



# LUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 2.

Welcome back to what I know will be a fabulous term, full of learning opportunities, extra curricular experiences and student growth.

Thank you so much to the families and students who made it to Mudgee last week to join me for the annual ANZAC Day march. Students were very respectful throughout the march and also during the ceremony in Robertson Park. All students who participated received a merit award today. It is always an absolute privilege to represent our school at the ANZAC march and know that we are supporting the next generation to understand the sacrifices made by people in the past to ensure they have a future!

Our door is always open if you have any questions regarding your child's learning at school. Please contact me at school if you have any queries.

Caron McDonald (Principal)

*Empowering students through excellence in education to **DREAM** of a bright future, **BELIEVE** in themselves and others, and **ACHIEVE** their full potential.*

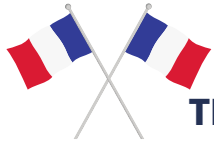
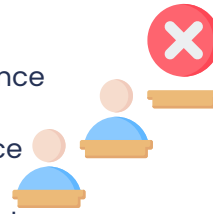
Term 2 country  
**FRANCE**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**  
**TERM 2 WEEK 1**

MON 29th	Staff Development Day
TUE 30th	BACK TO SCHOOL Students Return for term 2 School Photo Day
WED 1st	Junior class sport
THUR 2nd	Senior class sport
FRI 3rd	50c Friday French Pastries cooked by Senior Class

## Attendance

As always, our commitment to improve student attendance at school is unwavering. We will continue building our attendance jigsaw puzzles to reward full class attendance and look forward to seeing students complete them. Regular attendance ensuring your child does not miss out on any learning opportunities, builds and maintains positive friendships and has the best chance of achieving their individual learning goals.



## THE WEEK AHEAD .....

Today was our annual Photo Day and all students were very patient as the photographer took the whole school, individual and family photographs. As soon as the photos are delivered to school, we will send them home.

This week is our 'country study' week and the focus country for term 2 is FRANCE! This will coincide with the Olympic Games. Students will be immersed in a variety of learning opportunities about the country including its culture, symbols, currency, famous French people, climate and geographical location and, of course, food.



## Mother's Day event at school

Next Wednesday we are inviting any mums, nans, aunts or special female family members to join students for a craft activity and some yummy afternoon tea from 1pm until 3pm. We hope you can come along and join in the fun!



## BMEC Science Show

Next Thursday, all students will travel to Bathurst to experience a Science Show at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. A letter with further details and a permission slip is attached to this newsletter. Please return permission notes (or provide online through the SchoolBytes app) by Friday.



## FIONA

Fiona is working hard to demonstrate independence and a growth mindset in her learning and understands that making mistakes are learning opportunities.



## AVA

Ava is learning to participate in classroom routines and complete learning tasks both on her own and in a group.



## Zone Cross Country



On Friday next week, qualifying students will be invited to participate in the Zone Cross Country run in Rylstone. To determine qualifying times, students turning 8 and older will walk to the Lue Oval with Mrs McDonald and Mrs White on Thursday and complete some timed runs. Being awarded a ribbon at Cassilis does not necessarily mean qualifying for zone as it is based on running times – not positions in a race. A participation permission letter will be sent home on Thursday afternoon for qualifying students.

## P&C News



The P&C are running another Bunnings BBQ fundraiser this coming Saturday at Bunnings in Mudgee and would be very grateful for any volunteers to help serve on the day. The BBQ will run from 8am to 2pm so if you can spare even just an hour to help, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Alicia on 0438 485 304. The next P&C meeting will take place next week on Wednesday 8th May at 3pm. We hope to see you there!



Congratulations to Tyler, Alirah, Fiona and Justin who have been awarded a bronze badge for receiving 5 merit awards today.



# FROM THE JUNIOR CLASSROOM



I hope that all students had a wonderful break over the school holidays and are ready for another busy term!

In the Junior class this week, students will be continuing their spelling programs working on their phonological awareness skills of reading sounds and words. They will be completing assessments for their writing, spelling and reading this week. These assessments assist in my planning for their work for the term and help determine areas for student improvement.

In maths students will be completing short activities for number sense skills and understanding, as well as completing assessments again to assist in planning and student achievement. Each afternoon this week students will be learning all about the Geography, History, and culture of France and the Olympics that will be held there in July and August this year.



Across the next term, the Juniors will have many opportunities for new and exciting learning opportunities. They will be completing a dance unit with the lovely Mrs Johnson and getting ready for the 2024 Eisteddfod. They will also complete an exciting science unit that will use their skills of art and data collection while they examine how the changes in the sky impact the environment.

