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Term 3 Week 2 — 28th July 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Road Update and Early Morning Supervision to Continue

Earlier this week I received an update about the road closure at Little Cattai Creek and it is anticipated to continue until the 12th August. Until the road opens, we will continue to offer learning from home options for students on the other side of the road closure. Also staff have agreed to continue coming into school to supervise students from 7:30am (rather than the normal time of 8:00am) to help out with families who may be driving extra and needing to leave earlier to allow for changes in traffic congestion and drive times. Once we know the road is open again we will revert back to morning supervision from 8:00am.



Visible Learning Twilight Sessions

On Wednesday afternoon we began our first of two Visible Learning twilight professional learning sessions for staff. Maria from Corwin went over a range of theory that can help us to build assessment capability within our students. We also allocated some time towards the end of the session to start building a "wall that teaches" by collating student's writing samples as exemplars. It is exciting to think how this will help to empower our students evaluating and improving their own writing.

SDD Changes

The above mentioned twilight sessions mean that on both the 18th July and the 20th December our staff development days for these days will be half days instead of full days. This shouldn't impact families at all except for on the last day of term 4 if you wanted to pop into school for something it would need to be done before 11:00am to ensure we are still here and could help.

School Playground Equipment

Insurance has come through in supporting the complete replacement of our timber play equipment that the P&C helped purchase last year. At the time of writing it is in the process of being hand crafted again. The plan is to do a straight replacement of the existing equipment. The question was asked whether there could be another set of locations we could place them higher up on the site but unfortunately the last flood came up to the COLA so our whole playground was underwater at some point. I'm not too keen on placing them on top of classrooms for obvious reasons. I did however talk to Andrew from 'Timber Creations' about painting extra coats on to the timber to make it less porous for next time. So hopefully a gurney, sand back and repaint will be all that is needed in the event of future floods.

Learning Support Focus

During our Staff Development Day, the Cattai PS team had a good discussion about learning support and how we can maximise this time to help compensate for all the interruptions from last term. Student data has been again analysed. The learning support team are focusing on both low achievement scores or students whose progress scores were low in Term 2. A closer alignment between classroom teacher timetables and learning support timetables to maximise this time was also implemented. It is such an important part of the Cattai PS culture how we constantly re-evaluate teaching and learning and look for ways to further improve.

Take care

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CALENDAR

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W1 Jul	18	19	20 Police Talk	21	22
W2 Jul	25	26 P&C Meeting	27	28	29 Phonics with Families
W3 Aug	1	2 SS Athletics Field	3	4 CPS Ed Week	5 SS Athletics Track
W4 Aug	8	9	10	11	12 Phonics with Families
W5 Aug	15	16	17	18	19 Parent Assembly C2
W6 Aug	22	23 WHS yr7 Transition	24	25 P&C	26 Phonics with Families Chess Workshop
W7 Aug/ Sep	29 3 way Conference Fathers Day gift	30 3 way Conference Book Week	31 3 way Conference	1 3 way Conference	2 3 way Conference Chess Workshop
W8 Aug	5	6	7	8 SRC Disco	9 Term 3 Excursion TBC Chess Competition Bingo N1ght
W9 Sep	12	13	14	15	16 Parent Assembly C1 St 2&3 Netball comp
W10 Sep	19	20	21	22 MMVWaC Academic Challenge St2&3 Soccer comp	23 Colour Run



A note from the Secretary....

We had a productive July meeting on Tuesday. Thanks to those who could get there, I know things are a bit crazy at the moment.

Long Sleeve Polo Shirt

As requested a long sleeve option will soon be available for purchase. This can be used for the cool weather, for covering up on the BMX track or for sun safety.

They will sell for \$31, the P&C does not make a profit on these, the cost includes the embroidered logo on the front.

Cattai Catch

The Catch has been cancelled for this year due to lack of numbers for a team to run it on the day and also with the uncertainty of the condition of the river it would have been a gamble.

Bingo Night 9th September.

This is a kid friendly event with dinner and bingo and is open to the wider community. Please invite friends and family. The flyer will come out soon. More info will be out soon. We hope to see you all.

