in black and white and colour. Our 4/5/6's created stunning textural drawings of animals which will remain on display for our rescheduled open day. Our whole school theory focus was Sorry Day and Reconciliation with the students producing beautiful relief prints of dreamtime story "The rainbow serpent".

As always, its an honour and a privilege to be able to support your children creative endeavours and I thank all parents and carers for their continual support of my program. I look forward to returning next year and I promise to come back and visit when the baby arrives.



Amy Muratore  
Visual Arts





## Prep 1/2

Prep/1/2 have been hard at work in Term 2 continuing the work on our phonics program, with many of the class showing incredible improvements in their reading and writing skills. It is wonderful to see the students embracing the tools they have been developing as they read and write, using the actions that accompany sounds to help them find the right one and successfully applying their knowledge in their writing and reading. A highlight for me during our Remote and Flexible learning weeks was having so many of the class record themselves reading books - to see and hear their

development so clearly was just wonderful!

In Numeracy we have covered many topics including Shape, Time and Measurement. The highlight, however, has been our 'Addition Detectives' unit of work, where we have explored and practised a number of different strategies that can be applied to perform complex addition sums. We have finally solved the 'crime' and can happily say the perpetrator is safely behind bars! The class worked very hard at investigating some quite complex strategies and it was wonderful to experience their engagement in the process as we worked our way through the 'suspects'.

Remote and Flexible learning gave us some time to consolidate our skills and demonstrate all we have learned over this year so far. I want to say a huge thank you to our families – the quality and quantity of work the class was able to complete during those two weeks was truly impressive and could not have been done without your support.

While the end of this term has been a difficult time for many of our families with the storms on the back of the lockdown, it has been incredible to witness the support and resilience of our



community in full-force. The way we are able to come together and take care of one another during these difficult times is our true strength, and we should all be very proud of what we have built here.

The end of this term also sees us saying farewell to Amy Muratore for now as she goes on Maternity Leave. Amy, the whole class and I have loved having you on Fridays: your creative lessons and enthusiasm will be sorely missed. We wish you every joy as your family welcomes your new addition!

Ms Muratore and I thank you once again for a wonderful term of work and play. Enjoy your holiday break and I look forward to continuing our growth in Term 3!

### Grade 2/3/4

Hello everyone,

Wow, what a term we have had! I am so proud of the resilience and hard work shown by the Grade 2/3/4's.

Something we have really enjoyed this term was our teddy bear picnic. Students brought their special, cuddly friend and made beautiful party hats. We came together with the P/1/2 class and had a picnic. Thank you Ms Muratore for the yummy teddy bear biscuits!

We have been so lucky to be joined by Rainsford who has run drama sessions with us. We have practised performance and improvisation skills. One activity that was lots of fun was our improv class in the library - in small groups students chose a book to create an improv play about. The performances the students prepared were creative and interesting!



Over remote learning our highlight was our regular WebEx meetings. It was great to keep in touch with one another. Each day we played some really fun games including Guess the Picture and treasure hunts. It was really special to have a Bring Your Pet to (virtual) school day - I loved meeting all pets!



In Mathematics we have covered many topics, practising our skills in number and measurement. The students really enjoyed completing MathsMate sheets - it was lovely to hear their mathematical talk with one another as they solved problems.

In Writing students worked hard on their individual writing goals in a range of genres. They wrote beautiful free form poems about Autumn, using beautiful imagery and word choice. My favourite writing piece the students wrote this semester was a persuasive piece naming the kitten I am fostering - some top names were Zelda, Whiskers, Zeki and Ash.

When we returned to school, the 2/3/4 focussed on Wellbeing. We practised mindfulness through meditation and colouring, maths games, STEAM tasks, painting and group challenges.

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Muratore for the rest of this year. We have loved joining up for special activities with her on a Friday and she will certainly be missed. Another sad goodbye from our class was to Frau Tyrrell who has put so much heart into teaching us German. We loved singing German songs and playing buzz every week. The students made beautiful cards to see auf wiedersehen and worked hard on a book of colours in German.

Well done to Grade 2/3/4's and their families - it has been so fantastic to see the community spirit in our little school. We made it! Have a safe and restful holiday and see you all in Term 3!

From Tash Marotti.

### Grade 4/5/6

The exciting news in Grade 456 is that we have Rainsford Towner working with us on filmmaking in Term 2 and Term 3. Rainsford is working with all the classes at Sassy as part of the Creative Workers in Schools program. He is spending the bulk of his time with the 456 class and the children have been developing ideas for a film. We have worked with







Rainsford in 2019 and 2020 and previously created four films for the Lantern and Light International Film Festival. Two of the films, Petnapping and The Other Side were shown at the Cameo cinema in Belgrave in 2019. Last year's festival was postponed, so we are looking forward to the premier of The Magic Chair and The First Day on the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September. This year we will have much more time to work on acting skills, script development, filming and editing.

I am really proud of the way the children worked hard during remote learning and I enjoyed our daily Webex meetings. We have been focussing on wellbeing with our return to the classroom after the

storm and have been able to spend time drawing and creating. This has enabled us to make a lovely farewell book for Frau Tyrrell, an alphabet book for Ms Muratore, and a travel guide for Mel as she drives across Australia.





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^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located