



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Every year our student numbers fluctuate over the first few weeks and this year we were very close to having to collapse a class and move students. Fortunately we now have enough students to guarantee that classes will remain unchanged for the rest of the year. There may be small changes to classes but this is based on the needs of individual students.

Teachers and students are excited to see all the new laptops and devices being set up this week. They will be going out to students in years 3 – 6 next week. We are also looking at incorporating flexible seating options in the computer room, driving forward our future focused learning as indicated in the school plan.

Thank you to all the parents and students that provided feedback with the school logo. This will be presented to school staff shortly and options narrowed down before a decision is made by everyone in the school community.

School reports are undergoing a facelift as well. We are proposing the following changes to the levels of achievement:

<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Limited	E – Limited
Basic	D – Working Towards
Sound	C – Achieving
High	B – Working Beyond
Outstanding	A – Outstanding

We hope to have a draft version of the new report ready for parents to look at and give feedback on shortly. If you would like to give feedback regarding the above changes to the levels of achievement then please come to the office to speak with me directly.

Attendance for our Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students' is now a focus with our school falling well behind the state average last year. Results in Kindergarten were particularly low with only 88% attendance. Please make sure your children only stay at home when they are genuinely sick or unwell.

Dianne Uthmeyer

Deputy Principal

Term 1 Week 8 2019

CALENDAR DATES

WHAT'S ON

Please note: event dates may change



MARCH Week 9	
Monday 25	•
Tuesday 26	• Stage 3 NRL Sport
Wednesday 27	•
Thursday 28	• Scripture • Halinda Leadership Program • Learning Centre
Friday 29	• Easter Raffle due • Assembly Item: 1/2B
APRIL Week 10	
Monday 1	•
Tuesday 2	• Stage 3 NRL Sport
Wednesday 3	•
Thursday 4	• Scripture • Halinda Leadership Program • Learning Centre
Friday 5	• Easter Raffle drawn • Assembly Item: Junior Choir
APRIL Week 11	
Monday 8	•
Tuesday 9	• Stage 3 NRL Sport
Wednesday 10	• Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 11	• 3-6 Cross Country • Scripture • Halinda Leadership Program • Learning Centre
Friday 12	• Last day of term • School Colour Explosion

FRONT OFFICE

Medication

Please be advised if you require office staff to give your child prescribed medication for a short term period we will need the following:

- ✓ A signed and written letter from the parent.
- ✓ The letter must clearly state the amount of medication eg: 5 ml of liquid or 1 tablet.
- ✓ The letter must also state the required time the child is to take the medication.

If your child needs on going medication then we will need a healthcare plan from your GP. Please see office staff if you require more information.

MDPS ART COMPETITION

WHAT: CREATE AN AT WORK ON A4 PAPER

THEME: FREE CHOICE

DUE: FRIDAY 5th APRIL

THE WINNING ARTWORKS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE STAFFROOM FOR 10 WEEKS AND IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER. THERE WILL BE A KINDY, STAGE 1, STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 WINNER.



3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

3-6 students attended the annual swimming carnival at Mount Druitt Pool on Wednesday 6th March. Students participated in novelty events such as, water volleyball, noodle races, dive sticks and kickboard relays. Students also learnt about water safety and using flotation devices during events like life jacket survival, partner float and swim relay.

Sports captains and vice captains performed their first official duty, leading their sport house in war cries.



Overall, students had a fantastic day and displayed excellent behaviour. After tallying all the points, the final results are:

1st place

FRASER

788 points

2nd place

GOOLAGONG

703 points

3rd place

BRADMAN

662 points



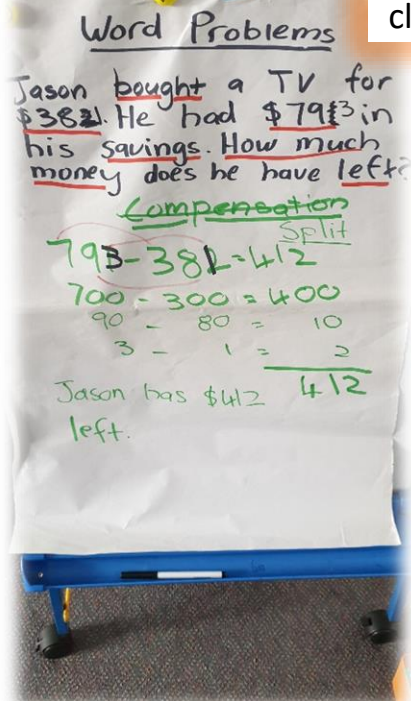
4th place

ELLIOTT

664 points

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASS – 3/4 J

3/4 J has been working on the process of problem solving during numeracy hour. We worked on a problem as a whole class using the strategies we were taught.

