



## From the Principal's desk



Hi all,

Wow – how the term has flown by. We are approaching the next school break and it is a very busy time as students' complete assessments, examinations, and prepares for the HSC. We are now into our full time HSC students' final weeks of schooling prior to the HSC examination. This means that you should be revising, rereading, and preparing for your examinations to ensure that you are completely ready. Talk with your teachers if you would like extra materials to look at or need clarity around any areas.

We are approaching the final term for 2022 and all students should be ensuring, at this stage, that

they are up to date with their learning activities, engaging in the live lessons and have all assessment tasks to date completed and with their teachers. Please keep up the rate of one learning activity per week per subject so that you are best placed to meet all the outcomes for each course and be fully prepared for the following year.

Camp went away recently and by all accounts, a great time was had by all who participated for the week. A big thank you to the PDHPE faculty for their organisation around this camp. A reminder to parents, however, that when your child is on these camps, please ensure that you are contactable by phone in case of an injury or illness.

If your child has any needs leading up to term 4, please contact your child's teacher or one of the executive staff members to let us know how we can help.

Yours in Education,

Danny Henman

Principal



## Primary News

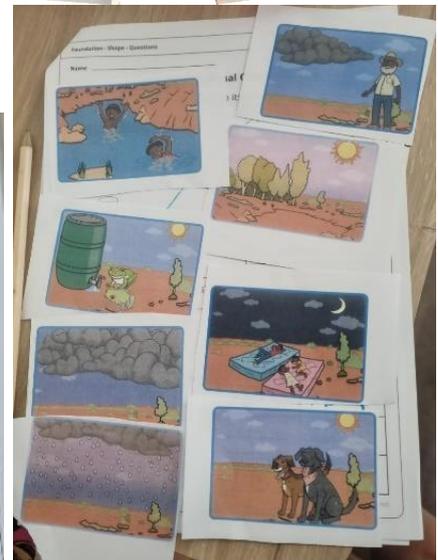
Primary students are being Earth Explorers, learning about weather, water, soil, rocks, and earthquakes. Kindergarten students are exploring weather and how it affects what people do and wear.

Week beginning Monday

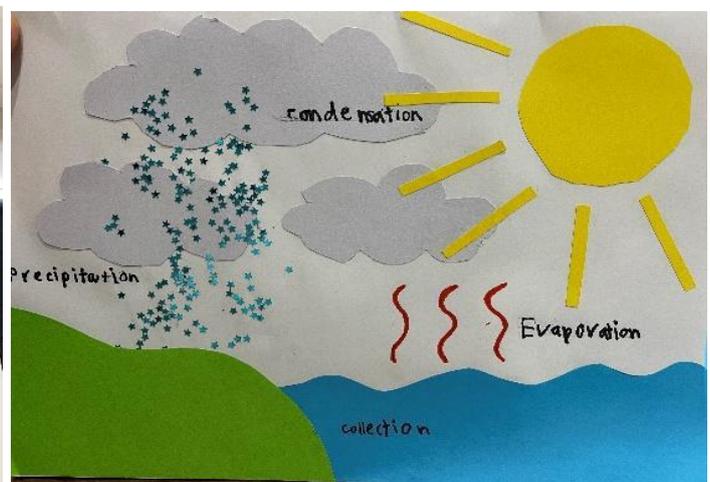
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Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Daily review	Sunny windy	rainy	Sunny	partly cloudy	partly cloudy



Stage 1 students are exploring water and the water cycle





**WATER!**

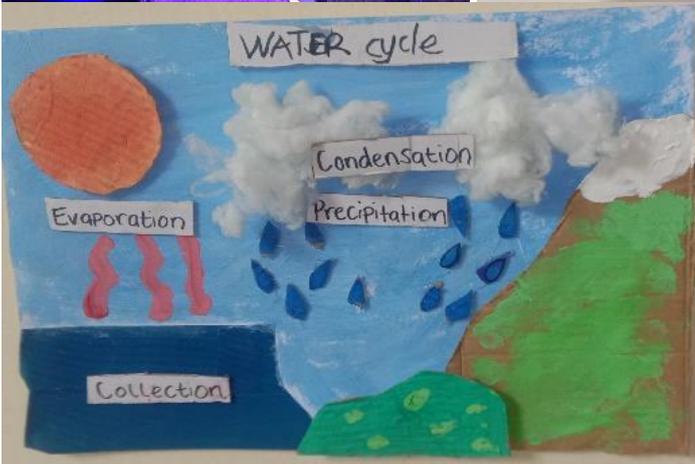
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Where? Dishwasher  
 What for? Washing the dishes  
 Accessed from? town water supply

