

# Bute Early Learning & Primary School News

Week 8, Term 3

12th September, 2019



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Early Learning & Primary School

FRIENDSHIP

TRUST

LEARNING

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## Diary Dates

12/9—Sub way order form attached

13/9—Book Club Orders Due

18-19/9—Parent-Teacher Interviews

18/9—Subway Orders Due

23/9—Subway Lunch

25/9—**School Closure**



## Celebrating SSO Week

### Reminders

**Breakfast Club** is held Mon, Wed and Fri.

**Newsletters** will be fortnightly

We are a **NUT FREE** school

**Principal:**  
Richard Hall



*Mini  
Debutante  
Ball  
30th August  
2019*



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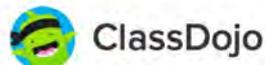
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## From the Principal's Desk

### Library Refurbishment

This week the Library refurbishment has officially commenced. This is a very exciting project for our site with many wonderful updates to be carried out. This includes new carpet, cabinetry and shelving, a new work station, resource store-room and new furniture. The estimated completion date of this project is Week 4, Term 4. This will become a central 'hub' of the school and the inspiring space will be greatly utilised by all areas of our school community. Thank you to Julie McDonald and her band of helpers for packing up the existing space to make way for the many tradies who will contribute to this project. We can't wait to show off this space later in the year!



### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / teacher interviews will occur on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 9. I strongly encourage all parents to attend if possible. Interviews provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the work that has been taking place in the classroom, clarify expectations and to help build effective partnerships between home and school to support the development of students. Earlier in the week a letter was distributed with instructions regarding booking a time for an interview. If you missed this information, please make contact with the school to determine if a suitable time is available.

### Our collective reading improvement (to date)

As previously communicated, in 2019 we have had a strong focus on developing a culture of reading both within the school and working in partnerships with families through our home reading expectations. It is very heartening to see this work result in some positive learning growth and attitudes towards this important life skill. Below I have outlined some positive information about the student progress to date. Happy reading!

Home Reading Minutes Term 2 = 11 873minutes, approx. 500minutes per student for the Term 2 (50 minutes per week).

Home Reading Minutes Term 3 = 11 787 minutes (to week 7), approx. 720minutes (projected) per student for Term 3 (72 minutes per week).

LiteracyPro comparison to last year;

Year	Average Lexile Growth	Quizzes Taken	Words Read
2018	+74L	383	276,957
2019	+90L	613	289,109
Improvement	+16L	+ 230	+12 152

Reading Targets – 18/26 achieved their Targets in Term 2, whilst another 5 demonstrated growth

# Caring for Our Environment

## Learning about Bees

Recently the children have been interested in bees. Florence asked the questions, 'How do bees make honey?' We gathered some books from the library and began to explore and research. On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August we invited Mark Bellman in to share with us his knowledge. Mark collects honey as a hobby. He brought in his equipment and showed us how he collects honey. The children even got to taste some of the honey Mark had collected.

## Green Thumbs

The children have been busy out in the garden. We planted some sunflower, carnation and alyssum seeds into biodegradable pots made of newspaper. Once our seeds begin to sprout we can then transfer these pots straight into the ground! We hope to plant these around the cubby house into some nice pots to brighten it up and make it a beautiful space.





# Japanese Spring Picnic with Minori



# Week 7 Assembly



Junior Primary students presented their colour mix artwork



Middle and Upper Primary presented their Narungga Animal Art



Word Mania certificates awarded to Yr 3-6 classes for making it into the finals.



Jett Hewett presented his healthy food presentation

Principal Award to Lucy McArdle for being kind and caring towards others.



JP Award—Dexter Pentland-McKinnon for being more persistent with his learning and having a go at things.



MP award —Marley Edwards for his independent work in Science.



UP award—Jett Hewett for his focus and enthusiasm when learning about the solar system



Principal Award to Angus Hewett for his excellent efforts in home reading.