



Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers

It has yet again been another enjoyable week at Darlinghurst, with a buzz around the school and within the classrooms as teachers and children actively engage in their learning.

Mr Cauchi invited me to join White Shark class in their 'Number Crunch' session. I was so impressed with the children's increased speed and accuracy in mental recall of facts and calculations. Their enthusiasm was contagious.

Our children have demonstrated perfectly this week our value of belonging, showing kindness to each other and always giving me a warm welcome when visiting their classes.

Alfie and Samuel from Wilton class visited me this week. They combined their learning of Black History with our school values to write poems. They both showed such inspiring levels of maturity and understanding.

This week a parent asked me if I enjoyed my role as The Principal as he always sees me smiling, and my reply was 'I do'. There is no other job more fulfilling than watching children grow and learn.

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

16th Oct - Year 1 to the Museum of Childhood

17th Oct - Year 6 to the Science Museum

17th Oct - Phonic Workshop for Nursery and Reception parents (*Training Room*)

18th Oct & 19th Oct - Parent Consultations

31st Oct - Enjoying your children parenting course

6th Nov - Individual Photos

7th Nov - Coffee and Cake with the Principal

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	94.2
JELLYFISH	91.1
SEAHORSE	98.6
STARFISH	96.2
ALBATROSS	100.0
PELICAN	98.8
PUFFIN	100.0
SEAGULL	95.9
CRAB	94.6
LOBSTER	96.3
OYSTER	99.6
SHRIMP	90.4
DUNE	94.3
PEBBLE	100.0
ROCK POOL	95.8
SEASHELL	95.5
PORT JACKSON	98.5
REEF SHARK	98.5
SAND TIGER	96.1
WHITE SHARK	95.7
NEPTUNE	91.9
POSEIDON	97.0
SUSANOO	98.8
TRITON	99.3
BEMBRIDGE	94.8
MAYFLOWER	97.9
WILTON	97.8

Albatross, Puffin and Pebble classes: well done to you for excellent attendance this week.

Next Friday I will announce the class with the highest attendance for the first half of this autumn term. Will it be your class?
Miss Walton



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EYFS

We are reading *The Enormous Turnip* in **Reception**. We have enjoyed listening to the story, retelling it and acting it out. As part of this and our continued topic of autumn this term, we have explored seasonal vegetables, printing with them, labelling them, painting them and even writing with carrots in soil!

The children have enjoyed learning about the numbers 1 to 5. Thank you to those of you who went on a number hunt for homework – the children have been looking out for numerals in their school environments too. **Miss Riley, Seahorse class**

I liked playing in the garden with the musical instruments. Tommy G, Seahorse class

KS1

In **Puffin Class** this week, we were very excited to receive another letter from the elves. They had eaten all the jam sandwiches that we made and they thought they were delicious. They were off on holiday and asked us if we could make them some new shoes. **Mrs Bernard, Puffin class**

I found out that I could cut when making the shoes, it was just that I didn't believe in myself.

Nancy, Puffin class

This week in **Shrimp class** we have been learning all about fact families in maths and how they help us to become super mathematicians. We have also had lots of fun learning how to become photographers and making chocolate bar charts with the iPads. A very busy week it has been. **Miss Plummer, Shrimp class**

I have really enjoyed partitioning in maths this week and writing letters to The Mad Hatter. I hope he comes to our healthy tea party. We learnt about how to eat healthily and created exercise routines. I got really hot doing them. Taiyla, Shrimp class

KS2

This week in **Pebble class**, I have enjoyed introducing Nelson Mandela as an important figure who created equality for black people and white people in South Africa. In addition, I have enjoyed teaching subtraction using the column method. **Miss Zaher, Pebble class**

This week in Pebble class Miss Zaher taught us how to add and subtract using the column method. In reading, we read Jack and the Beanstalk and it was interesting. In history, we learnt about Nelson Mandela and how he was important in Black History. Lilly W, Pebble class

Following on from our wonderful trip to the Sea Life Centre last Friday, the children in **Sand Tiger class** returned to school with lots of facts and ideas. This has really helped them with their ideas for sea life poetry this week. **Mr Hatton, Sand Tiger class**

In Year 4, we have made earmuffs for the Sea Life Centre because the penguins eat so loudly. We made them with cotton, cups, decorations and more. In English, we have been creating shark poems. Olivia, Sand Tiger class



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KS2 Cont.

In **Year 5**, in Science this week we have been separating materials. We have looked at sieving, evaporation, filtering and magnetic attraction to separate 2 different materials. In reading, we have been reading Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl. I love it because it is fun to read! **Mollie, Triton class**

In **Year 6**, we have had a great couple of weeks learning about civil rights and democracy. Our school prefects have been chosen, received some training and they will be supporting the younger children in corridors and assemblies. **Mrs Dunne, Bembridge class**

This week we have been learning about algebra and simplifying fractions in maths. In English we have been planning and writing a narrative about E.T (Extra Terrestrial). In our topic lessons we are looking at Black History. Our tag rugby team had a competition at another school. This week has felt fast because we have had fun learning. **Daniel C, Bembridge class**

Art

In **Year 2** we have been looking at the style of Arcimboldo, recreating fruit faces and sketching fruit in the style of Renoir.



In **Year 6** we have been making clay models inspired by our 'Out of This World' topic.