Where? Showers  
 What for? cleaning your self  
 Accessed from? rain water tank

Where? Sprinkler  
 What for? watering grass, playing  
 Accessed from? outside tap

Where? Washing machine  
 What for? clean the clothes  
 Accessed from? laundry sink



Water walk  
 Water walk

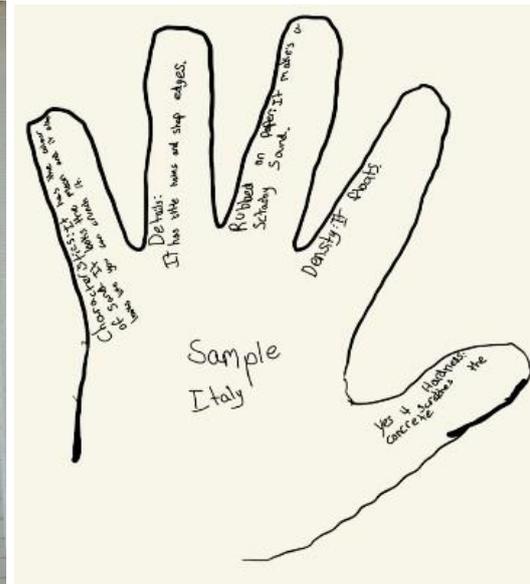
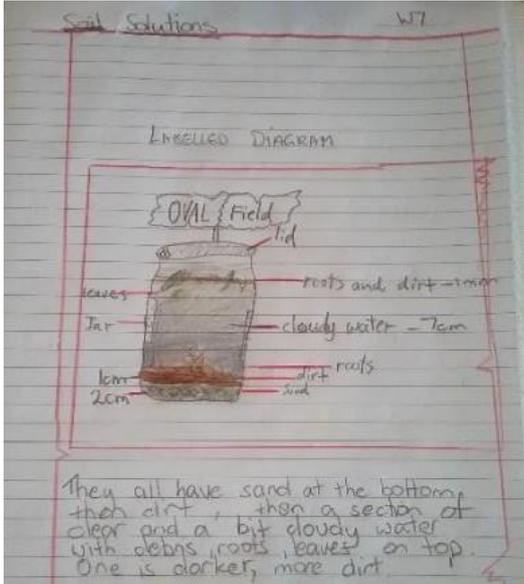
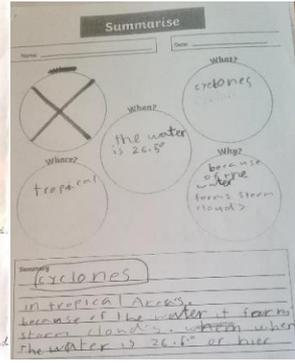
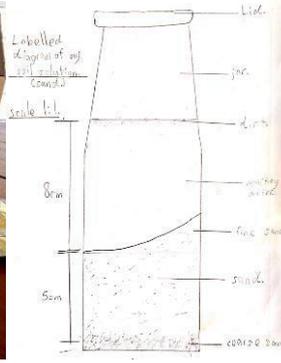
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what do we use it for?

Cooking  
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 Drinking  
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 Cleaning  
 Cleaning  
 Showering  
 Showering



Stage 2 students are exploring soil, rocks, and the effects of weathering.



Stage 3 students are exploring earthquakes, researching how scientists monitor and prepare for natural disasters. They are also exploring empathy, inclusion, and respect, and have created their own anti-racism posters.

