



NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 2021



TERM 4 WEEK 2



Sadly we farewelled our beautiful Mrs Kath Lord on the last week of Term 3. Kath passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on 7th September, after a sudden illness. Please see page 3 for a special tribute to a very special lady. Left you will see the beautiful print that was made as a gift from our students and has now been given to Kath's family.

During Term 4 we will present one class in each newsletter where that class will have a special feature to showcase some of their work of 2021. This week please enjoy work from the Fish Class.

This week we present an article featuring Jackie Gordon from the Fish Class.



Jackie Gordon

Jackie Gordon from the Fish Class has been working extremely hard during the lockdown period. Jackie is lucky enough to have her own learning space at home, which is an amazing caravan in her backyard that she has converted into a classroom! Mrs Frend interviewed Jackie to find out how she was going during lockdown:

Mrs Frend: So Jackie, what was the hardest part of lockdown for you?

Jackie: Being stuck at home! It was hard not being able to do anything and see my friends. It was hard getting motivated to do my work without a teacher there.

Mrs Frend: Ok, what was the best part of lockdown?

Jackie: Playing in my caravan! It's somewhere I can go to get away and have some time to myself, I can do whatever I want to do. I spent a lot of time with my pets. I have my own companion dog that Mum bought to keep me company, his name is Bangers and he is a daschound.

Mrs Frend: Do you prefer home learning or school learning?

Jackie: School! I missed my favourite teachers and my friends!

FROM THE
Principal



Disrupted Start to Term 4

While not the start to Term 4 we hoped for, thank you families, students, and staff for your efforts during this constantly changing time.

We look forward to working with families during Term 4. I can be contacted via phone 6741 5200 or email Rebecca.maybury@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions.

Bec Maybury



Believe you can and you're halfway there.
Theodore Roosevelt

DON'T DECIDE
THAT **YOU**
CAN'T
BEFORE YOU
DISCOVER
THAT YOU
CAN



TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW



A Special Tribute to a Very Special Lady

Our beautiful Kath has been a big part of G.S. Kidd school for many years. Kath first started volunteering as an SLSO in the early 1990s, then commencing casual and temporary employment in 1994, before gaining three permanent days in 2002, which then led to full time employment in 2007.

From the moment Kath entered the school she touched the lives of all she met. Her big caring heart, her many cheeky stories and sayings, her wonderful cooking, her hearty laugh and her endless generosity will be fond memories treasured by all who knew Kath. She was an amazing woman who cared so much for everyone at GS Kidd school. Her role in the school was more than just a job for her. With her nurturing and caring spirit she wanted the best for all the students. Strong in her word and strong in her love for all those around her.

Kath had the biggest heart – and one that we are all honoured to have been touched by. Kath put everybody before herself and nothing was ever too much to ask. She went above and beyond in her role at GS Kidd school. Kath had an amazing rapport with the children, and they all loved her so dearly. She wouldn't have left any child or adult, for that matter, to go without. Many a time she had a new bag, more socks, underwear, food stocked in the cupboard or refrigerator, "Just in case they need a feed". Kath was a worker, she was a 'do-er', nothing was too big, and if things had to get done, she would be the first one to take a step forward. She led by her heart, and that heart was as big as a lion and her sense of fairness was just as big and so was her sense of humour.

Family, friends and G S Kidd School were her life. She was one of a kind. She will leave a huge hole in our hearts. We will miss her cheeky smile and winks and above all, her kindness.

To John, a wonderful supportive husband, Kerry, Jo, Luke, Katey and Kath's big extended family, we say from all of her school family, we were very privileged to call Kath our friend and colleague, and now she finally has the wings she deserves.

Fly high and free, we will miss you but remember you always.

The Fish Class 2021

Mrs Frend and Mrs Smith are proud to showcase some of the wonderful work the Fish students have been doing in the Fish Class this year.

Firstly we would like to give a big shout out to all the parents and students for showing resilience, positivity and a consistent commitment to ensuring a smooth transition to home learning. It is for this reason that all students of the Fish class have continued to thrive, meet goals and return to school with a positive learning attitude. The highlights of 2021 have been firstly the fantastic bond the Fish students have developed and maintained in such uncertain times. The students have grown in maturity, and continue to care and support each other both in and out of school. All the Fish Class students have such a caring nature which makes the classroom a happy and supportive environment.

