



**Neville Bonner
Primary School**
Ngunawal Country
**3 December
2020**
**Newsletter-Term
4 Week 8**



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Dear Parents and Carers

There is an artistic buzz all around Neville Bonner Primary! Our inaugural **Gallery Walk** is almost ready, and by the time you read this, the children's art works will be installed around the perimeter of our school. I hope you and your family can make the time over the coming days to go for a walk around the fence line of the school and enjoy the fruits of the children's artistic labour!

If you are free during the day on Friday, we invite you to drop by the northern end of the school (on Burnum Burnum Cct or Mabo Blvde) and listen to the choirs and Yr 6 and Yr 5 Bands. The performances will take place on our new Guginya outdoor learning area. Performance times are:

- 9.20-9.40 Year 4 AND Year 3 Choir
- 9.45-10.05 Year 6 AND Year 5 Band
- 10.10-10.30 Year 6 AND Year 5 Choir
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- 11.45-12.05 Year 2 Blue Banded Bees' Ukelele Group
- 12.05-12.15 Year 5 Choir
- 12.20-12.30 Year 3 Choir
- 12.35-12.45 Year 4 Choir
- 12.45-12.55 Year 2 Blue Banded Bees' Ukelele Group
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- 2.05-2.15 Year 5 Band
- 2.20-2.30 Year 6 Choir
- 2.35-2.45 Year 6 Band

Dates to remember

DEC

- 3-7 Gallery Walk
- 8 M/T Preschool Semester 2 Reports go home
- 8 Preschool to Kindergarten transitions
- 9 Kindergarten 2021 Information Google Meet
- 10 Year 6 Orientation day—Amaroo
- 11 T/F Preschool and K-6 Semester 2 Reports go home
- 11 Diabetes One Walk
- 14 Preschool to Kindergarten Transitions
- 15 Year 1-6 Information & Orientation (new students 2021)
- 17 Year 6 Graduation
- 18 Year 6 Fun Day
- 18 Last day of Term 4

FEB

- 1 Frist day of 2021 Term 1

Notes home

- ⇒ Gallery Walk
- ⇒ ILP Meetings

SMS texts home

- ◆ Absence notification
- ◆ Gallery Walk

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On Friday 11 December, **Semester 2 Reports** for children in Kindergarten -Year 6 will be emailed to you. As previously advised, all schools in the ACT public education system are now preparing Reports 'on line', and these are provided to families via email. Detailed information about the new Reports will shortly be provided– please take time to read the information in preparation to receive your child's Report next week.

Semester Two Reports (now known as Reflections of Learning) for Preschool children will be sent home inside portfolios next week (Wednesday for Mon/Tues sessions and Friday for Thursday/Friday sessions).

Portfolios for children in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be sent home with the children on Friday 18 December.

Thank you to our Parents and Citizens' Association for organising a fabulous **DISCO** for the children last week. Monday/ Tuesday Preschool children enjoyed theirs on Wednesday, while the rest of the school danced through Thursday afternoon. Staff and children alike 'let their hair down' and had a fabulous time. A special thank you to Hamish and Bailey from Year 5 who took lead roles in assisting with organising the music and running the DISCO.

As we move towards the end of the school year, it is now time to return all **library books** and any other outstanding items (eg Chrome Books). Could you remind your child/ren to take library books to the library and any other items to their Learning Group teachers?

This week we have hosted virtual **Information Sessions** for Preschool 2021, and have begun the **orientation** process for Kindergarten 2021. It has been a great joy to watch the current preschoolers grow and develop through the year - where has the time gone? They seem so grown up, and definitely ready for Kindergarten!

Likewise, our Year 6, have turned from children into amazing young people. Many of our current Year 6 were our very first preschoolers in 2013. They are ready for the next step - leaving us for high school - but we will miss them very much. They have been terrific leaders in a very difficult year. We are indeed proud of them. Year 6 will have their Graduation Ceremony in three separate sessions (COVID safe) on Thursday 17 December.

Enjoy the Gallery Walk and have a restful weekend!

