

magazine

From Barb...

Term 4 is a time of goodbyes and hellos. New students from Kindy and other schools came to spend some time with us. It's always bittersweet as we farewell our Year 7's and come to terms with the fact that they are no longer those little fresh faced five year olds we are so accustomed to spending our days with. This, of course, is balanced by the new little ones who are starting their journey with us. We also farewell families who are off to new schools.



This time of year is also a time to stop and reflect on achievements. One measure of achievement that we are proud of is how successful Bridgewater Primary children are when they go on to High School. For a small school, we are over-represented in many of the Heathfield High School awards.



For example, in the 2016 awards for **Academic Excellence**:

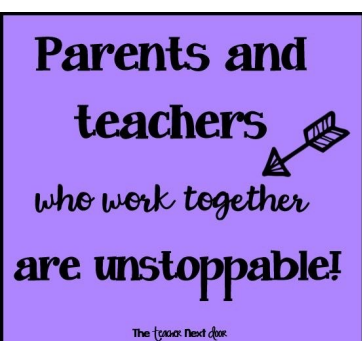
**32% of the Year 9 and
27% of the Year 12**

were **Bridgewater PS students**.



Not bad given that we contribute only a small percentage of the enrolments each year. We are also proud that we can support children to develop academic potential while maintaining our commitment to The Arts and creativity.

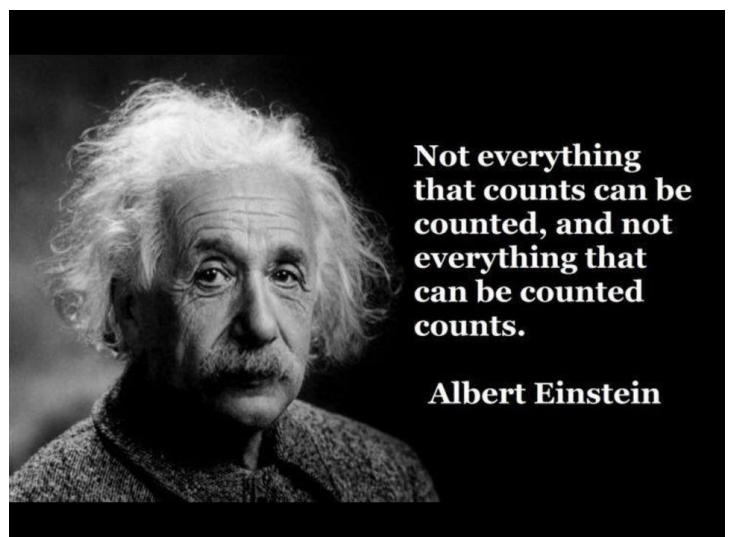
On that note, a huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our **Art Auction** this year. Our budding artists were very proud to have their artworks exhibited and auctioned - thanks Heather VK! Another example of families, staff and children working together on excellence.



The money raised will go towards our exciting new **Nature Play Sand Pit/Water Play/Mud Kitchen** that will happen in 2017.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you again next year.

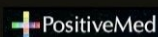




A child can teach an adult three things:

to be happy for
no reason,
to always be
busy with
something,
and to know how
to demand with
all his might that
which he desires.

Paulo Coelho



Staff 2017

Jonah 's contract has finished with BPS ... but Jonah was successful in winning a three year position as Coordinator so he is back at BPS. Congratulations!

Hello to Hilary Agar, who has also won a Coordinator position with us. Hilary will be teaching in Studio 8. Welcome, Hilary. You are going to love the Bridgekids.

Good bye and thank you to Julie who has won a placement in The Hills.

Good bye and thank you to Penny who is off to Morphet Vale. Congratulations, Penny!

Good bye and thank you to Chantal whose contract is finishing with us, but is very likely to pop up again next year!

Good bye and thank you to Steve. Steve will be 'treading the boards' in a couple of Hills schools, and we wish him well.

Good bye and thank you to Amanda... and welcome back! Amanda's contract is up, but she will be back teaching with Sharon in Studio 4 with our Year 2/3's in 2017.