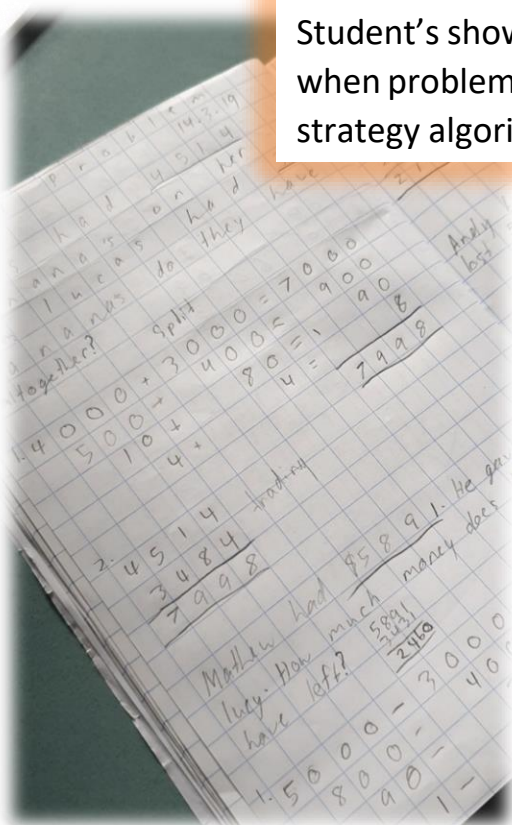


Students worked in groups on problems that were catered to their year level and ability.

They had free choice of what strategies to use, even using place value MAB blocks!



Students showcased all the strategies they have learned when problem solving! These include split strategy, jump strategy algorithm trading and compensation!



Some students used an MAB app to help them problem solve.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

On Friday the 15th March, we celebrated National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Students K-6 decorated peace signs with anti-bullying messages, these were displayed at our weekly K-6 assembly.

The peace signs represent our pledge to take action and to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in our school community.



BULLYING. NO WAY!

Preschool News

Over the last two weeks Mrs Kaur (Numeracy Instructional Leader) hosted a Numeracy Expo for the Preschool. The Expo provided parents/families with ideas and activities for their children to do at home to help develop their early numeracy skills. During the expo the children and their families enjoyed engaging in hands on activities using real life contexts.

Thank you Mrs Kaur and Stage 3 helpers for organising the activities. Preschool had a wonderful time.

Mrs Donzow



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE FORTNIGHT

Every fortnight, there will be a maths problem for the students to solve. There is a box in the front office for students to submit their responses. Encouragement prizes will be handed out to two students from each stage during the school assembly.



Kindergarten (Early Stage 1):

Draw some domino dot patterns for numbers 1-10.

Year 1 and 2 (Stage 1):

Design a healthy canteen menu. Remember to include the cost of the items. Use this to create addition and subtraction problems.

Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2):

Make a poster explaining the sum and product of numbers.

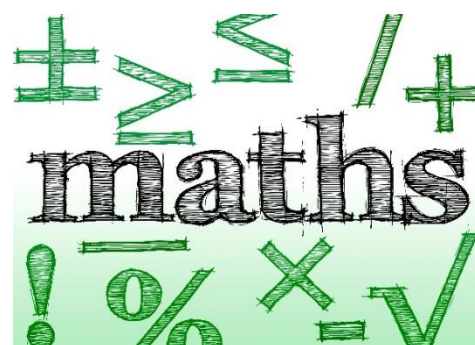
Year 5 and 6 (Stage 3):

Research any famous mathematician and write a short report on his/ her contribution.

NOTE: Please remember to write your name and class on your work. The entries should be in the office by **Wednesday Week 9 (27th March)**.

Maninder Kaur

Instructional Leader



50th ANNIVERSARY

Mt. Druiitt High School Chifley College

would like to invite you to come and
celebrate

on 18th October 2019

at Chifley College Mt Druiitt School Hall

Stuart Rd, Dharruk

5.00pm - 8.30pm

\$35.00 per person

Come and share the memories

The evening will commence with a school tour from 5.00pm followed by dinner
and a trip down memory lane in the school hall. This is a NON ALCOHOL event.
Tickets available via link provided.

Ph: 9625 9750

web: www.mtdruitt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

address: Stuart Rd, Dharruk



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

APRIL 2019

MON 15 APRIL Ballet Clinics (Boys & Girls)

TUES 16 APRIL Basketball / Kids Fitness

WED 17 APRIL Multi Sport / Touch Football

TUES 23 APRIL Gymnastics

WED 24 APRIL Soccer/ Dodgeball

9.00am-3.00pm.

\$20 per child, per day.

For children aged 5-12 years.

Lunch not provided.

Each participant must be a member of
PCYC \$10 per child, per year.

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Want to play for Joeys Basketball Club?

Joeys Basketball Club caters for boys and girls from
Under 10s right up to Under 18s.

New season starts 3rd May. Games and training at
Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre in Cambridge Park.

For more information please call

Emily 0408 253513 or email the club

joeyscoach@gmail.com or message us on Facebook!



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SATURDAY 6TH APRIL
TICKETS FROM 2:00PM
RAFFLE COMMENCES 3:30PM
FOLLOWED BY KIDS DISCO
FROM 5:00PM

**WIN A FAMILY PASS
TO THE SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW!**

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED EASTER HATS
KIDZ KAOZ OPEN FROM 1PM - 9PM



Easter KIDS DISCO

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

5PM - 7PM IN THE KELLER LOUNGE
(FOLLOWING OUR MEGA EASTER RAFFLE)
DJ AND PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED



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