Earthquake investigation	
Time: 1:47am	Date: September 21 1999
Location: In central Taiwan	Magnitude: The magnitude was 7.3
Depth: 33 km	Changes the earth's surface: Some sections of land near the fault were changed in elevation by as much as seven metres.
source of information: wikipedia	Photo: 

Earthquake Investigation	
Time: 11:12pm	Date: 18 April 1906
Location: San Francisco	Magnitude: 3.0
Depth: 8.0km	Changes to the Earth's surface: The earthquake caused a crack in the earth's surface from San Juan Bautista in central California north to Cape Mendocino, a distance of nearly 300 miles. Geologists observed that the land on the west side of the rift jumped to the north/northwest as much as 20 feet in some places.
Source of information: The San Andreas Fault - USGS.gov Resource Newsletter: 1906 Earthquake Centennial More on earthquake.usgs.gov	Photo: 

### The Clarence Valley shakes

A magnitude 5.00 earthquake has struck off the NSW North Coast. Tremors have been reported from Angourie to Brooms Head. The earthquake hit at 11am eastern standard time and the epicentre was measured at 60km off shore of Yamba.

Local boys Jordan Close, 11 and Dusty Wolf, 11 felt the tremors while out fishing at Spookys Beach. "Every thing was shaking it was so scary!" the boys reported.

At this stage there have been no reports of injuries and minimal reports of buildings damaged. However there are several reports of tree damage including several trees down blocking roads and driveways.

This area in Australia has never been hit by an earthquake before but geologist David Smith is not concerned. "Small tremors are not considered unusual on the Australian east coast and are not predicative of further quakes".

The quiet towns of Northern NSW hope David Smith is right and no more remors are to come.

Racism is when you judge someone or act differently to others that have different colour skin or from a different culture.

How would you feel?

**STAND UP TO RACISM**

Racism can make people feel like they are different then others, mad, angry and not confident

Ban Racism!

Racism is horrible

Stop Racism!

Racism is ugly!



**STOP RACISM**

**Racism and discrimination is not a joke,** thousands of people all-over the world are being discriminated because of their background, skin colour and culture. We can try to prevent this from happening by

1. Not judging a book by its cover
2. Being fair to everyone no matter what colour
3. Explore new culture

**There is no room for racism in our world, Be colour blind about humans!**

Raise the world, raise the voice against racism

# END RACISM

In New York City, 88% of police stops in 2018 involved Black and Latinx people, while 10% involved white people. (Of those stops, 70% were completely innocent.)

During the past year, 1 in 5 people living in Australia was a target of racial discrimination (around 4.6 million people). This is an increase from 1 in 8 the previous year

**I eat racism for breakfast!** Stop labelling, start loving



# RACISM

**NOT HERE**

**NOT ANYWHERE**

There is no such thing as race. There is just a human race. Scientifically anthropologically?

# NO RACISM

Racism affects others by making them feel unwanted!

**COLOUR Divide** Skin is only a colour

**Should Never Us.** We should ALL have equal opportunity.

## Ballina Hub Happenings

Many new students have joined the Ballina Hub this year. It has been lovely to see many friendships develop. The kindness and respect shown towards each other has been great to see.



Birthdays are to be celebrated! Here is Arwen's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake!



Engagement with learning is a feature of everyday life in the Hub. This involves merit awards and yoga!



Ballina Hub students enthusiastically participated in NAIDOC day. This included Arwen as Master of Ceremonies at the NAIDOC assembly and Jasper (pictured here) screen printing a t-shirt.



World Environment Day was a big success this year. Ballina Hub students got involved in the activities on offer, including making and serving up an environmentally sustainable meal.



## Q&A with year 12 student Bianca Remfrey

Best thing about attending Ballina Hub

- "Our wonderful Hub teachers Brian and Clayton and the support we get from having our teachers close by to help us one on one"

Future after school

- "Continue my current career path as fitness coach. But the future looks bright with lots of options for work, study, and travel!"

## Lismore Learning Hub

# Lismore

The Lismore hub is back in action two days per week in Lismore based at the Anglican church. We have a large open space that the church uses for Sunday school and is great for our hub lessons.

It has been fantastic to see more and more businesses opening around the streets of Lismore and the positive vibe as people rebuild after the floods and come together to support local businesses.