Just a quick note for parents, I have adjusted how homework will run this term. I have provided every student with a homework book where students will glue their spelling lists and mathematics activities. I strongly encourage reading with students at home and you can record your books in the homework reading diary, also provided to students. Each student will be given a small book to practice for the week, this is to encourage students to be reading to others and practice their important decoding and comprehension skills.

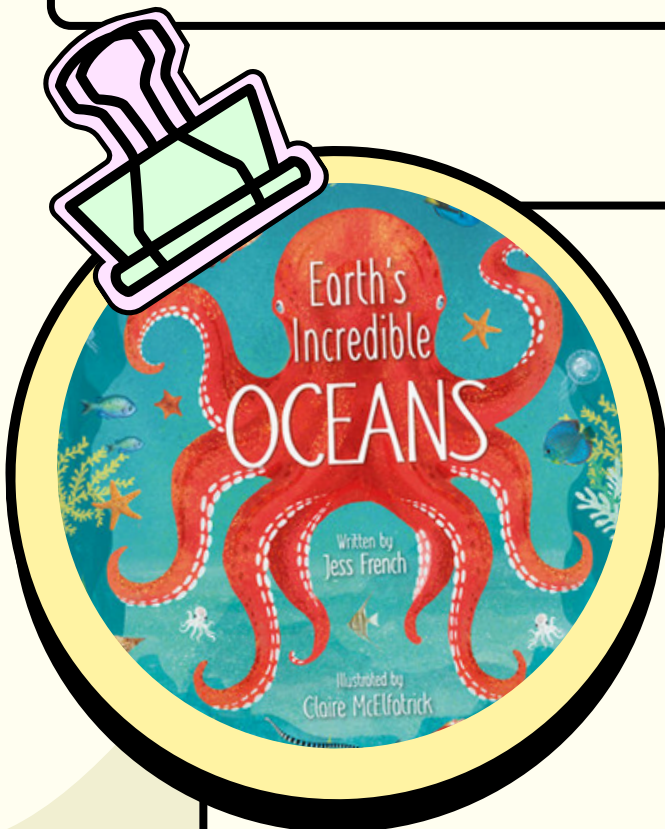
# From the Senior Classroom

It's always exciting starting a new term. It provides opportunities to see exactly where students are at in their learning and set new goals to achieve. Several assessments will be carried out this week while students are immersed in their independent research and learning about the country of France. A Google Classroom task has been set and students will be creating digital books about France using the book creator app.

In English this term, we will be studying the English concept of genre by looking at two different styles of texts that examine the same content area – one factual and one imaginative. 'Iceberg,' is a CBCA Winner about an iceberg born into spring that travels through the seasons before dying in a new spring is a stunning, lyrical story from multi-award-winning picture book creators Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft. The other text we will use to study genre is 'Earth's Incredible Oceans.' Written by animal expert Jess French and illustrated by Claire McElfatrick, this book takes children on a fascinating underwater journey, showing them just how amazing oceans are, what plants and animals live in them, and how we can help them. It includes all sorts of ocean life, plus amazing facts on how ocean animals have fun, look after their young, and interact with each other.



All of our writing, grammar and reading comprehension activities will be linked to these two texts. In addition, and just because students in the senior class LOVE listening to me read stories, we will read a book purely for pleasure. Find out which one next week!



In Mathematics for the next two weeks, our focus will be on the big idea that - Questions can be asked and answered by collecting and interpreting data. Students will participate in many learning activities where they can collect and analyse data. They will look at the many ways data can be represented and which data is reliable.

Our KLA focus for weeks 2 and 3 will be History and students will continue our focus on celebrations and commemorations by looking at celebrations from other parts of the world. They will consider the 'Key Inquiry Question' How and why do people choose to remember significant events of the past?

Homework will start again in week 2.

We're in for a busy week!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29/4  Staff Development Day	30/4 Students first day of Term 2  BACK to SCHOOL  School Photo day	1/5	2/5	3/5 50c Friday 
2	6/5	7/5	8/5  Mother's Day Mother's Day event at school	9/5 Bathurst Science Excursion  	10/5  Zone Cross Country 50c Friday 
3	13/5  Library Van at school	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5 50c Friday 
4	20/5	21/5	22/5 National Simultaneous Storytime 	23/5	24/5 50c Friday 
5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5 50c Friday 
6	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6	7/6 50c Friday 
7	10/6  Kings Birthday Public Holiday	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/6 50c Friday 
8	17/6	18/6	19/6	20/6  Chess team to Bathurst	21/6 50c Friday 
9	24/6	25/6	26/6	27/6	28/6 50c Friday 
10	1/7	2/7	3/7  MSSN Athletics Carnival	4/7	5/7 50c Friday 