Good bye and thank you to Jess... and we also welcome her back! Jess' contract is up too, but will be back in 2017 working in Studio 7 with the Rec/Year 1's.

Yve will also rejoin us as our Indonesian teacher in 2017.

*When a child is learning how
to walk and
falls down 50 times,
they never think to
themselves
"Maybe this isn't for me."*



I know nothing of hatred,
intolerance, racism, sexism,
bigotry, indoctrination,
homophobia, and prejudice.

I don't yet understand things
like compassion, integrity,
human decency, tolerance,
and truth.

For the first, most important
formative years of my life,
all I will know
IS WHAT YOU TEACH ME.

Choose well.





Studio 7's Grassroots Conservation

Angus came to school crying every morning for a whole week last September! We were all concerned and asked why?

Angus had seen a newspaper article about tortoises and as a great fan of reptiles, he asked his Mum Ajah to read the article to him... The Western Swamp Tortoises were CRITICALLY endangered! Sadly, only a total of 30 tortoises remain living in their natural habitat!

Angus took action, he sent a letter to Adelaide Zoo to ask how he could help. Then, one Morning Talk Time, he addressed his peers so honestly and openly...

"It's SMALL like us and TOUGH like us! We NEED to help it or there will be NONE left!"

Studio 7 brainstormed and came up with a plan. We contacted Phil Ainsley from Monarto and Adelaide Zoo's. Phil kindly visited us in Studio 7 and shared information on the Western Swamp Tortoise:

- The tortoise is a backwards terrapin - it hibernates in summer, rather than Winter.
- There are 5 tortoises at Monarto Zoo in quarantine, and they have a breeding program in place.
- A Tortoise egg takes 6 months to hatch - so repopulating the species is a slow and lengthy project.



S7 wanted to raise funds for a new incubator for Monarto Zoo's breeding program. Our target was set: \$450. We were going to sell baked cookies! Western Swamp Tortoise Cookies!!

Friends and family came into school to help S7 bake cookies to sell, some families even baked cookies at home for us. We thank everyone for their fantastic support - baking or buying...

WE RAISED A WHOPPING \$900 FOR THE WESTERN SWAMP TORTOISE!

From Penny... "With GREAT EFFORT and GREAT LOVE you can make THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE and change a corner of the world, even at 5 years old!!!"



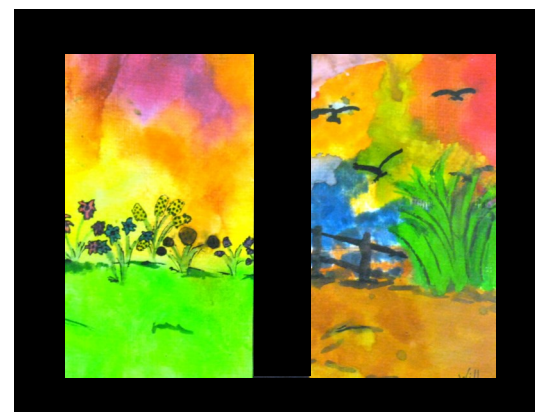


Congratulations to Harper for receiving an "Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement" through the Adelaide School of Languages for Spanish. Harper received her award at Bonython Hall Adelaide University in November.

She has been attending Spanish lessons on Wednesday afternoons at Nairne Primary School since Year 1.



Studio 34 attended a volleyball clinic at Heathfield High School





Swimming Week at Burnside Pool - Week 3







END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS



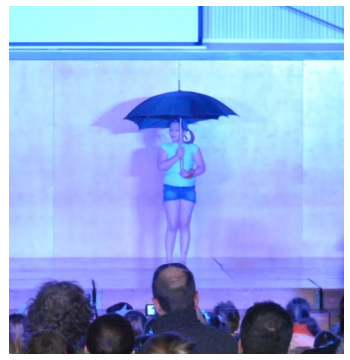
Bingo Flamingo, the Yr7 band, entertained the crowd during the BBQ Picnic.

Invited guest Ivan 'Tiwu' Copley, local Peramangk Elder, gave us a traditional Welcome to Country. He acknowledged the theme of celebrating Indigenous Culture in a real and meaningful way.