Two of our Lismore hub students, Kai Goodwin Yr 9 and Neala Tilbury-Warren Yr 10, have been successful in getting jobs at McDonald's in Goonellabah and will have the option to join the Lismore McD's team when it reopens.

Year 11 student Brianna Swan is embracing the two days that the hub is open with the goal of completing Yr 11. Next year she hopes to either enrol in a childcare course at TAFE or will complete her Yr 12 studies with Southern Cross.

Students at the Lismore hub have been making good use of the \$500 education hardship fund, available to all full-time distance education students.

Kai has used the money to inspire her creative side and selected an amazing tree house Lego set. Kai did not waste any time in the construction phase and spent 12 hours straight putting the tree together. She is now using the tree house to stimulate the creation of various art pieces for her Visual Arts class.



Shantelle Lavender in Yr. 10 has purchased an apple pen to use with her iPad. Shantelle is keen to use the pen to get creative and add more functionality to her iPad.

Lismore hub group is excited to be attending the Lismore show on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. This year the show will be a free event to promote community spirit and acknowledge that many people in the area have been through a very challenging time

## Casino Project (Choyces)

Year 9 student Franky Smith has just started the Casino Project and lists cooking as one of her favourite hobbies. So, we put her to the test and asked her to cook breakfast for her fellow classmates and teacher. She ended up cooking a crowd favourite - bacon, and scrambled eggs. We are all eagerly awaiting what delicious dishes she will create next.

Will Hawley.



## Hit the Road Jack

Congratulations to Jack Law for obtaining a full-time position at Casino meat works. Despite numerous challenges, Jack successfully obtained his ROSA at the Casino Hub last year. This year saw him continue his studies at Casino TAFE until last week when he commenced work. Jack has applied himself diligently and is now reaping the rewards. Well done, Jack, Casino Hub is very proud of you.



## Casino Learning Hub



Science Experiment



PE class

## The Northern Learning Hub

There has been plenty of exciting opportunities available for the students attached to our Northern Learning Hubs this year.

Here is an update on some of those activities.

### Tweed Learning Hub

Continues to be well attended by an enthusiastic group of students who have developed a good balance between completing regular learning activities and socialising in this positive group environment under the compassionate leadership and direction of Hub teacher, Liz Harbison. It is amazing to see that our Hub students (from a wide range of local high schools) have developed and continue to maintain strong peer relationships beyond the day they depart SCSODE with their educational and social capabilities.

Student confidence continues to increase as students engage in “Live Lessons” which are well facilitated by our Hub teacher, Liz Harbison across the range of technologies.

The students continue to work well with visiting faculty teachers on a regular basis and we thank these teachers for travelling up the freeway to Tweed Heads to engage first-hand with our Hub students. The students and their families are so appreciative of this personal level of support and it a major reason that Tweed’s Hub is so successful.

Congratulations to our senior Hub students who have all completed the HSC Minimum Standards testing this term.

Several students were also successful in completing their First Aid Certificate and others are looking forward to the White Card Training in Term 4.

Students attending TAFE have shared their experiences, while others have accepted the challenge of transitioning to their home school.

World Environment Day was celebrated a few months ago with students refining the Hub’s existing recycling system by introducing soft plastics and green waste processes.



A book library was established, and students brought their lunch in in reusable wax wraps. Other practices included wearing an item of recycled clothing and avoiding single cup use.

Tweed Learning Hub students are to be commended for the care they show towards others and for welcoming new students into their learning space throughout the year.

Liz Harbison – Tweed Hub teacher

## Pottsville Learning Hub

2022 arrived with another COVID-19 episode closely followed by the devastation of the floods. Despite these setbacks, our dedicated and hardworking Pottsville Hub students continued to demonstrate positivity and kindness to each other and our staff within our unique learning setting.

The focus this year has been on creativity and our students have excelled.



Jacob engaged with tie-dyeing creating a fabulous t-shirt and bag. He followed this up with an amazing visual art mask that was inspired by the research on Woyo in Africa.



Keely continues to produce fantastic objects of Art and developed some impressive photographic collections.