Fran

Preschool

The children have been very busy exploring their interests at the moment – a big part of which is the hot weather and water play! They have been using the sand tools to mix up potions, and experiment with pouring and swirling. They have also noticed that putting hands or toes in the water is a great way to cool down, and mist sprayers can make a cool feeling as the water lands on them. The children continue to explore scientific ideas, with many inquires about cause and effect, setting up experiments with pushing and rolling balls on ramps, creating spinning tops and 'Beyblades', and seeing how dye can be used to change the colour of different objects. Our pretend and imaginative play with dress ups has provided many opportunities for the children to experiment with different roles – one interest has been around designing and 'playing' our own video games!

Of course, the biggest excitement at the moment is the upcoming change from Preschool to Kindergarten! The children are having lots of conversations about where they are going for Kindy, and imagining what it will be like. Many of us have been visiting our new schools for orientations, and we are excited for the Neville Bonner transition visits happening over the next couple of weeks.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students and teachers can't believe we are in the last few weeks of Kindergarten! We are all so proud of how much we have learnt and grown, especially given the circumstances of this very unusual year. The children's resilience is inspiring and it's going to be hard to say goodbye in a few short weeks!

We have been getting very creative in preparation for our **Gallery Walk**. Keep an eye out for sea creatures, tree creatures, beautiful home and garden decorations, and some sneaky, creepy monsters!

In continuing with our learning about celebrations from around the world, we have talked about some traditions that we enjoy with our families, including blowing out candles for birthdays, setting up colourful lights for Diwali, decorating the tree for Christmas, and receiving gifts for Eid. What traditions does your family take part in?

We love using hands on materials in our Maths lessons! We've been comparing container sizes to work out which containers hold 'more' or 'less' than others. We have been counting collections of objects, including counters, teddy bears, matchsticks and buttons, and we have applied our skills in counting backwards to solve subtraction problems.

Watch out Year 1, 2021. We're ready for you!

Year 1

During the past two weeks Year 1 have been enthusiastically creating artworks from recycled material such as foil and plastic bottles to display for your viewing. We really hope you enjoy our Gallery Walk.



We have also enjoyed writing some persuasive texts, which involve trying to convince someone else of our opinion! We gave our reasons why, for example, the Little Red Bird should or shouldn't stay in the cage and why the pigeon should or shouldn't have a pet walrus.

In Maths we have had fun using cards, dice, teddies and hundreds charts to play addition and subtraction games and further develop our mental computation skills.

Year 2

CRASH! WHIZZ! POP!

Learning in Year 2 just won't stop!

Yes, you guessed it – 'Poetry' has been on our minds

Acrostic, Haiku, Onomatopoeia – all different kinds!

Reading and performing poems in groups,

'Auntie Dot' was recited in loops!

Hannah thinks acrostic poems are the finest,

'I wrote a poem about showing kindness.'

Collecting data was all the rage in Maths,

Lists, tables and picture graphs!

Rewina asked 'What's ice-cream flavour do you like best?'

'Caramel' and 'Choc-chip' were better than the rest.

'What's your favourite chess piece?' we heard

Matthew sing.

13 tally marks for Queen and only one for King!

Two hemispheres, five oceans and seven continents we now know,

'Planning an imaginary cruise is awesome!' said Beau.

Is it possible for one to 'visit' all seven continents and sail the five oceans blue?

'Yes it is!' said Daniel. 'I'll show you how too!'



Practising our disco dancing has made us keener, To perform the Chicken Dance, Nutbush and Macarena.

Ryan claims 'The Macarena has PERFECT dance moves!'

'I want to have discos for eternity!' Nathan grooved.

Hajrah declared, 'I want to dance like a ballerina!'

Nina loves the classic 'Macarena!'

Disco fever has made us boogie and prance,

Emily loved to perform the Chicken Dance!

We couldn't wait to bust some moves,

Now back to polishing up our dancing shoes!

The Year 2 Team



Year 4/3

We have been busy working on our Gallery Walk creations, even learning new skills. Epic Evergreens have been learning to sew, The Flourishing Custodians have been learning to French knit. We hope you enjoy the installations.

