

# NEWSLETTER: TERM 2 Week 8 Friday 21 June



## Important Dates

Please refer to our website calendar for a full list of 2019 school dates.

**June 26**

2.00pm Debating  
Round 3

**July 1**

Semester One Student  
School Reports go  
home

**July 5**

NAIDOC Mufti Day  
Wear red, black  
and yellow  
Last day of Term 2

## KINDERGARTEN

IN THE  
SPOTLIGHT

Kindergarten has been learning about dinosaurs and fossils.

On Tuesday 11th June, we travelled to "The Australian Museum" in the city.

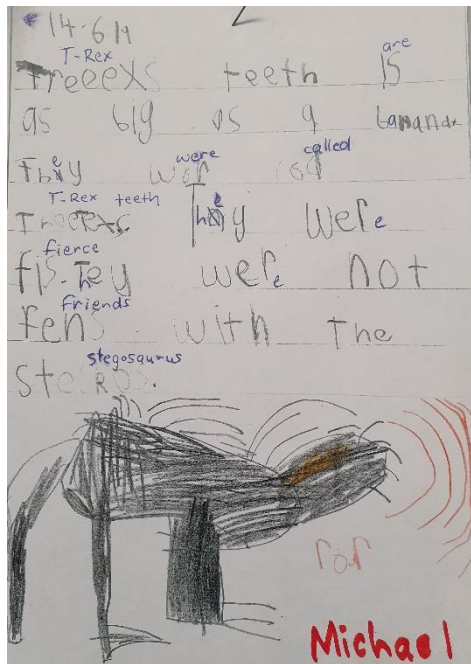
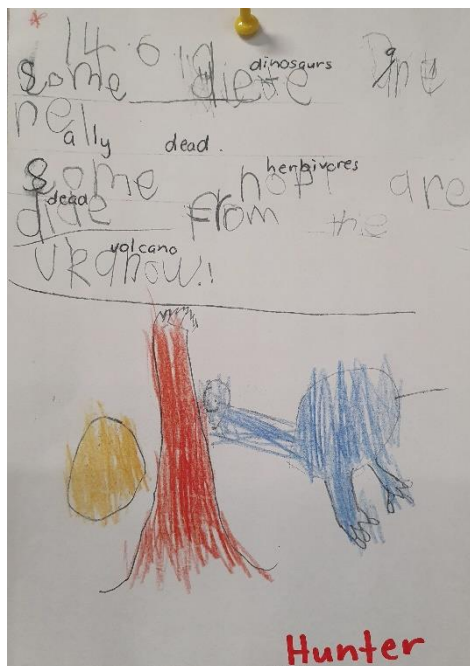
At the museum we became paleontologists and learnt about how we know that dinosaurs once roamed our planet.

Matt the scientist told us many things about dinosaurs and showed us fossils.

Kindergarten enjoyed eating lunch and playing with our friends in Cook and Phillip Park before travelling back to school. It was a great excursion!

Thank you to the parent helpers who came with us.





## Building update

Rain impacted on some of the work in our lower playground earlier in the week, however by Wednesday things were very busy again on our amazing outdoor space.

Executive met with the architects on Friday to discuss the setting up of the Library. Over 13 000 books were carried to Level 1 on Monday and shelving of these will commence in the near future.



Thank you also to Mrs Russell (mother of Darcy KH & Josie 1/2MY) for her work with students and the creation of our amazing Wangal mural.





## **Stewart House Update**

On Friday 7 June, there was a TV and Movie character mufti day to raise money for Stewart House. Over \$500 was raised. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket in the Book Box competition and dressed up in mufti.

A number of students were lucky enough to visit Stewart House in Curl Curl. Russell Lea PS won the "Diamond" trophy for having the highest per capita contributions in NSW.

We currently have the trophy on display on the bench in our admin foyer.

## **Five Dock RSL Sub-branch**

Catherine Lewis from Five Dock RSL Sub-branch presented a cheque for \$1500 to the RLPS library for our participation in the schools' ANZAC program.

## **RUSSELL LEA PS FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

Thank you to all those who have been parking according to the signage. We have noted a much improved use of the "Kiss and Drop" area on Whittall St.

**Our current school hours are 9.25am – 3.25pm. A teacher is on duty from 9.00am in the Wangal area. Students are dismissed at 3.25pm to parents/carers or OOSH. Please be prompt for pick up, as staff often have meetings or other commitments. Should you be running late for any reason, a courtesy call to the office would be appreciated.**

Students playing on school grounds after 3.25pm, and under the supervision of parents/carers are reminded that safe, respectful play and out of bounds areas are to be observed. This is practice exercised throughout our normal school day, and such expectations are in place to keep our students safe.

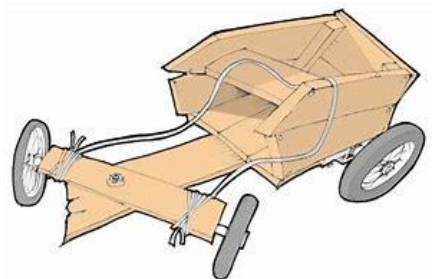
At times parents may need to go upstairs e.g. to meet with a teacher. Should you need to go upstairs for any reason, please report to the office before making your way upstairs.