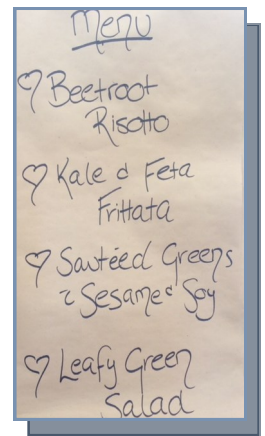




2016



Thanks Sam... Amazing guidance, amazing dishes, amazing taste experiences!



Some local film makers
have made a gorgeous
video of our kitchen
garden kids in action.

You can watch it here:

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nourishfoodwellness](http://www.facebook.com/nourishfoodwellness)

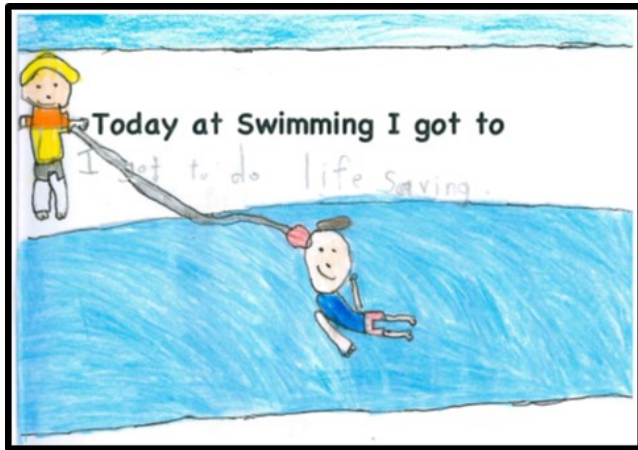




Thanks Kerrie!
We love preparing
the goods from our
amazing garden.



Hudson



Seb



Studio 6 absolutely loved drawing about their swimming experiences!

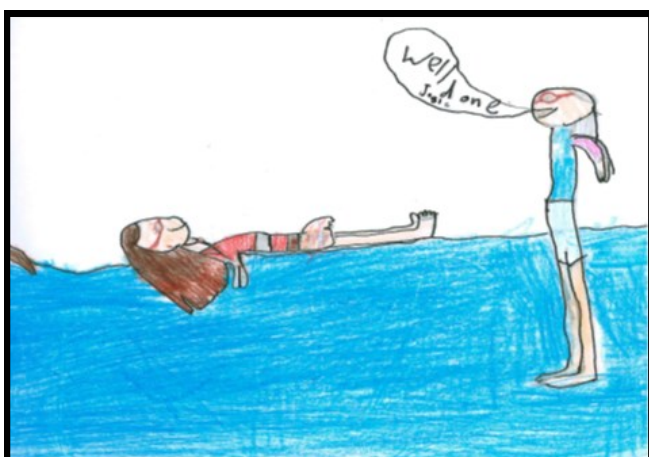
Corwyn



Bobby



Josie



Asher



Willa



Daniel



In Term 1, Studio 6 kids' drawings were mostly stick people - now we make whole stories with our drawings!