We have been continuing our journey through Charlotte's Web. We have used this lovely book to create poems about the different characters in it. We have explored a range of poems, for example, Verb, Holiday, Pensee, Acrostic. We can't wait to see which poems are next!

In Mathematics, we have been continuing to use different strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. The children can't believe how much easier division is! We have been solving fraction problems by identifying equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators.

In History, we have been looking at a range of different celebrations that many of us celebrate and are looking forward to researching a celebration that is most important to us and our families and presenting it to our Learning Group.



Year 6/5

6/5 Learning Area News

We have been busy getting ready for our Gallery Walk this week! Students have been making 3D, sustainable artwork using mixed media and recycled materials. Each class has a different theme. The

Sprouting Cycads have been cutting plastic soft drink bottles into flowers and the Productive Pyrophytes have 'framed' some of their oil pastel artworks. The Eco Sprouts have been making embossed scenes of flowers and butterflies and tin can bees made with recycled materials and the Lemon Myrtle Leaders have been making butterflies from plastic. The Epicormic Buds will be using wire and buttons to create trees while the Carbon Defeaters will be getting fancy with foil! The creativity of the students is unreal and the sustainability discussions students have been having are in depth and interesting. We are looking forward to our parents and loved ones driving past our beautiful display!



As we near the end of the school year, we have been thinking forward to what next year will be like. Students have been reflecting on this year in their gratitude journals and writing down what they are looking forward to next year - whether that be stepping up as the seniors of the school or moving on to high school. The students are feeling both nervous and excited about all the big changes over the next few months.

Adrian has been working hard filming all the year 6's for an end of year video. He has spent numerous hours planning and editing, which we appreciate. We have also been planning the Year 6 fun day and Year 6 graduation. It is such a special time for our seniors!



Library Books

Dear Families,

It is that time of year where we need to ensure all the library books are back in the library. Borrowing will cease on Friday the 25 November and all books are due back to the library by **Monday 7 December**. Look out for a note that will be coming home with a list of the books your child has that are due back. Please call me if you have any questions or would like further information about the list of books you receive.

Remember to keep reading over the holidays!

Thank you for your co-operation,

Jane Hellyar

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Are you our new P&C TREASURER?

Keep track of the money!

Pay bills

Count and bank takings

Keep records & prepare reports





If your child is sick, they should not come to school.



We have had a few enquires through Reception regarding Christmas and holiday cards. While these are welcome we are asking that lollies, candy or other gifts and treats are not brought to school to be given out or shared due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Thank you.



Parents' + Citizens' Association



NBPS Parents and Citizens Association Committee and volunteers

All of the committee positions, and several core volunteer positions will be open for nominations in 2021. If you have ever wanted to be a part of the team that makes things like the canteen, school disco, book club, school banking, second hand uniform shop and so much more possible, then now is the perfect time to get on board. See the attached position descriptions for more details.

'Stuck On You' Fundraiser

Need some new labels, backpacks, lunch boxes or Christmas gift ideas? We are running an end of year fundraiser with Stuck On You, head to <https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/NBPSPC> to order, or enter the code NBPSPC at checkout. Orders are shipped straight to your address, so this is something you can share with friends and family across the country to help us fundraise! Get in early to ensure delivery before Christmas!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am near the red gates at the front of school. As we approach the end of the year, if you have any good quality uniforms you no longer need, please consider dropping them at the front office as a donation to our second hand uniform shop.

Canteen

Open for lunch Mon-Fri. Order on Flexischools or by cash to the Front Office between 8.30am and 9am.