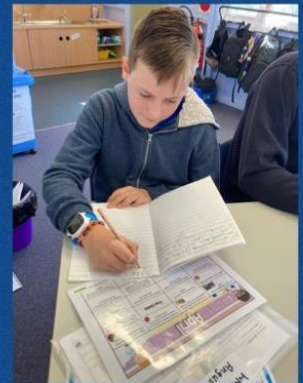
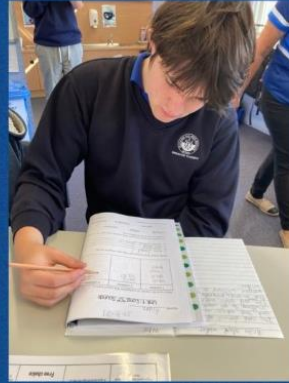
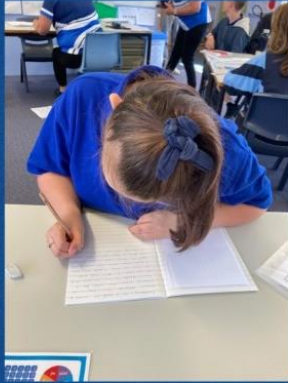


Fish Class 2021

A big focus of the class has been to develop and extend social skills. The following pictures show how the students are involved in class games, problem solving and small group challenges on a daily basis. We have seen a big improvement in sharing, cooperating and respecting each other's personal space as we continue to plan these team building experiences. We have to mention that the team work in cooking is awesome in our class! We love the way the kids collaborate together, show great kitchen skills and produce healthy tasty foods!!!



Fish Class 2021 Literacy



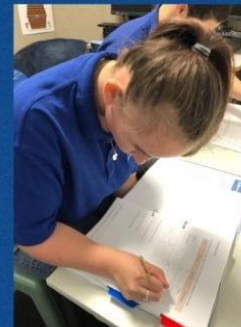
In Literacy the students have all shown improvements in reading and writing. We are so proud to be working with students who are enthusiastic and take on board new ideas to improve their work



It has been great to read the students imaginative stories, information reports and weekly news and acknowledge the progress of each student.



Fish Class 2021 Numeracy



During the year we have tried to make our Numeracy lessons more meaningful and hands on. The central target has been to improve the students' knowledge of money in real life situations. The learning opportunities have included role-play shop situations, a variety of shopping games and money activities.



The more recent step is to become more familiar with the options of click and collect and online shopping within a given budget.



We feel these experiences are meaningful and are preparing the students to be independent and confident when transitioning outside of school.



Fish Class 2021

Mrs Smith loves her sport and this has now rubbed off on the Fish Class! We love to play oz tag, bull rush and any game that gets the class moving outside as a team. We often challenge other classes to come out and play against us because we are confident to work together and show our improving skills!

Mrs Frend has been showing off her Science skills and working with the students to do some great interactive science experiments! The students have been totally engaged in these experiences of heating, melting and watching how materials react in different environments.



Three words to describe each student;

Danielle- Strong, Happy, affectionate.

Jayden- Happy, smiley, musical.

Charlotte- Cheeky, caring, social.

Angus- Funny, kind, generous.

Aidan- Calm, strong-minded, comical.

Jackie- Hard worker, musical, enthusiastic.

Nicola- Caring, helpful, motivated.