She is now preparing to undertake a barista course to complete her Year 12 studies.

Recently we have farewelled two students with one student transitioning to Murwillumbah High School and another transitioning to TAFE, and both were wished every success by their fellow students. It was sad to see them go but we are really pleased to see them working toward reaching their goals.



With the support of the Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre, we have been blessed to have had visits from our favourite four-legged friend, Scooby.

Scooby visit our Hub as a pets-as-therapy dog. He has provided hours of fun and entertainment.

Ella H even brought Scooby to our East Ballina campus to meet her teachers and engage in the many hands-on activities on offer for Environmental Day, even making Scooby a dog toy from recycled t-shirts and an insect home.



Ella M has had a fantastic year at TAFE and has definitely found her future vocation as a nurse and it's full steam ahead to achieve her accreditations to make that dream possible.

Mali continues to gather academic accolades and has earned great respect for her impressive growth as an independent learner.

As always, our Hub has been positively supported by teachers during online lessons and visits. We are really pleased with the progress of all the Hub students and their willingness to engage in TEAMS lessons.

Thanks again to the dedicated faculty staff for your assistance this year for coming up to "Potty" to meet our amazing students in our wonderful Hub setting.

The Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre continues to support our students extremely well. The centre offers volunteer positions in a variety of fields, providing students with the opportunity to develop vocational skills and improved community awareness and engagement. Joshua has really embraced his placement in the Tech Hub at PBNC.

We have recently been visited by several former students who are all doing extremely well and wanting to share their success stories since finishing the DE studies.

They provide inspiration to our current 2022 student cohort.

Vicki Alford

Pottsville Hub teacher

## Student Success Story: Raya Woodridge

Raya has made amazing progress through her Year 11 studies this year. She is coming top of her Certificate III Allied Health school-based traineeship and has been offered a job with Rekindling the Spirit Health Services. Raya was totally disengaged from her education 1 year ago and is now career focused and has a strong positive attitude to her studies

As a result, she has been selected to attend a leadership course in Sydney. She also recently sat her Learner Drivers test and successfully completed the test in record time. Her positive attitude and commitment to her studies makes her an excellent role model for all our students.



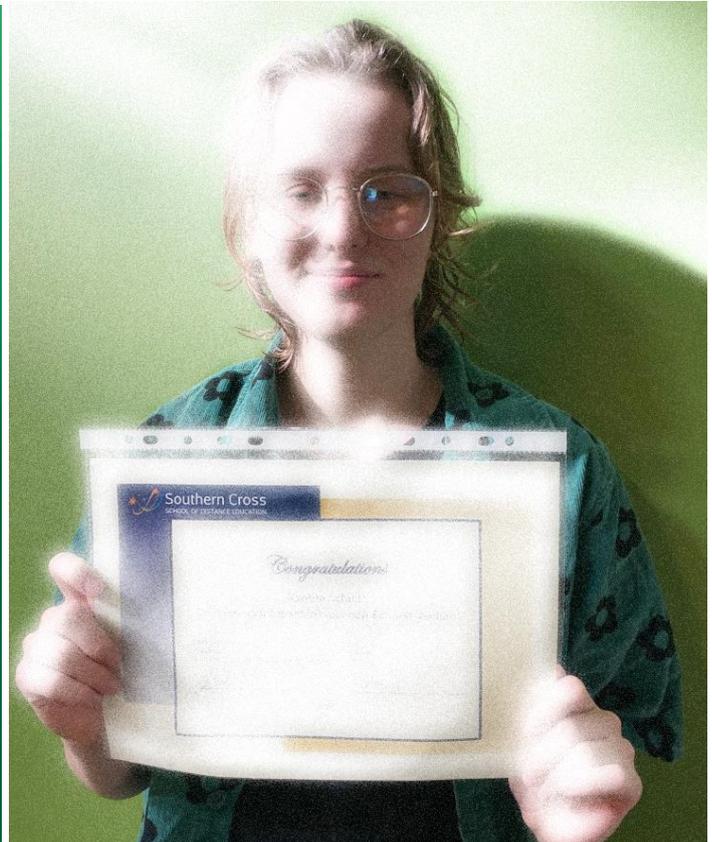
## Byron Learning Hub

2022 has seen a huge resurgence in the number of students attending Byron Hub which is in the Byron Bay Youth Activities Centre (aka the YAC). We would like to take this opportunity to thank YAC coordinator Stephanie Sims and her team for hosting us all year.