Birthday Catering

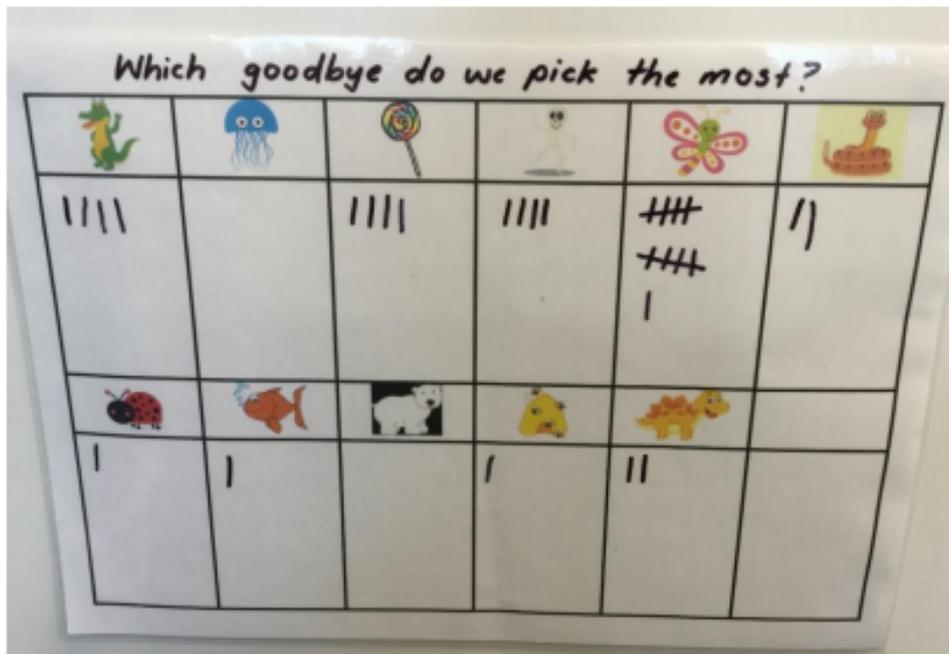
Orders can only be placed at the front office between 8.30am and 9am, or via email neville-bonnerps.pandc@gmail.com. Cost is \$30 per class (cash only).

Collecting and Interpreting Data with The Seed Growers – Preschool

At the end of each Preschool day the Seed Growers choose a special rhyme to say goodbye to each other:

 See you later, alligator!	 Better swish, jellyfish!	 Chop, chop, lollipop!	 Gotta run, skeleton!
 Bye, bye, butterfly!	 Better shake, rattlesnake!	 Give a hug, ladybug!	 Blow a kiss, goldfish!
 Take care, polar bear!	 High five, beehive!	 Out the door, dinosaur!	

We started to wonder how many times each goodbye was selected or if there were any of the rhymes that never got picked. So, we started a tally chart to collect this information and find out the answers to our questions.



What information does the chart tell you?

Alonso – “The skeleton has four.”	Kaia – “There are none for the jellyfish.”
Sadie – “We have two fives on the butterfly and one one on the butterfly.”	Isla – “The alligator has four. The ladybug and the goldfish only have one.”
Anna – “No one has picked the jellyfish.”	Jena – “The butterfly has eleven.”
Emilia – “There are four on the lollipop.”	William – “The alligator has four and the lollipop and skeleton have four. The butterfly is winning.”
Abdullah – “The butterfly has the most.”	Ari – “I like the snake. It has two.”
Malaak – “The lollipop has four.”	Ryan – “I like the alligator. It has four.”
Sumaya – “The butterfly has eleven and the lollipop has four.”	Besan – “Snake and dinosaur have two. And the beehive, ladybug and fish only have one.”
Chelsea – “The butterfly has eleven and the lollipop has four and the jellyfish has zero.”	Sonny – “I like skeleton.”
Tommy – “The polar bear and the jellyfish have none and the butterfly has the most. The ladybug, the fish and the beehive have the same. The alligator, the lollipop and the skeleton all have four.”	

Soccer is the best game ever!
Apples are yummy.
Makes a Bugatti out of paper.

Toast is good for me.
Soy sauce is yummy.
Happy
Enjoys swimming class.
Yoyos are fun.
Zebras are my favourite.
Enjoys school.
Enjoys playing with my brother.
Not enjoy shrimp.

I like strawberries.
Soup is yummy.
Umbrellas are weird.
Running is fun.
Understands cars.

April is my birthday.
A Mustang R-Sec is cool.
Rear are for cars.
Apps are my favourite.
Volkswagens are fast.

Elephants are one of my favourites.
My friends are nice.
I like my family.
Like little animals.
Yoyos I know are fun.