Stephen

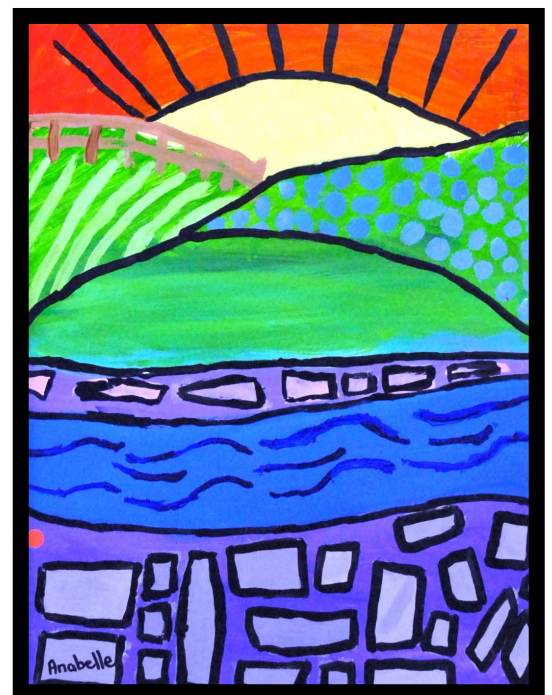
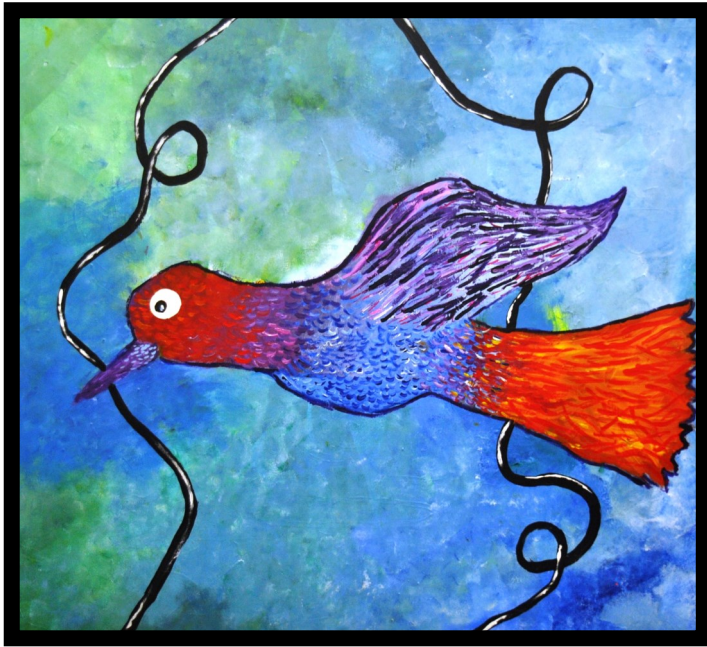


Riley



Lily



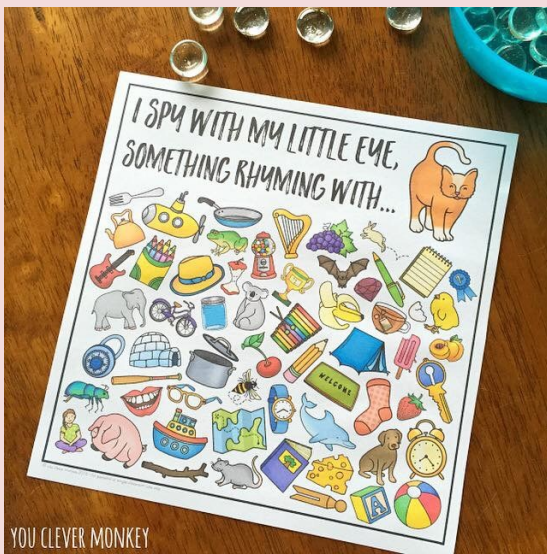


Enjoy
the
holidays!



Literacy

Holiday fun for big and little kids.



Make some of your own from magazines or newspapers.

Great for car trips, camping, lazy afternoons.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas break with your family and friends. We leave you with some wise words

"Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You name them – Work, Family, Health, Friends and Spirit and you're keeping all of these in the air.

You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls – Family, Health, Friends and Spirit – are made of glass. If you drop one of these; they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for it.

Work efficiently during work hours and leave on time. Give the required time to your family, friends and have proper rest.

Value has a value only if its value is valued."

Bryan Dyson

DON'T BECOME PREOCCUPIED WITH
YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC ABILITY
BUT INSTEAD
TEACH THEM TO SIT WITH THOSE SITTING ALONE
TEACH THEM TO BE KIND
TEACH THEM TO OFFER THEIR HELP
TEACH THEM TO BE A FRIEND TO THE LONELY
TEACH THEM TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS
TEACH THEM TO THINK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
TEACH THEM TO SHARE
TEACH THEM TO LOOK FOR THE GOOD

THIS IS HOW THEY'LL CHANGE THE WORLD

Swords&Snoodles

