



NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY,
2020

TERM 2 WEEK 10



Sadly we farewelled our beautiful Mrs Kerry O'Shea last Friday. Kerry passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on 21st June. Below is a special print that was made by our students as a gift for Mrs O'Shea. This print took pride of place by Kerry's hospital bed. Please see page 3 for a special tribute to a very special lady.



REMINDERS

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School Photos

School photos will take place on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July, 2020 Week 1.

If possible can all envelopes and photo money please be returned by the end of this week.

Any families wishing to have sibling photos please contact the school to book in. The Buggalugs team will be here from 8am on both mornings if anyone would like these to take place before other children go to school or parents need to go to work.

Thank you to families who have already returned their envelopes.



We have a full range of all school uniforms in stock including new arrivals of long sleeved shirts. Please call in to the front office for all enquiries.

PRICES

Shirts \$20 Jumpers \$25 Jackets \$40



We would like to wish everyone a very safe, healthy and restful holiday.

This Friday 3rd July is the last day of Term 2. Staff will return on Monday 20th July, 2020 for professional learning and **all students return to school on Tuesday 21st July, 2020.**

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A CHILD HAS A SPECIAL WAY,
❖ of adding joy ❖
to every day!



A Special Tribute To A Very Special Lady



Kerry arrived through our gates in 2003 and has been part of the G S Kidd School family ever since.

Kerry worked at the school as a School Learning Support Officer.

Her common sense approach and love of humanity, especially towards our little ones always stood out, like a beacon of light, in a sometimes hard world for our students, often going well beyond the call of duty to make sure our students were well cared for.

She was passionate about students becoming the best they could. She helped them understand the importance of being independent and encouraged this every day. Being consistent, firm but fair.

She was also very animated with storytelling and her sense of humour shone through, making everyone in the room laugh with her.

Her love of reading also filtrated into the students.

She was a wonderful support for our teaching staff and so kind to everyone she met, including staff, parents, grandparents and siblings. Some of her recipes are still being used today and we will remember her with fondness when we cook.

A fond memory many share is when Alex Rodstrom was learning to read. It was decided we would get Mum and Nan to come in to listen for the first time. Kerry was brought to tears, and also Mum and Nan. This was definitely a very proud moment of Kerry's.

She was supportive to all the staff at school and across all environments. When we were shopping, at concerts and on excursions, at school events and in the community. She enjoyed the community based learning as much as the students did and on bus trips usually started the sing a longs!

Kerry helped teach staff to be more patient – “Keep plugging along and you will get results.”

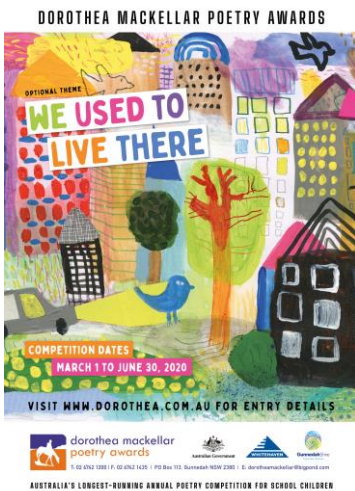
Kerry was a beautiful lady, who will be sadly missed by all.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to all of Kerry's family.





Last week we celebrated Jackie's 13th birthday!
Happy birthday Jackie!



Four of our students have composed their own poetry and it has been entered in the 2020 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. The theme for this year is "We Used To Live There" and is open to all primary and secondary schools. Well done Cameron, Jackie, Shayne and Nathan. We look forward to hearing the results.



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Congratulations!



This year with Covid restrictions the Gunnedah Eisteddfod went ahead online and the Opportunity section was in memory of our much loved Heathy King. We were very proud to have so many of our students enter and Mrs Katrina King and Mrs Rosemary Constable presented our students with their awards today. 1st place Lochlan Head, 2nd place Nicola Benson, 3rd place Alyssa Ferguson, Highly Commended Cameron Tighe, Seamus Dridan, Jackie Gordon, Ava Mizzi, Rebekah Thomson and Mackenna Hedley. Well done everyone!



2020 Executive

Congratulations to the newly elected executive of G.S. Kidd School P & C.

President - Beck Dridan

Vice President - Amy Elton

Secretary - Bec Mizzi

Treasurer - Bec Gander

Thank you to all who attended the recent P & C AGM Meeting (via Zoom)

For all P & C enquiries please call Beck Dridan on
0428 377 137

*Thank you to our fantastic
P&C
for all your hard work*



We would like to thank our amazing P & C for all their hard work and ongoing support of our school, students and staff. The P & C recently covered the costs of a new soft fall area under our existing swings. The old soft fall area had worn and needed to be replaced, and we sincerely thank the P & C for their generosity. Your commitment to our school is very much appreciated.



*The long
wait to use
the swings
is over.
The new
soft fall
was recently
completed
and looks
fantastic!*



*The students
are loving
the new swings!
The staff can often
be found
having a great time
on them too!
Even Margaret
has found
her way to the swings!*



Playground Fun



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Staff have recently been completing their CPR and Anaphylaxis training and assessments. Due to the current Covid-19 conditions this was all conducted remotely online. Congratulations to all staff and thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school. You gave up your own time and this is very much appreciated!



Dear families,

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

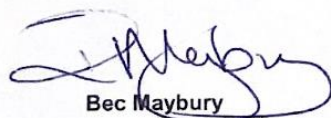
The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards



Bec Maybury

Principal



As Term Two draws to a close we reflect on a very different term from those of the past. I thank the students of G. S. Kidd Memorial School and their families who have adapted to the changes brought about by the COVID-19 virus.

Thank you also to the staff who, as I've previously said, not only adapted to the changes but also ensured the students' educational outcomes and wellbeing was always a focus.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs. Kerry O'Shea last Friday and our thoughts are with her family and everyone who has been impacted by Kerry's wonderful caring nature. A further tribute can be found in this newsletter.

The student Semester One portfolios are being distributed this week. As mentioned at the last two P&C Meetings the portfolios, in some cases, will not have as much detail due to COVID-19 as we have not been able to undertake a number of our programs. They still contain a great deal of information and the wonderful photos that families have told us how much they like.

Students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 21st July. Staff will be participating in professional learning on Monday 20th July and the front office will not be staffed until 1:30pm.

See you in Term 3.

Bec Maybury

Happy Holidays



Our whole school Assembly now takes place every Monday afternoon. During this time we present our weekly PBL Awards. For all regular updates, highlights and photos please visit our Website gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au or follow us on Facebook.

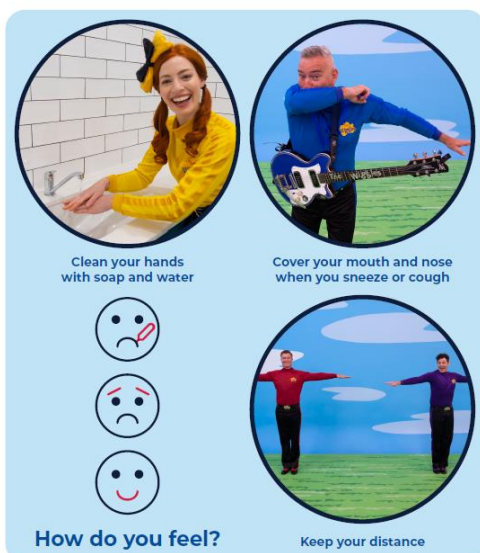
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Thought for the day

I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot
do everything,
**I will not refuse to do
the something I can do.**

Edward Everett Hale, American Author

Positive Behaviour For Learning