Healthy
April is my birthday.
Jenny is my teacher.
Reading a book is fun.
Apples are healthy for me.
Handwriting is good for me.

Cute
Happy
Apple is my favourite fruit.
Rabbits are my favourite animal.
Violet is my favourite colour.
Ice cream is my favourite food.

Nice
Amazing
Lucky
A funny friend.
Hilarious

Nishtha's friend.
Eggs (loves it).
Igloo (hates it).
Loves cubing.

The Year 2 Gum Tree Guardians have been learning about different types of poetry. Each child wrote an acrostic poem about themselves. They have included adjectives, facts about themselves and things they enjoy.

Never stops playing video games.
August is the month with my birthday.
The comics I make are great.
Hens are chickens and I like chickens.
Absolutely loves electronics.
Needles for injections make me nervous.

Oli is kind.
Lego is fun.
I like to play with Legos.

He likes apples.
Uranus is cool.
Zoo is fun.
An elephant is my favourite animal.
I like ice cream.
Favourite thing to play is observation.
Apps are cool.

Neil's friend.
Ice cream is super duper yummy.
Silly
Happy
Travelled in India.
Has a baby brother.
At school I like PE.

Spelling I love.
Operations are scary for me.
Poison Ivy I have taught.
'Hello' I like to say.
I love LOL Surprises.
Apples are very yummy.

Tigers eat big animals.
Elephants are cool.
Jellybeans are yummy.
Apples are yummy.
Superman is cool.

Fast
Runner
All day.
Nice running
Kid.
I like a Bugatti.
Enjoy running.

May is my birthday.
Interested in solving 2x2 Rubik's cube.
Can spell lots of words.
Has brothers and sisters.
Australia (born there).
Enjoys playing video games.
Likes to play with a Rubik's cube.

Maths is good for me.
Apples are my favourite food.
Reading is my favourite to do.
Yellow is my favourite colour.
A ladybug is my favourite insect.
Makes paintings.

Year 4/3 Environmental Crusaders Alliteration Poems

Active Alice ate apricots
Charlie sat by the cherry blossom tree and ate cheese
Mahonri zoomed on his motorbike
Jasper jumped like a jaguar
Yusufu yodelled with a yak

By Mahonri, Charlie, Jasper, Alice and Yusufu.

Bill Batter boxed with
Betty Boo
Zip zap zoom goes Zan
Peter Petty played ping
pong
Sam did sit ups on the
sand

By Zahra

Super sleepy Sam
Went to Wonderland with
Betty Botter who baked buns while
Tiana, Tam and Tim did sums.

By Tiana

Tim tamed two tigers
Sleeping silently like Seleen
Dreaming about drinking
diet Pepsi
While Kyah cuddled kite
flying koalas.

By Tadbir

Shala shopped at the shopping centre
Shala sat on the silly cat
Shala swallowed a shiny shrimp

By Shala

Harry Hopper hopped at
the hopping festival
Zip zap zoom goes Zahra
the zebra
Bill Butter boxed all day
while
Rory Rubber robbed the
Roger's

By Habibah

Summer strikes super
stealthily
Winter wonders why
Autumn's at Amart with
picky Peter Potter
Spring sprung something
out of the super-hot sand
Betty bets better than
Buster's band

By Nicholas

Sizzle sizzle sozzle went the sausages
Pip pop popped went the onions
Slip slap slop went the sauce
Drink drank drip drop the people drank

By Surya

Brooklyn was bouncing like a baboon
Jayden jogged while eating jelly
Liam leaped like a lion
Prithun ate peanuts by a pond

By Brooklyn, Jayden, Prithun and Liam

Agam ate an apple a day
Lucas lost his silly socks

By Agam and Lucas

Seleen slithered slowly like
a sloth
Sleepy Sam slithered like a
snake
Seleen felt slow as a snail
Sleepy slow slithering
Seleen and Sam

By Saleen

Kvah kidnapped two koalas
Yabbies yell at yellow yaks
Annabelle ate apples from trees
Habibah hip hopped with two hyenas

By Kvah

Shala sells seashells by the
seashore
One day Tim, Tam and
Tiana went to Shala's
Seashell shop and bought
some seashells.

