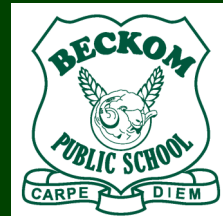


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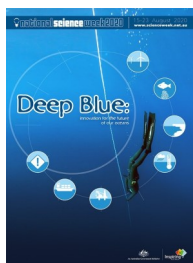


Seize the Day

## Year 4-6 Students Participate in Spelling Bee 2020

On Friday the 14th August, students in Years 4-6 participated in our annual Spelling Bee via zoom against five other schools in our RIEN Network. I was very proud of all the students that participated. The students represented their school according to our school values of respect, responsibility and excellence. A big shout out goes to Matilda Osborne who achieved first place in the Senior division of the Spelling Bee this year. Matilda showed 'excellence' by studying her spelling strategies at home to develop her spelling skills. Well done Matilda on your well deserved accomplishment.

## National Science Week



The school theme of National Science Week 2020 is *Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans and features the establishment of the Blue Economy CRC*.

With this in mind, the theme embraces the innovative technologies, capabilities and skills needed to achieve the economic, environmental and social sustainability of our oceans. It features insights and inquiries into workable solutions that generate healthy oceans, healthy economies and healthy communities.

In Science Week, this week, we experimented with different materials to see which ones float. In a practical experiment the students were then able to make and test their own boats.

**Alexis:** "I made a pretty boat which will float with glitter pipe-cleaners, paddle-pop sticks, foil and an egg carton."

**Matilda and Chloe:** "We used a lid, paddle-pop sticks, foam and masking tape to make our boat."

*Mrs Emma Speirs*



**15th to 23rd August**  
Science Week

**Wednesday 26th**  
August

Library day  
(please remember to bring your library bag and return borrowed books)

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



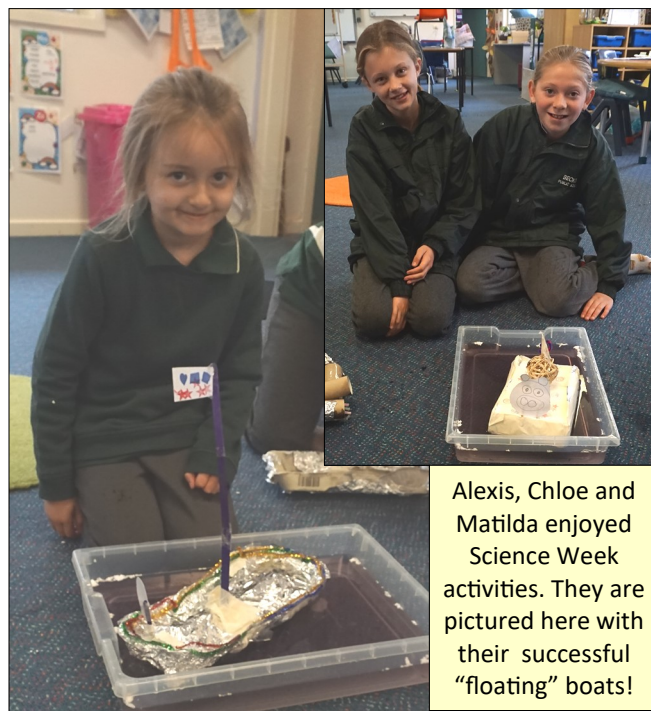
**Matilda Osborne**

For demonstrating excellence to improve her spelling.

## SPELLING BEE AND SCIENCE WEEK!



Matilda Osborne was the winner of the Small Schools Senior Spelling Bee last Friday!



Alexis, Chloe and Matilda enjoyed Science Week activities. They are pictured here with their successful "floating" boats!



## School Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which 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, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have 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-19 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 provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.**

## Latest Covid-19 Advice For Schools



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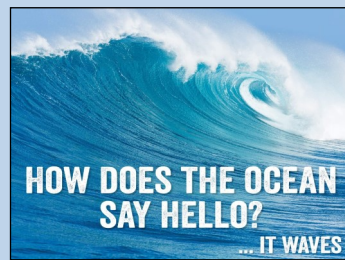
- Group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted. Special arrangements are in place for HSC students.
- School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted. Schools may hold a Year 12 assembly at school without parents to recognise the completion of school.
- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Interschool activities must remain within the local community or zone e.g. interschool sport and physical activities, curriculum activities, arts activities and extra-curricular activities organised or sponsored by the school.

## SCIENCE JOKES

Q: What kind of dogs do mad scientists like best?  
A: Labs.



HOW DOES THE OCEAN SAY HELLO?  
... IT WAVES



## TRIVIA CORNER

Josh Hawkins was the winner of the children's trivia from last week and the runners-up were Matilda Osborne and Chloe Andrews. The Australian state that does not contain the letter "T" is Queensland. The adult trivia winners were Jim Bundy and Noel Stephens. A ship known as a brig has two masts. Good luck with this week's questions.

### Adult question:

What is the chemical symbol for Potassium?

Periodic Table of the Elements



### Children's question:

What name is given to the two ends of a magnet?

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Coolamon



The library is open for business; however there are a few changes due to COVID-19. It is safe to come and borrow any items - we welcome families to come and borrow too. One public computer is available to use and printing and photocopying services are also available. We are still offering our FREE home delivery services to our borrowers within the town limits.

### Brain Games Booklet

Come and pick up a brain games booklet from the Library. This will be a monthly activity booklet containing puzzles and brain-teasers to keep your mind active. Suitable for all ages and available now - a gold coin donation is optional.

For further information phone the library on 69272492.