

Busby Notices

Please note parents and carers that our school assembly has moved.

Our weekly assembly has moved from Tuesday to FRIDAY to ensure that prime learning time early in the week is not disrupted.

Our new assembly format will commence in WEEK 6. Our first Friday assembly will be on the 31st of AUGUST.

We look forward to seeing you there celebrating the achievements of our great students.



Principal's Message

Last week we celebrated Education Week with the theme 'today's schools – creating tomorrow's world'. Our school enjoyed performances from our choir, and we watched a video created by Miss Marcus and our students showcasing our Innovation Room, where our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning is student-centred, challenging and most of all – fun! Thank you to Mrs Teuma for her organization of our Education Week Assembly.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and community and also came out for our Education Week assembly and participated in our open-classrooms. Our hands on STEM activities challenged, perplexed and enthralled our students. Thank you Miss Marcus for her organization here.

This week our community will take a glimpse of our new merit awards. We are planning to trial a new merit system this term and next and as such are seeking feedback from students and their families.

Our school rules of Safe, Respectful and

Upcoming events

- STEM Camp
- Zone Athletics Carnival

Active Learner remains the same but our classroom teachers will be using simple criteria so students know what they must demonstrate in order to earn awards.

Our merit system is going with the theme of precious stones to align with our precious gemstone class names.

This new merit system is an 'interim' or trial merit system as we shall be responding to feedback and making adjustments accordingly looking forward to 2019 and a re-launch of our PBL system.

Our gardening programs are moving through the planning stages as well. We have been successful in gaining support from Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre to work with our stage 3 students to establish a kitchen garden program. All classes K-6 have seeds that they are watering daily ready to move into our new garden beds.

Thank you to parents and carers who came out for our community consultation morning. We received great feedback and ideas for school improvement. Thank you once again.

Mr Mark Peters

Relieving principal

Interim Merit System

Please find to the right our proposed merit system for your consideration.

Students must earn 10 'Gem Awards' in order to earn one level of our merit system.

These merit awards will link in with our class names. This week we will ask students and parents what they think as we believe all our students are as precious as the gemstones their classes are named after.

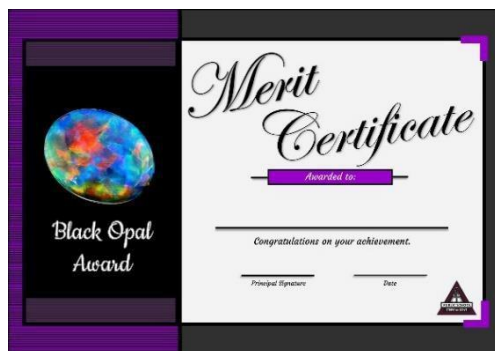
Our school will evaluate our interim merit system and will officially launch our new merit system in 2019.

Thank you Miss Marcus for your talented design of our new merit awards.

Our merit system is linked to our Positive Behaviour for Learning system and is not to be confused with assembly merit certificates (2) which our handed out.

Once students earn a level they must earn a further 10 Gem Awards to achieve the next level. The levels of our proposed merit system appear below. This means students will be earning more awards at school and they will also know the reason why they are earning awards as we are introducing simple criteria that they can set learning goals against.

PBL Merit Awards



Gem Awards

10
Gem
Awards =
QUARTZ



A further 10
Gem Awards =
WHITE PEARL



A further 10
Gem Awards =
BLACK OPAL

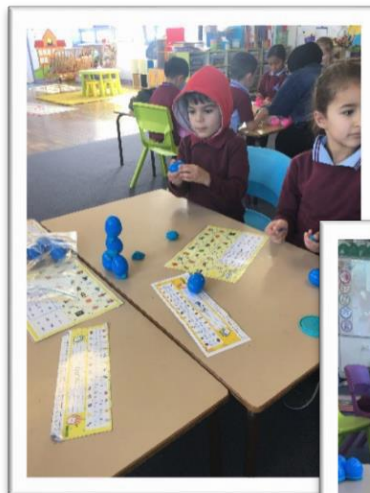
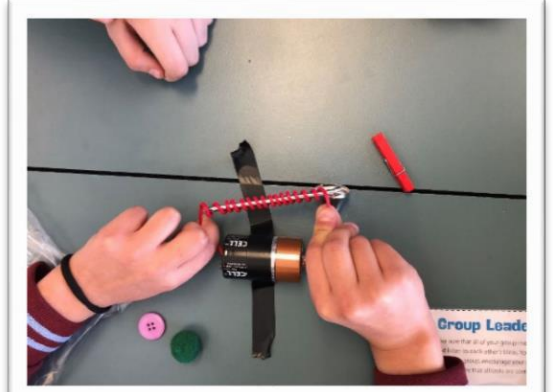


A further 10
Gem Awards =
BLUE DIAMOND



Busby Buzz

Action from Education Week



RETURN & EARN

Thank you to everyone that has been saving containers for our new 'Return and Earn' scheme. We have already collected over 3000 containers in the first week. This means that \$300 will come back to Busby to spend on equipment and initiatives for our students and we are also helping the environment by keeping plastic out of landfill. Eligible containers include cans, water bottles, soft drink bottles, poppers and small milk and juice containers. Please remember that glass can't be accepted for safety reasons and to please rinse out any milk containers as they start smelling pretty quickly. Let's try to get to 5000 containers before our first collection next week.

Containers can be placed in the orange return and earn bins outside of Mrs Hills classroom.

Thank you for your support and keep up the great work.



VALUE OF THE WEEK



Our value for this week is 'Being Kind to Others'.

This week, teachers will be looking for those students being kind on the playground to receive tokens during lunch and recess breaks.

Ways that you can be kind include:

- Sharing
- Playing fairly
- Using kind words
- Including everybody
- Remembering your manners
- Giving compliments
- Helping someone

Remember that being kind is contagious and when you are kind to people, people are kind to you. Being kind also releases a chemical in your brain that makes you happy and helps you to concentrate better. When we share acts of kindness, we can colour our world!