Hub teacher Samantha Moss has been working well with her students across all subjects and with some of her creative students in her specialist subject of Visual Arts, Photography and Design.

More students have access to Music rooms and creative arts spaces to work in, and be supported in by our visiting faculty teachers as well as our talented Hub teachers – Kim and Sam.

Below is Bronés artwork showcasing her artistic talents.



Above, Xanthe and Nia Twining, and Xanthe and her Business venture award

## Byron Hub continued



Olivia working on an original artwork

Malakai and Broné working with Mr Wallace on their practical Science lesson.



## University visit by Northern Hub students

Students from the Northern Hubs recently had the opportunity to visit Griffith University at Southport and Southern Cross University at Coolangatta.

They had a tour of both campuses and accommodation facilities.

University staff from both universities gave invaluable information on courses, application processes, early entry and alternate pathways to uni. Students enjoyed practical activities in Nursing, Biometrics, Chemistry and Exercise Science and great day was had by all.

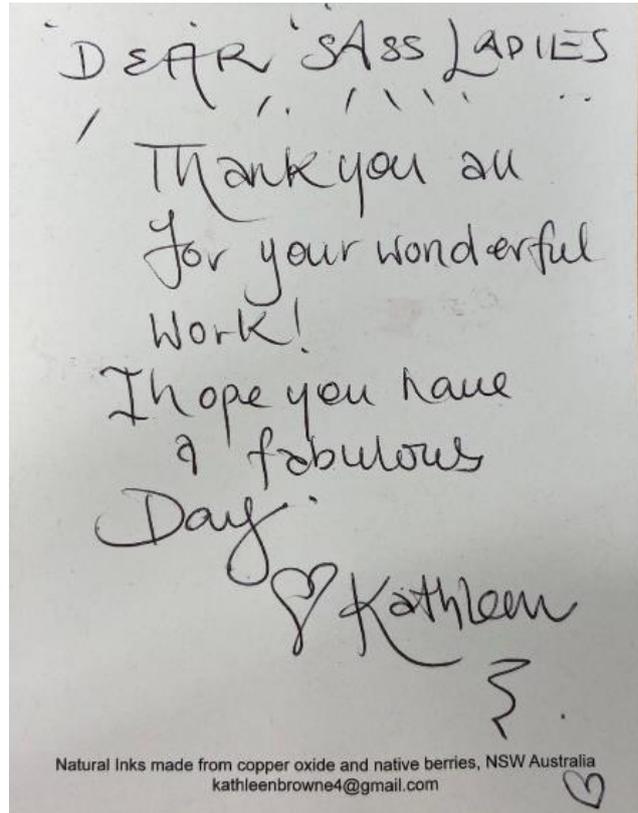
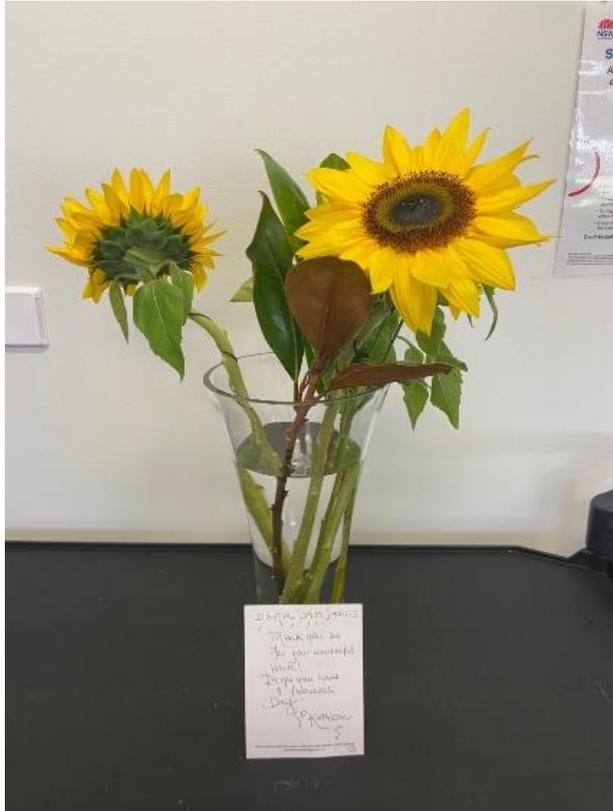


