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## Principal's Message:

### The Walkway

Welcome back to Term 3. I was quite disappointed when I returned from holidays to find the covered walkway had not been constructed. For a fleeting moment I thought it might have been invisible, but sadly, it just wasn't there.

Since returning, I have been flooded with apologies over our lack of completed walkway. As promised, the builders were here in the first week of the holidays set to go. Unfortunately, the fabricator of the materials decided to clear their backlog of works first, without informing the builders. So the builders were here and had nothing to build with.

Since then there has been great pressure from the Department and Public Works to have the walkway completed as quickly as safety allows. We are expecting completion by early next week.

### The Herald

I put the message out over Facebook this morning when I opened the Herald to find our entry in the Herald Newspaper Competition. Pictures and articles from our students covered pages 35 and 36. It is truly a wonderful effort by our students and was fantastic to see!

### Access Road

Like me, you might have noticed that the access road from Bell St had a peculiar sign. Something that had been on my "to-do" list was the removal of the "Slow Children" sign which has been replaced with "Authorised vehicles only" sign.



Around bell times, the only vehicles allowed to use the access road are those for the transport of students from the support classes. I am continually on the look-out for delivery drivers etc that are using the access road and kindly asking them to use it no longer.

### Survey

During the last week of the holidays I put out a small survey via our email, blog and Facebook systems. Thank you to those who have taken the time to complete the survey. If you have had a chance to do so already, it is a short one and it is an online survey. It can be found at <http://spps.polladdy.com/s/new-survey>

## Upcoming Events

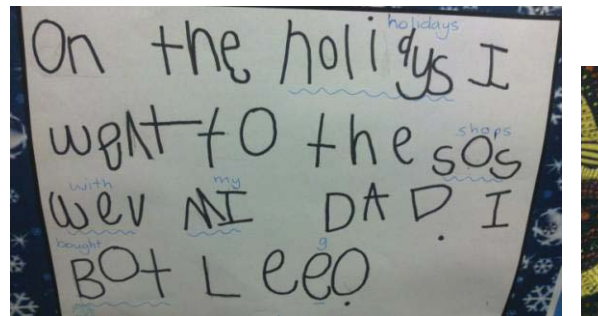
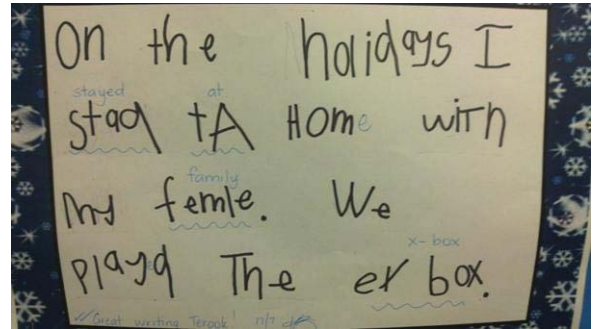
Date	Event
27 <sup>th</sup> July	• School Tree Day
30 <sup>th</sup> July	• Jump Rope for Heart
30 <sup>th</sup> July – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	• Book Week
1 <sup>st</sup> August	• Knights Presentation
1 <sup>st</sup> August	• Rail Safety

## Take a Look at what KB Have been doing....

In Term 2 we listened to some Aboriginal Stories being read to us as part of our NAIDOC week Activities. One of our favourite stories was *The Echidna and the Shade Tree*. Take a look at what we created.



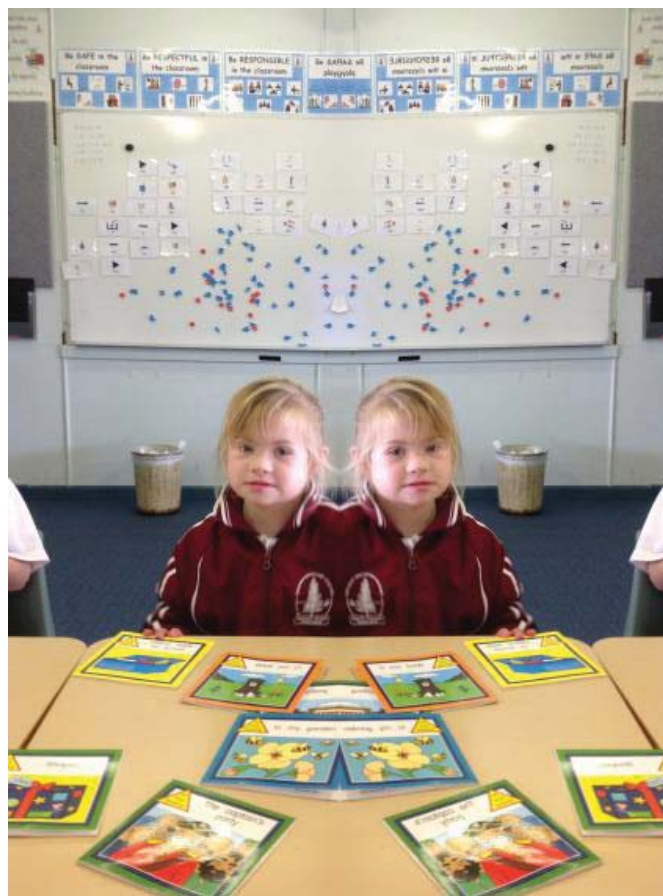




This Term KB has been busy writing our own Recounts. Take a look at some of our fantastic recounts about where we went and what we did in our School Holidays.

### K/3 MB News

Our class loves to learn. Everything we do we do with enthusiasm and fun. The latest edition to enhance our learning has been Ipads. So far we have used them in our class to encourage communication, literacy and writing skills. Tyron loves to make the “Sockpuppets” repeat what he records. Travis can write a simple sentence using “SonoFlex”. We all like taking funny photos of each other. There are many many apps that we are just beginning to investigate.





## Doorway to Asia

So far this year, our classes have studied the Japanese and Korean cultures. This term, our students will be learning about Indonesian culture.

On Monday, week two, we were lucky to have a visiting performance during the afternoon session. This performance included music, drama, dance and martial arts of Asian countries. Some students were chosen to take part in this performance and in a workshop prior to the performance. Fortunately, this performance was free to all students, covered in full by the Doorway to Asia project funds.

Week two will also see our second group of selected students taking part in a Chinese culture day, run by teachers from the Confucius Centre at Newcastle University. We are sure that the students involved in this will have a great day. Thank you to Mrs Leslie who will help with supervision and organisation on the day.

Please be sure to visit the Doorway to Asia website for information, links and fun photos of our many events!

[www.doorwaytoasia.moonfruit.com](http://www.doorwaytoasia.moonfruit.com)

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Aylee Klein from Booragul PS who has been heavily involved in creating and updating our Doorway to Asia website. Ms Klein will be taking maternity leave as of this week, and we wish her the best with her new baby!

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Kye J                1<sup>st</sup> August

Bianka B          2<sup>nd</sup> August

## Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> August	K Boulton
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	G Jaques & S Clifford
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	K Hulmes
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	M Demir & D Keeble
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	R Baxter & T Hodgson

## National Tree Day

Sunday 29 July 2012 is National Tree Day, Australia's biggest community tree-planting and nature care event. Join with thousands of others and plant a native tree to help improve the environment in which you live. To find out where your local tree-planting site is and for further information go to: <http://treeday.planetark.org/>

## Healthy kid friendly recipes

The Healthy Kids website has a range of nutritious, tasty and easy to prepare recipes for young chefs. The website is packed with information and resources and ideas on physical activity and healthy eating for children and young people.

Go to:

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/recipes.aspx?category=kidfriendlyrecipes>