



Newsletter

Term Issue Week Date

DIARY DATES:

May 24th

Education week

May 28th

Step into Prep

May 31st

School council

June 14th

Queen's Birthday

**PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

June 25th

Last day of
Term 2

REMINDERS:

Prep - 4

Swimming

June 15th

June 16th

June 17th

June 18th

June 21st

June 22nd

June 23rd

June 24th

June 25th

From The Principal

HELPING TO DEVELOP OR IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

Talking to your child

As your child moves through primary school, they will speak with greater fluency and with a greater knowledge of the world.

Some tips to foster more fluent speaking include:

- Involve your child when discussing everyday activities, such as shopping, gardening, cooking, doing house work, and travelling in the car or bus.
- Try to ask your child specific questions about their day. A general question like "how was your day?" will likely get a single-word response of "good." Ask specific questions like "what is the book you are reading in class about?" or "what did you do at lunchtime today?"
- Involve your child in your discussions about the day's events or current events. Ask their opinion. This helps them understand different perspectives and increases their vocabulary.
- Show a genuine interest in your child's reading, writing and viewing of all types of texts. Talking about texts can create meaningful discussions and help your child see them as important.
- Show interest in topics your child is studying at school. These can be a great springboard into discussions.
- Encourage your child to discuss their everyday problems and feelings.
- Use questions and discussion to explore other people's feelings. This will help your child to develop empathy for others.
- Use questions and discussion to broaden your child's experience and knowledge of the world, particularly during new experiences or on outings.

Discussing news and current events

As your child gets older, they become more aware of news and current events. Discussing news and current events can enrich your child's understanding of the world.

Questions are an effective way to encourage your child to think critically about an event and can help foster empathy. Questions also help your child to develop oral fluency when discussing social issues. Questions you might ask when discussing a news story or current event include:

- *What do you think caused the event?* *How could the problem be fixed?*
- *How do you think people will be affected?* *What do you think will happen next?*
- *Why do you think people think that/do that?* *What do you think will happen next?*

Tony Malgioglio



National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event that aims to engage children of all ages to enjoy books by creating a sense of excitement around reading. Reading ignites a spark of adventure that a child can carry within their heart well into their adult life.

On Wednesday at 11 o'clock, the whole school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime event. Students all over Australia listened to a story called "Give Me Some Space" by Philip Bunting, read by an astronaut from the international space station!

Some classes wrote stories, and many students wore astronaut masks whilst listening to the story. They had a lot of fun!

Here are some responses from our Preps in 0A.I

If I was an astronaut I would...go on the moon. By Aaron

If I was an astronaut I would...go on a rocket. By Zayn

If I was an astronaut I would...go to space and jump onto Earth. By Onara

If I was an astronaut I would float on the moon. By Nathan

If I was an astronaut I would...look at the moon and stars and all of the astronauts. By Thea

If I was an astronaut I would...go to all the planets. By Hunter

If I was an astronaut I would...see the stars. By Nina

If I was an astronaut I would...go in a rocket and blast off to the sun. By Baris



PFC Mother's Day News

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out with the Mother's Day stall.

We had lots of very happy students shopping.

Thank you to Emel Berbic, Kate Kelso, Kathryn Berry, Kayleen Lockwood, Magda Majzec, Maranda Laird, Marilyn Tzaros, Nurcan Karaca, Sarah Arnold, Sheree Poniewaz and Tiffany Warren.

Thank you to Kim Johnson for providing the helpers with morning tea also.

Congratulations to the winners of the Mother's Day Raffles. We hope you enjoyed your prizes.

Thank you to the Direct Chemist Outlet at Gladstone Park who generously donated one of the prize hampers, as well as to everyone else who donated to the hampers and Mother's Day stall.

Some of the profits from our Mother's Day activities will be allocated to school improvements after the new building is completed. MYF TRANT –PFC PRESIDENT