By Chelsea

Shala sells seashells by the
seashore
Sahib bought one seashell
home
Sahib danced like she had
a squirrel in her hand

By Sahib

Gina played golf and got a hole in one
Rory loves rugby and had lots of fun
Chris plays cricket and got a six
And Jake carves Jack- O- Lanterns and they look
sick

By Siddharth

Epic Eric's elephants
Are enormous as earth
Big bad Billy had a curse
Super Slickers spots are
stickers
Lovely little Lily breaks the
law
Little Lily isn't so lovely
anymore

By Zach

Gillie the goat goes grocery shopping
She shops for strawberries and cereal
She bought boardgames Bingo and Battleships

By Harry

In 4/3 we have been exploring poetry and poetic devices such as personification, alliteration, similes, and onomatopoeia. These are some of the poems we have written using alliteration.

Alliteration is the repeating of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words.

Look out for examples of alliteration in advertising and song lyrics, as this is a very popular poetic device.

This term, Productive Pyrophytes organised an Expo for Groundbreakers unit. During the Expo, they presented their learning about inventors and their inventions to other Learning Groups. They worked hard in groups to collect information from a variety of resources. Here is a reflection of their experiences of this exciting learning opportunity:



Groundbreakers Expo: Productive Pyrophytes

Hannah: I felt nervous for a start.

Soraya: It has been so exciting and engaging.

Saad: I tried to make people feel enjoyed.

Madi: I felt anxious for a start, though felt good when I realised, I was doing it well.

Bella: It's been really good. I enjoyed it.

Osama: It's entertaining and interesting.

Abdual: People asked a lot of questions.

Elena: It's good!

Malachi: It is hard to explain people. The best part was to see people coming to us to know more.

Lily: I enjoyed talking to everybody.

Aahil: It has been a truly great experience.

Lauren: People seemed interested, which was great. They were asking a lot of questions.

Seth: It was hard and productive. People liked it though.

Xavi: It was really good.

Isha: Fun! But a bit hard.

Grace: It was good. People came, listened to us and asked interesting questions.

Aydan: It was terrifying for a start and interesting later.

Holly: I enjoyed it. It's nice when people look interested.

Abigail: I liked how everyone was interested in the information we had. Everyone liked my prop of robotic hand.

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Sreenika: It was fun to interact with so many people and sharing the information we researched about.

Karam: We picked a hard topic. It was challenging.

Zara: Everyone did a wonderful job.

Gurbilaas: It's been exciting. At first, I was nervous, later it was great to share information.

Aryan: I went through the whole slideshow 3 times within the first half an hour of the expo.

Prayag: People enjoyed our fun facts.

Zayan: It was wonderful to have so many people on our table. The poster we made was quite handy.

Vidhi: Letting people know about our invention was amazing.

Specialist Music Report



When it comes to music, there is so much you can do!

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Musicians...

Listen **Communicate** **Play**
Compose **Analyse** **Sing**
Improvise **Teach** **Think**
Reflect **Conduct** **Read Notation**

Choirs

The children say that choir is where they can...

"feel welcome" **"learn lots of new songs"** **"learn how to sing properly"**
"be part of a team" **"express yourself"** **"have fun"**

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have participated in elective choirs this year! With just fourteen rehearsals during the year, these music groups have worked hard to learn vocal worm-ups, develop new songs, understand solfa symbols (do, re, mi...) and be involved in recording projects.

One highlight was the Year 6 Choir, holding daffodils, singing a special song of hope by Australian Composer (and composer of our School Song *Yungaballi*) James Madsen.



More recently, all choirs performed live for learning groups at our school!

The audience said...

"Wow! They are such good singers!"

"The volume of your singing was perfect for the hall, everyone could hear you!"

"They did great with intonation, especially in the last song."

"You really took us on a journey through these contrasting songs."

