

Beckom Public School



Seize the Day

Students enjoy Book Week

This week is Book Week and the students enjoyed dressing up yesterday as book characters. As part of Book Week celebrations we had the opportunity to participate in the National Library's zoom session with author Jasmine Seymour, a *Darug* woman. Jasmine is a descendant of Maria Lock, the daughter of Yarramundi the *Boorooberongal* elder who met Governor Phillip on the banks of the Hawkesbury River in 1791. Maria Lock was one of the first Aboriginal children to be educated by the Blacktown Native Institute. Jasmine Seymour lives and teaches in the Hawkesbury area of New South Wales. She has written the books *Baby Business* and *Cooee Mittigar*.

Frozen 2

We have started rehearsing our school play and we are very impressed with the way the students are learning their lines and thinking about actions they can put into their parts of the play. Learning lines is part of each child's home learning this term. We have made a list of costumes and props that we will need as part of our production. We have attached this list to all school family newsletters. Please let us know if you can help out with any of these items.

Mrs Emma Speirs

Term 4 Week 2
22nd October 2020



Tuesday 27th
October
Book Club orders due

Wednesday 28th
November
Library day

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Caitlin Waters

for application and effort
towards learning lines for the
school play

OUR BOOK WEEK PARADE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY





Please remember to pack a broad brimmed hat for your child to wear during Term 4.



COVID-19 Restrictions - update

The department has developed a School Updates app. This app is one of the main communication tools that the department will use to notify families of school closures due to COVID-19 or a natural disaster. It is available on IOS and Android. Please see <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

For COVID-19 restriction updates please see:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

This term some COVID-19 restrictions have been changed.

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

School Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- ◆ They have a medical certificate that states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe.
- ◆ They are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/cho-letter-education.pdf>

parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

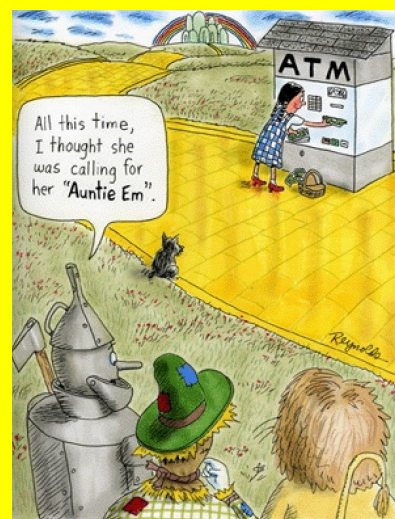
NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the Covid testing clinics <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics>

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. Find more information about <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing>

JOKE of the WEEK



TRIVIA CORNER

Chloe Andrews was the winner of the children's trivia from last week. Six of the dwarfs in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs had beards. The adult trivia was won by Jack Fisher. A polar bear's skin is black in colour.

Good luck with this week's questions.

Adult question:

What sort of beam is emitted from a TV remote control?



Children's question:

What is the name of Postman Pat's cat?

Christmas Card Design Competition

Michael McCormack MP is inviting students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to take part in his annual Christmas card design competition.

The competition is open to students in the Riverina and Central West and the artwork judged the best will feature on Mr McCormack's 2020 Christmas cards.

Students are invited to draw an original piece which showcases "Christmas in the Riverina and Central West".

Entries close on Friday 13th November at 5:00pm.