

# EA Southee Public School

Friday 10 March 2023 Term 1 Week 7



Respect Responsibility Resilience

## PBL Award



Congratulations Jorja Hibbens!

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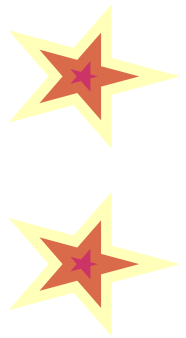
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# Student Learning

In Team K/1 we celebrated Pancake Day last Tuesday. We had fun measuring, mixing and cooking the ingredients to make yummy pancakes.



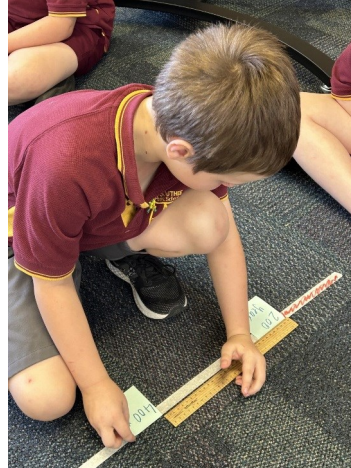
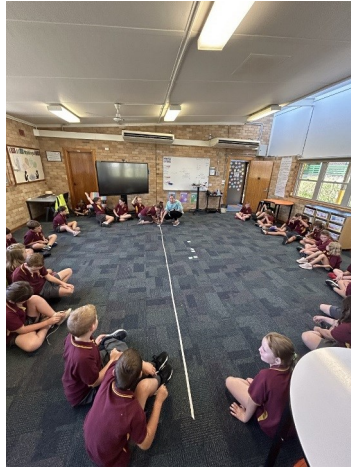
Team 1 have been learning about forming groups in Mathematics. They have used a range of strategies including hands on materials and written strategies to solve multiplication and division problems.





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In History, Team 2 have been investigating Australia's First Peoples. They researched and developed their understanding of traditional ways of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the past. Team 2 students estimated and worked together to construct a timeline of the length of time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have had a connection to country.



Team 3 have started investigating forces and air resistance in science. They undertook an experiment to demonstrate air resistance on a bottle rocket. Students designed and modelled their own bottle rocket and then launched it in the oval to observe force and air





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# Soccer Gala Day

Last Monday, Years 1 - 6 students participated in the Soccer Gala day. The students showed great teamwork and resilience.





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# Assembly Award Recipients



## Team K/1

Artist of the Month: Connor Hill

Writer of the Month: Skye Walton

Class Awards: Stella Ryan & Brydon McDonald

PBL Class Award: Kyran Heath



## Team 1

Artist of the Month: Jesse Farrugia

Writer of the Month: Lochlan Hill

Class Awards: Levi Billsborrow-Burgess & Madeline Morales

PBL Class Award: Bryce Walton



## Team 2

Artist of the Month: Kaylem Collier

Writer of the Month: Liam Pepper

Class Awards: Franklin Evans-Smith, Caylen McDonald & Charlie Morales

PBL Class Award: Abby McNiff-Garrett



## Team 3

Artist of the Month: Emmerson McDonald

Writer of the Month: Ryleigh Williamson

Class Awards: Keshara Price, Skyla Douglas-Smith & Jamey Hinds

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# 100 % Attendance

In the past two weeks 51.81% of students have attended school 100% of the time, missing no learning opportunities. Congratulations to those students and their families on helping us to reach our target of 100% attendance across the school.



## Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned





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NSW Department of Education

# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



## Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= 4 weeks

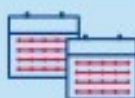


= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

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**Friday 10 March 2023 Term 1 Week 7****New policies, procedures and framework to keep students engaged in learning at school.**

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell.

It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

- Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive
- practices

feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify *existing* legal obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies. Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the [NSW Department of Education website](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education).



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## Student Wellbeing Pulse Survey (K-6) Project

Dear Families

In Term 4 last year, our school participated in a pilot project called the Student Wellbeing Pulse Survey (K-6). This project was undertaken by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education. The project asked parents/carers of students in Kindergarten-Year 3 and students in Years 4-6 to complete a brief survey on student wellbeing.