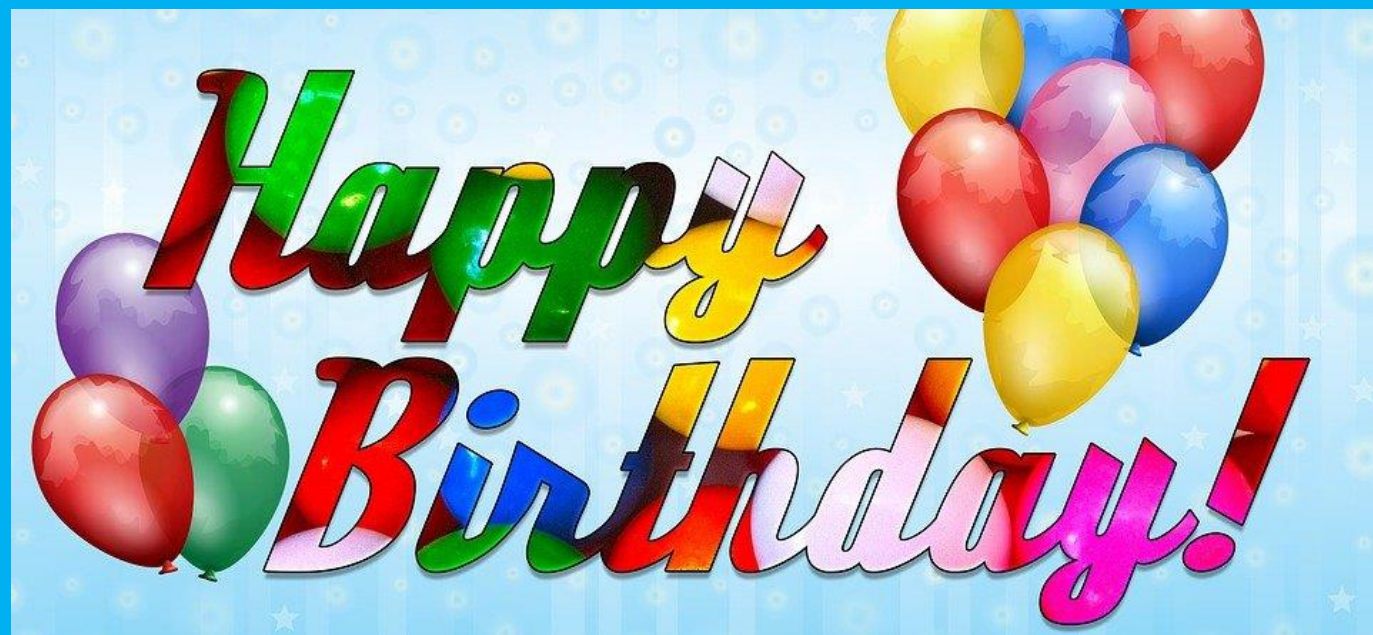


The use of chocolate in the science experiment definitely kept the students interested!! The use of visuals and practical learning has helped students understand lots of new science concepts, and a desire to keep researching scientific facts.

With all the other subjects we continue to give practical experiences that incorporate Art, drama, music and culture.

Most importantly we have fun, enjoy learning and are proud to be part of TEAM FISH!





We have two birthdays to celebrate in this newsletter. On 17th October Murri will turn 13 and on 24th October, Owen will turn 15. We wish both the boys a very happy birthday. We hope your day is extra special.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are seeking your input to help us determine whether your family or school would benefit from improved access to a Before and After School Care service either onsite or nearby to your school for specific purposes.

Since 2019, the Department has been developing solutions to support families to access before and after school care. We are currently undertaking a range of activities to respond to the needs of families and the sector, based on the data and essential feedback we receive.

The Department will consider demand from parents and carers, input from principals and communities, and other considerations and consultations before reaching a final decision.

Next steps The Schools for Specific Purposes Before and After School Care Survey is open and will close on 7 November 2021 at 8 pm.

The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. If you have more than one child attending a School for Specific Purposes, please submit a separate survey entry for each child. We recommend completing the survey on a desktop/laptop device for the best user experience.

Complete the survey via the following link:

<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/Term-4-Parent-Survey-SSPs>

For questions, feedback and support regarding this survey, contact the Before and After School Care team at BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au or 1300 244 145.



Day for Daniel

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER, 2021

Join Australia's largest child safety education
and awareness day.
It's all about keeping kids safe!

WEAR RED • EDUCATE • DONATE



REGISTER NOW

Register your support today.

www.DanielMorcombe.com.au

Live Life Well @ School

STAY SAFE ONLINE

Help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences.

Stay safe online

For online safety:

- Use an internet filter
- Activate the parental control function on devices
- Supervise internet use
- Let children know that they should tell you if they have any problems online, see something that they know is wrong, or anything that upsets them.

Cyber safety is everyone's business!