100 Number Board

Don't forget to buy your number for the 100 board – \$20 per number . \$1000 prize money. The board is in the office if you want to pop in or Text Rebecca (0430 022 820) the number you want and transfer the money to the P&C Account with your number and name as a reference (Cattai P&C Assoc.; BSB062622; A/C00900547). Will be drawn at Bingo night if not sooner – so get in quick!!!

Education Week Hot Lunch 4th August

Thanks Rebecca for organising another yummy lunch for us - Get your order forms back to school.

IMPORTANT DATES / REMINDERS

P&C Meeting: 30th September at 2:45pm, after school in C3

Cake Day: Our next cake day is on 3rd August. The following families are to supply. **Hawkes, Haynes, Hewitt, Walden & Slawski.**

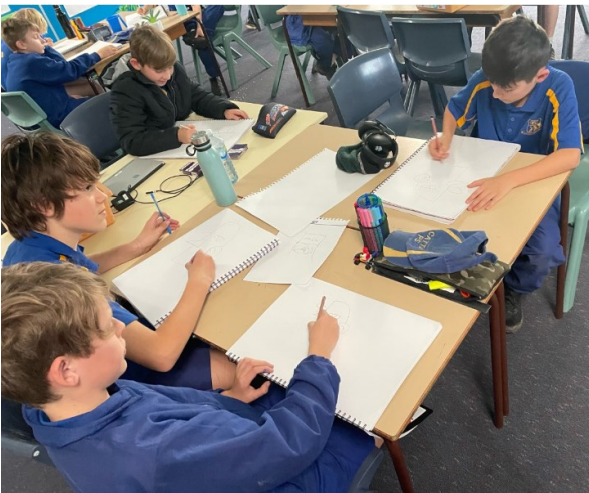
Reminder to pack **50c** for the day.

Bingo Night: 9th September. Details TBC

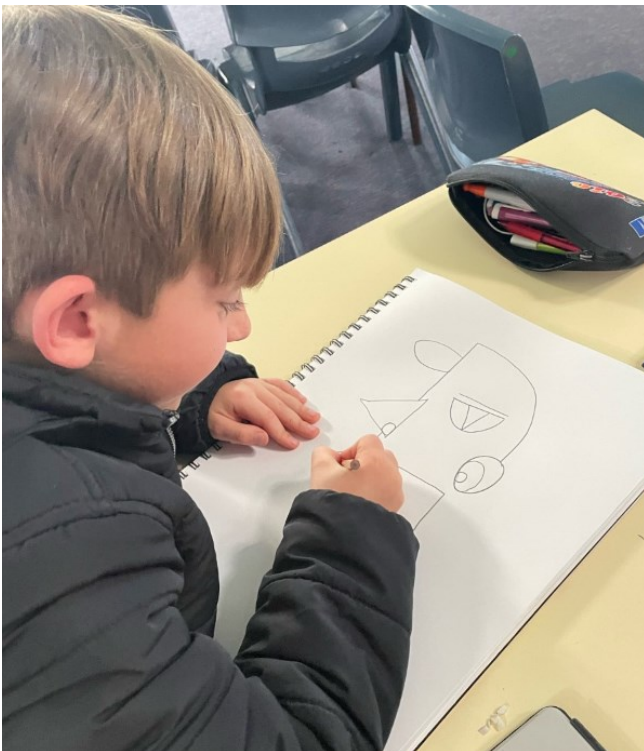
Artwork with C3

Pablo Picasso Inspired Artworks

By C3



CUBISM



Colour Explosion Fun Run



Cattai will be holding their first *Explosion Colour Fun Run*, as a fundraising event during Term 3. Students will be given a sponsorship booklet to assist them in raising money for their school. *Explosion Colour Fun Run* is all about fun! Students will navigate our fun run whilst being sprayed in vibrant, non-toxic genuine colour powder.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward- don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form. The funds raised will go towards resources for Cattai Public School. As well as the *Explosion Colour Fun Run*, cupcakes will be provided by staff and sold on the day for a gold coin donation.