## SASS Recognition Week

The SASS staff would like to thank David Thick for mobilising the staff, Julie Ferns for the brew, all the staff that provided such a lovely spread, Kathleen for the lovely flowers and Louise for manning the phone. We would also like to say thanks to our big boss Danny and our captain Helen for their kind works and acknowledgement.

We appreciate all these gestures to acknowledge and celebrate the words that we do.

Thank you!



Unfortunately, we missed the opportunity to capture any photos of the fantastic spread of food, it was there one minute and gone the next.



# safe on social

## SCHOOLS TOOLKIT

### It is almost school holidays, so it's time to change passwords

School holidays are almost upon us so it's time for a little housekeeping.

In the online world, do you know what that means for your kids and their devices? It's time to change their passwords!

#### Why

We often create passwords that are easy for us to remember - birth dates, kid's names, pet's names - and then we tend to make it the same for everything that we log into.

The risk with doing this is that not only are they often easy to guess (and for someone else to access) but it is very common for websites to be breached and personal information, including passwords, to be stolen. Making your passwords too easy and not changing them enough leaves you wide open to the possibility of being hacked. So, you need to change your passwords often and make it something that you can remember, but not something that others would easily know.

#### How can you make passwords stronger?

To ensure your password is strong, include a mix of capital letters, lower-case letters, numbers, and symbols to ensure the password is harder to crack. Or better still use a passphrase – a sentence that you can remember that includes numbers and letters.

#### How often?

Experts recommend changing your password every 60 to 90 days, making school holidays the perfect reminder to update your passwords.

Remind your kids to keep passwords private! We all know kids like to share. It is common practice for them to share Netflix accounts, Spotify passwords, and even debit card pin numbers. Make sure they know how important it is that their passwords remain private. It stops their accounts from being hacked and information being posted without their consent, or stolen.

As your School, we are always here to support you and we encourage you to come to us with questions or concerns you may have on this topic.



# SCSoDE Student Facebook Competitions

<https://sthcrossc-d.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

OR

<https://www.facebook.com/sthcrossc4029D/>

**A SERIES OF PRIZES  
EACH VALUED AT  
\$100  
WILL BE ON OFFER  
FOR  
TERMS 3 & 4**

All you have to do is:

- create a Facebook Account
- follow SCSoDE Facebook Page
- post a comment when the competition starts
- a panel of judges will select the best comment and award the prize
- only students currently enrolled at SCSoDE are eligible to enter





# Calendar 2022

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## Key dates

- Term start and end dates\***
  - Term 1 (Eastern) – 28 Jan to 8 Apr 2022
  - Term 1 (Western) – 4 Feb to 8 Apr 2022
  - Term 2 – 26 Apr to 1 July 2022
  - Term 3 – 18 July to 23 Sept 2022
  - Term 4 – 10 Oct to 20 Dec 2022
- Public holidays**
- School vacation dates 2022**
  - Summer (Eastern) – 20 Dec 2021 to 27 Jan 2022
  - Summer (Western) – 20 Dec 2021 to 3 Feb 2022
  - Autumn – 11 Apr to 22 Apr 2022
  - Winter – 4 July to 15 July 2022
  - Spring – 26 Sept to 7 Oct 2022
  - Summer (Eastern) – 21 Dec 2022 to 26 Jan 2023
  - Summer (Western) – 21 Dec 2022 to 2 Feb 2023
- Education Week**  
1-5 August 2022
- Exam dates**
  - Selective high school placement test – 10 Mar 2022
  - NAPLAN online test window – 10 to 20 May 2022
  - Opportunity class placement test – 28 July 2022



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