For more information:
esafety.gov.au/iparent



Healthy Lunch Box



Keeping Kids Safe

RECOGNISE

REACT

REPORT



"I feel yucky"



"Run to find help"



"Tell someone"

Day for
Daniel



Come wearing RED

FRIDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 2021

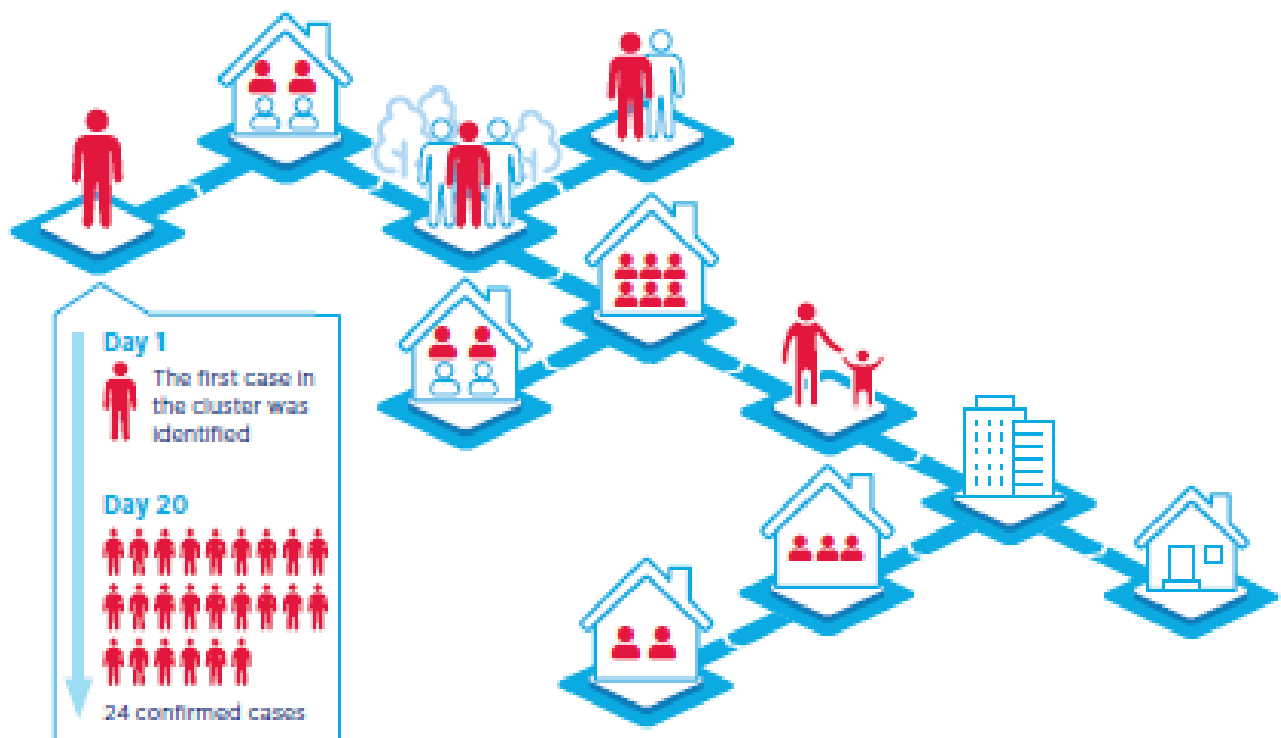
Let's start the conversation with our kids about personal safety.

Fresh and Free



WHY ONE COVID-19 CASE MATTERS

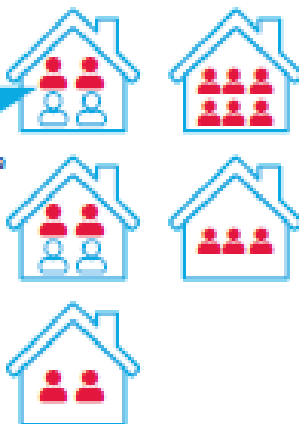
COVID-19 spreads among family and friends



Households:



Index case



More than **650** close contacts

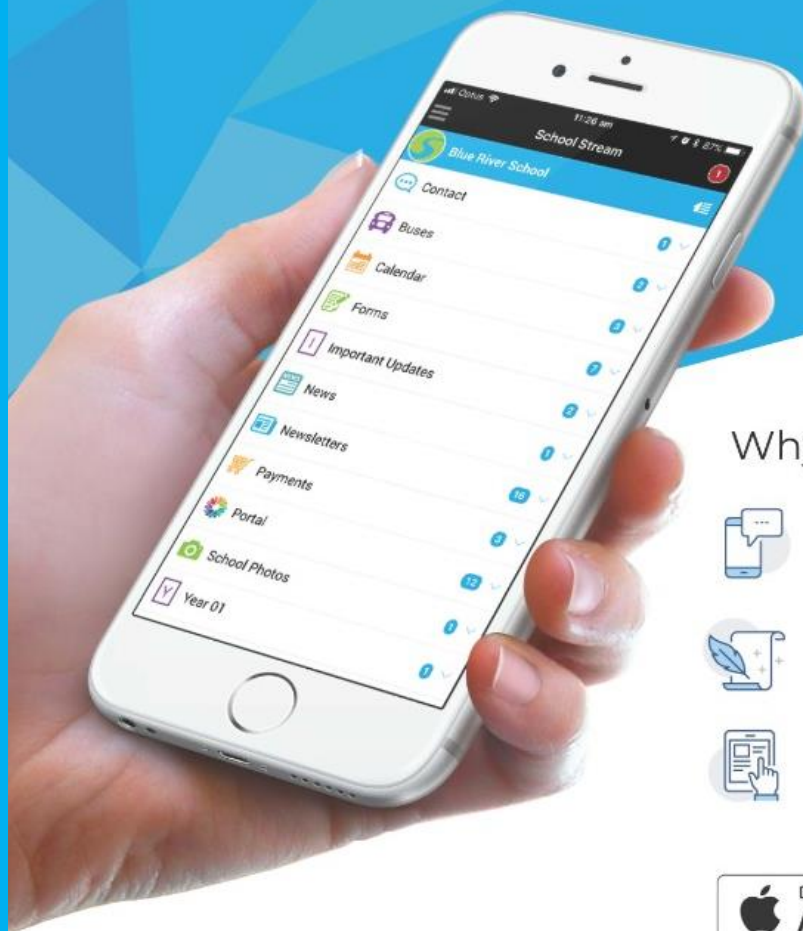


Close contact locations:

- Homes
- Childcare facility
- Cultural venues
- Hospitality venues
- Group disability home
- Public hospital
- Outpatient clinic
- Park
- Retail shop

We encourage all families to take the time to have a look at the Schoolstream App and please download. We are moving towards this being our first port of call for communication from school to you. Messages are instant and you will be kept up to date with the latest news as it happens.

Download our school app for free!



Never miss important school information again!

Important alerts, events, canteen, newsletters, class information, sports updates, school news, absentee & excursions notes and more! You can even pay for school photos, uniforms or fees if your school takes advantage of our payments feature. Finally, everything you need in one place. Managing school life has never been easier.

Why download the app?



Receive instant notifications for important news.



Easily register absentees and excursions.



Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

Here Are Just A Few Reviews From Schools Already Using Schoolstream

- School Stream allows us to communicate directly with parents in seconds and this immediate communication is essential in today's world.
- Immediate notification. Convenient for important communication
- Less paper used – better for the environment.
- Fewer missed notes – better communication for school families.

Our whole school Assembly takes place every Monday. During this time we present our weekly PBL awards and Sports awards. For all regular updates, highlights and photos please follow us on Facebook or download the School Stream app.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS:

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Fax: 6742 4120.

Email: gskiddmem-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au



KEEPING
you
safe

QR Codes for Schools

The Service NSW COVID safe check-in is required for visitors to the school, complimenting existing school visitor sign-in processes, including the external visitors to the school site form.

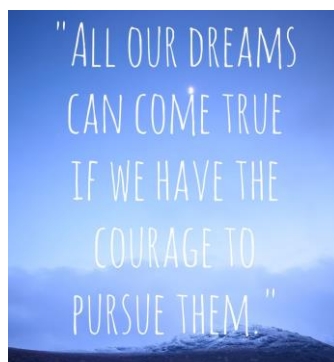
Visitors signing in at the front desk should self-serve using the COVID safe check-in tool as displayed in the poster. Schools should adapt the COVID safe check-in within their existing process for visitors to their school.

Parents and carers who are only dropping off and picking up students **do need** to check in using the Service NSW QR code.



Please use hand sanitiser

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*Thought
For
The Day*

Positive Behaviour For Learning