We would like to thank all parents/carers and students who participated in this pilot. Across NSW, 14 schools took part in this project and a total of 719 surveys were completed. This is an incredible result, especially given the survey was delivered at the end of last year when we know families were very busy.

The results from the survey showed that the majority of students across the whole study population are experiencing high levels of wellbeing. However, some students are experiencing lower levels of wellbeing in certain areas.

Our school also received a report outlining which survey items showed higher reported wellbeing, and which items showed lower wellbeing. We did not receive results on individual students or any data that would identify individual students. However, the results will help us understand where we may need to direct our focus to improve student wellbeing across our whole student group.

We would like to remind families that you can contact us here at the school if you have a concern about your child/children's wellbeing. We also recommend the following services for additional support:

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

Parent Line NSW: 1300 1300 52

If you have further questions about the project, you can contact Megan Keyes, Senior Project Coordinator, Murdoch Children's Research Institute on 0439 631 331 or [megan.keyes@mcri.edu.au](mailto:megan.keyes@mcri.edu.au).





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*Sacred Heart  
Colour Run  
Community Event*



**FRIDAY 31ST MARCH  
5PM FOR A 5:30 START**

**\$10 PER PERSON  
\$30 FOR A FAMILY OF 4  
BBQ & DRINKS ON  
SALE AFTER THE RUN**

**Music & Fine Food  
... Play On!**

A special performance by  
**MacKenzie Bird**  
on euphonium.

Accompanied by  
**Alison Patterson**  
on piano.

6pm Saturday  
18th March 2023

*Music*  
The performance will include exhilarating modern American composers who have written specifically for the euphonium, as well as music from the Baroque Period with Bach and Handel, to Classical to Australian Jazz.

*Fine Food*  
Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Richard De Belin, Executive Chef & Owner of Planted Cootamundra.


*Tickets*  
\$50 per person. Ticket includes:  
• Live music • A glass of bubbles on arrival  
• Canapés • Dinner • Dessert • Tea & Coffee.

Please book by 4pm Tuesday 14th March for catering purposes.  
The TACC Bar will be open to purchase beer, wine and soft drink throughout the evening.

*Dress - Cocktail*

More info and book tickets via the TACC website: [theartscentrecootamundra.org.au/events](http://theartscentrecootamundra.org.au/events)  
OR book tickets at the TACC Office during opening hours.

**TACC** The Arts Centre Cootamundra, 18-20 Wallendoon St, Cootamundra NSW  
TACC Office Open from 1pm to 4pm on Tues, Wed & Thurs. P 02 6942 4773



*"If music be the food of love, play on..."*  
Shakespeare  
(Twelfth Night ~1600-1602)

**ADULT CREATIVE  
SESSION**

**NO SEW CUSHION  
COVERS**

**FRIDAY 24TH  
MARCH  
1PM—3PM  
\$5.00**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
69402200**

TOGETHER WE PRESENT THE FIRST EVER

**BBA BUCKING BULLS AUSTRALIA**

**COOTAMUNDRA  
BUCKING BULL FUTURITY**

Friday 24th March 2023  
COOTAMUNDRA RODEO GROUNDS

**GATES OPEN 5PM  
LIVE ACTION STARTS 6PM**

**GATE ENTRY:**  
ADULT \$15  
12-18YO & AGED PENSION \$10  
UNDER 12 - FREE

**FOOD + MARKET STALLS  
BAR FACILITIES  
STRICTLY NO BYO OR DOGS**

**WINNER OF \$5,000 DRAWN  
ON THE NIGHT**

**COURTESY BUS RUNNING FROM  
THE FAMILY HOTEL FROM  
4.45PM UNTIL LATE**

*Join us for a family evening full of action!*

**McAlister Motors performance** **WILDE STEEL FABRICATIONS & MOBILE WELDING** **Butt LIVINGSTOCK & PROPERTY** **laserclinics AUSTRALIA** **STOCK FEEDS & HUNTING SUPPLIES** **T & D SHEARING**

*Proudly Sponsored by:* **COWBOY CARTEL** **ABCRA** **JOE'S** **SOL PULST** **BALLIMORE WELDING**

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