**SAFETY  
FIRST**



## Stage 1 Billy Cart Incursion Fun!





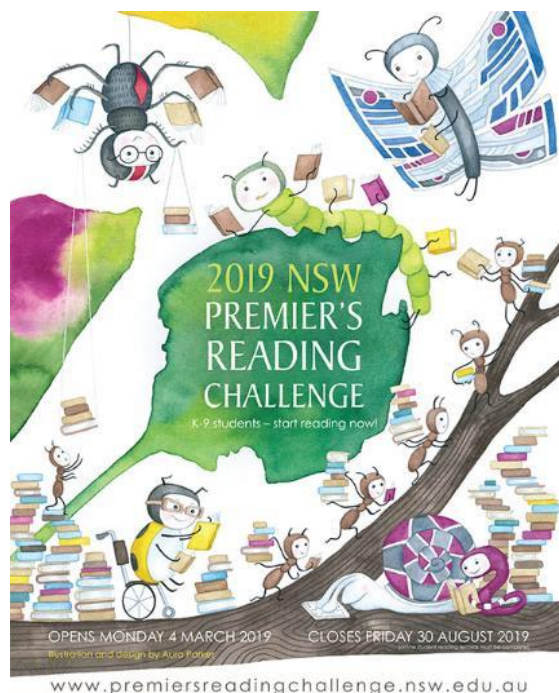
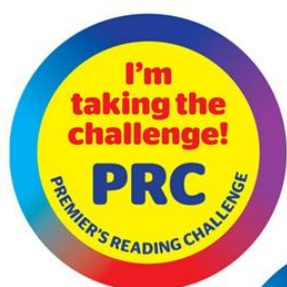
## 1/2S and 1/2MY Fire Truck Visit



## PRC Update

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed, logged and had their Premier's Reading Challenge Validated:

William Kitson KR  
Eliza O'Neill 1/2E  
Mitchell Dunne 3/4T  
Sophie Lau 3/4T





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## July 2019 GERRIC Student Programs

Holiday program for gifted students in years 3-10

GERRIC offers a range of school-holiday programs for gifted and talented students for students from years 3-10. The GERRIC holiday programs will open students' minds to abilities they may have not suspected they possessed, and opportunities to use those abilities to the fullest during a 3 day program run by our industry experts and educators qualified and experienced in gifted education.

**Program Dates:** Tuesday 9 - Thursday 11 July, 2019

**Daily times:** 8:45am - 3:30pm

**Venue:** Matraville Sports High School

**Cost:** \$365 per child (some workshops vary)

Email [gerric@unsw.edu.au](mailto:gerric@unsw.edu.au) if you have any questions, or would like to know more about what GERRIC has to offer.



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# *Kids Holiday Club at Drummoyne Baptist Church*



<b>Who?</b>	Children in Primary School
<b>When?</b>	Wednesday, 10th July 9:20am to 3:20pm
<b>Cost?</b>	\$10 per Child

**Register by 7th July 2019**  
[drummoynebaptist.org.au/ministries/kids](http://drummoynebaptist.org.au/ministries/kids)



# WRITE like an AUTHOR

## Holiday Writing Camp

Are you a word warrior?  
Do you love writing?  
Have you ever thought that maybe one day  
you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy  
making up stories for friends?

If you'd like to have a book published  
there are more opportunities for you now  
than ever before and this course will give  
you the skills and techniques you need  
to write awesome stories.

### Who is it for?

This course is for middle-grade students  
who are enthusiastic about writing.

### What will I Learn?

Write Like an Author will teach you the  
skills you need to construct well crafted,  
imaginative stories.

Working alongside a published author,  
you will be taken on a guided journey at  
the end of which is a story you have  
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### Where? When?

**Monte Sant'  
Angelo College**

128 Miller St, North Sydney

**16 Jul to 18 Jul  
2019**

### Who?

The camp  
facilitator is:  
**Brian Falkner**

award winning author of 18  
books including *Northwood*,  
*Brainjack* and *Shooting  
Stars*.



### Andy Griffiths says

*"I wish this camp had been  
around when I was a young  
writer. Storytelling is a craft  
and the more you learn, the  
more fun you can have!"*



### The Course

Write Like an Author  
was developed by  
award-winning author  
and writing coach **Brian Falkner**  
in consultation with English teachers.  
It has been tested and proven over  
many years in classrooms in Australia,  
New Zealand and the USA.



### Students say

*"The best thing was having an author  
supporting us all the way."*

- James (11) - Lindisfarne Grammar School camp

*"I loved meeting other young authors and learning  
awesome techniques that will help my writing."*

- Gabriella (14) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp

*"It made writing easier for me and explained  
aspects of stories I didn't really understand."*

- Anna (12) - Southwell School camp

for more information go to:

**writelikeanauthor.com**