Watch out for pre-recorded footage plus live performances at **Gallery Walk on Friday!**

Year 3 Choir: 9.30am and 12.20pm

Year 4 Choir: 9.20am and 12.35pm

Year 5 Choir: 10.20am and 12.05pm

Year 6 Choir: 10.10am and 2.20pm

Good luck to all the children who auditioned this week for the Instrumental Music Program (IMP) Primary Choir for 2021. Congratulations to Nairwng Tripura and Lucas Fountain, who earlier this term auditioned for the IMP High School Choir for 2021. We wish them all the best for their musical futures! We will celebrate the achievements of all 204 musical choir children next Friday at the final rehearsal choir parties 🎉🎸🎤.

Music Every Week

This year, our school has invested in a program where children in Years K-2 learn music every week. This is tremendously important for their development in all areas of their lives, as well as being a lot of fun! Children in K-2 have learnt over 20 songs and chants this year from around the world. They have also developed music notation skills in pitch, beat and rhythm. During NAIDOC week we learnt three special songs:

Abeeyo (greeting song), *Inanay Capuana* (Yorta Yorta song) and *Sessere Eeye* (Torres Strait Islander Song)



Movement: Kindergarten *Park Rangers* listening and responding to 'Grey Clouds', a piano solo by composer Franz Liszt.

Group Work: Kindergarten *Park Rangers* using their pitch knowledge to quiz each other on graphic notation they created.



Instruments

We have benefited from a boost to our instrumental supplies this year! The school has purchased a class set of ukeleles, currently being played and enjoyed by the Year 2 Blue Banded Bees. Watch out for their performances at **Friday's Gallery Walk!**

Blue Banded Bees' Ukelele Group: 11.45am and 12.45pm



Earlier in the term, we received a donation of several chime bar sets with mallets, perfect for learning group use. We have also been grateful for the loan of a $\frac{1}{4}$ size violin that many Kindergarten children have had the opportunity to learn about and play.

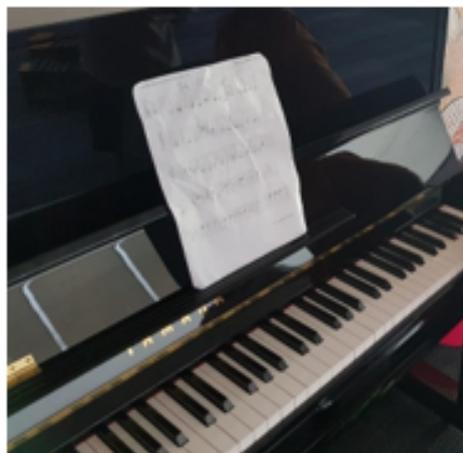
Bands are also in full swing at our school. Watch them at **Friday's Gallery Walk!**

Year 5 Band: 9.55am and 2.05pm

Year 6 Band: 9.45am and 2.35pm

Our resident composers and pianists

Children are always fascinated by the piano, and here at school we have two! It is a delight when they come to share their skills during break times, and we can see how much they have progressed. This is a great time in children's lives to be learning a musical instrument. We also have budding composers in our midst, one of whom, in Year 5, is working on her first symphony and has written over 100 songs - WOW!



Music notation for a piano composition by a child in Year 2.

Music Count Us In

On Thursday 5 November, all children at our school participated in the largest school music event in the country - *Music Count Us In!* This incredible free event involves children all over the continent learning about and singing the same song at the same time. We participated with 70,000 children across Australia via live stream this day! The song was written by high school students and industry professionals, and this year the thematic focus was bushfires and climate change. The song was titled *You Won't Bring Us Down*. Highlights of the program included learning the song in Auslan, playing stick games whilst singing and seeing a version performed by people from Yamatji Country. The children were blown away as they sang in their classrooms and in the Hall. What an incredibly fantastic, free and inclusive program to be involved in!



You Won't Bring Us Down Lyrics Snapshot

This is our world, for us to share, don't pretend that we're not there!

This is our time, to sing our song, don't tell us that we're always wrong!

Sometimes you just want to sing out, but it's hard to find the words.

One voice may not seem to be strong, but together we can be heard!

Even though it can be hard to stand our ground, you won't bring us down!

Crazy times we're living in, heads are spinning round,

it won't bring us down!

I am so happy to report that music learning is for everyone at our school!

Kimberley