

Message from Jacqui

Where has the time gone? Only two more weeks of school for 2019, but what a busy two weeks we have planned. Please keep an eye on the notices in school bags and text messages from the school to keep up to date with what is happening. It will be an exciting fortnight with opportunities for students to continue to try new experiences and also a range of whole school activities which will celebrate the end of the year.

With the summer holidays quickly approaching it is time to start thinking about how we can take care of the chickens over the holidays. I am nursing one of them at my house at the moment and will be able to continue to do so until school returns. However, the other 6 will need to be rehomed for the break. If possible it would be wonderful if we could rehome them in groups of 2 or 3 so that we are sharing the load. Please let me know ASAP if you are able to help.



Curriculum Day

I hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend, for the staff Monday 2nd December was a terrific day of professional learning. We continued to learn about the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program which we have started to implement this year and will continue to roll out in 2020. SWPBS provides the school with support to focus on our school values and promoting positive behaviour across the school community.

We also continued to learn about assessment practices and how we can ensure that we are using assessment to effectively cater for the learning needs of each child. This is something that we do particularly well as a school, but like everything we do we are continually reflecting and improving to ensure our students are actively involved in the best teaching and learning experiences we can provide.

STEM Update

Week 8:

Last week we learned about one of the most powerful data analysis programs out there. Check out what we did on the blog: <http://sugarloafstem.global2.vic.edu.au/category/weekly-s-t-e-m-summary/>

Week 7 was all about the most important molecule to our lives. Check out how we learned about it on the blog: <http://sugarloafstem.global2.vic.edu.au/category/weekly-s-t-e-m-summary/>

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 29th Jan– 27th March

Term 2 13th Apr– 26th June

Term 3 12th July– 18th Sep

Term 4 5th Oct– 18th Dec

2020 Curriculum Days

Tuesday 29th January

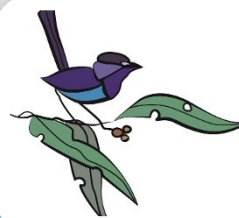
Friday 6th March

Monday 17th August

Monday 30th November



Next year we will have a Spring Fair on Sunday 18th October



Important Dates for 2019

Term Dates

T4: Mon 7th Oct - Fri 20th Dec

The last day of term is always a 2:30pm finish, with the exception of Friday 20th Dec when we finish at 1:30pm.

Coming up:

Puberty information session (5/6's)- Monday 9th December

School Nurse Visit (Preps)- Monday 9th December

Statewide Transition Day (Grade 6's)- Tuesday 10th December

Anglesea Camp– Wednesday 11th -13th December

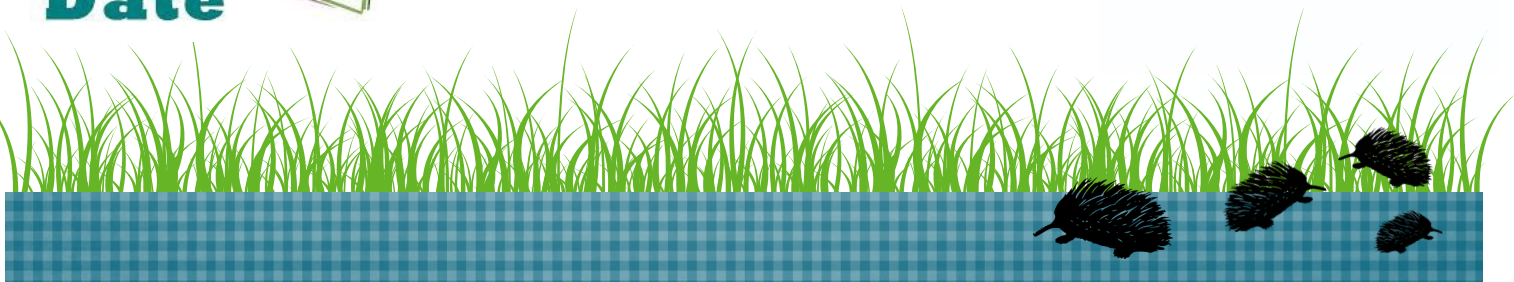
Quip Quip Pizza and Movie night– Wednesday 11th December

Excursion to Yarra Glen Tennis Club– Tuesday 17th December

End of Year Production and Grade 6 Graduation— Wednesday 18th December

PJ Day– Thursday 19th December

Last Day—Friday 20th December 1:30 dismissal



Fighting Extinction Excursion

On Friday the 22nd of November, ten students in grades 4-6 from five of the Sugarloaf S.T.E.M. schools went to present at a Fighting Extinction Showcase at Melbourne Zoo. Well done to Flynn and Charlie who represented our school.

To begin we saw a few speeches from various special guests including a 10 year old called Luke who'd raised over \$400 for the "Don't Palm Us Off" campaign and had interviewed the Threatened Species Commissioner. Feeling inspired we then put up some displays at the zoo for an hour to the members of the general public and zoo staff. The work our students had done was sensational and these were some highlights of the projects:

A gumleaf petition direct to the Environment Minister to take action on the Leadbeaters Possum.

Information on greener alternatives to standard paper to help the possums as well as hand outs and stickers about their home.

A puppet show display on how the experts train Helmeted Honeyeaters to avoid predators.

Actions you can take, interesting facts and origami Corroboree Frogs handouts.

Plants for sale to raise money for the Zoo's Seal the Loop campaign.

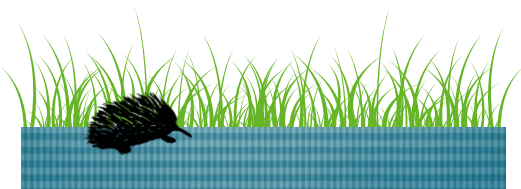
The brilliant devil diorama filled with interesting facts and a habitat display about the Tassie Devils.

A mountain display which outlines how sticking to 4WD tracks, keeping your pets fenced in, picking up litter and not building too many ski runs can help our Mountain Pigmy Possums.

A gorgeous display on how you can help seals by avoiding single use plastic and using the seal the loop fishing line bins.

We then got to check out the other showcases from the other schools and got some cool threatened species face painting done. The day finished with a brilliant presentation by two eastern barred bandicoots at the seal show who encouraged us to keep up the great work.

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Snapshots of our Adventures

