



Kinma Newsletter

Term 4 Tuesday 10 th October – Friday 15 th December, 2017		
Date	Time	What's On
Week 4		
30/10/17	9am, Whole Primary	Sculptures By the Sea Excursion
04/11/17	6.30pm-11.00pm, Hall	Kinma Auction Fundraising Night
Week 5 onwards		
07/11/17	9.30am, Hall	New Primary Parents Meeting re Transition
08/11/17	2.15pm, Hall	New Primary Parents Meeting re Transition
12/11/17	Preschool and Primary	Kinma Care Day
14/11/17	9.15-11.15am, Preschool	Preschool Morning Tea
21/11/17	2.15pm, Terrey Hills Swim School	Last Swimming for Groups 1 & 3
22/11/17	11.30am, Terrey Hills Swim School	Last Swimming begins for Group 2
23/11/17	3.15pm, Preschool	Parent Information Afternoon
28/11/17	All day, Preschool	Eyesight Screening
01/12/17	All day, Preschool	Eyesight Screening
05/12/17	9.00 – 10.30am Primary	Kids Christmas Market – all welcome
08/12/17	TBA, Hall	Group 3 Play
08/12/17	All Kinma	Sensory Spectacular * (see Education Co-ordinator section!)
09/12/17	4pm, Hall	Gratitude Celebration
13/12/17	2.15pm, Preschool	End of Year Celebration & Farewells
15/12/17		Last day T4
Dates for 2018		
31/01/18	9am	First day Term 1
13/04/18		Term 1 finishes
02/05/18	9am	First day Term 2
06/07/18		Term 2 finishes
01/08/18	9am	First day Term 3
28/09/18		Term 3 finishes
16/10/18	9am	First day Term 4
14/12/18		Term 4 finishes



What a wonderful surprise to see our transitioning students doing French in the library today!

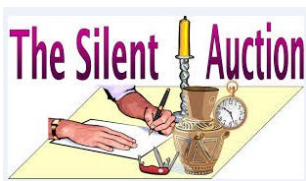
Reminder for our Preschool transitioning families to join us 3rd November for a bushwalk. Leaving Kinma - 9.30 from the basketball court. We all need to wear shoes and hats .



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Auction Team 2017

Admin

We welcomed the rain and Dennis Foley last week to smoke and bless our new classroom site.



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goon norami Doorra am um goonormi

... and we add our love and
blessing to the ochre and
land

This week the fence goes up and the machines come in and the earthworks commence.



Julie, Carin and Claire

Group 2 News

Wrap-Up from Last Term

We started this term off by revisiting our Kitchen Chemistry work from last term. You might recall that the kids wanted to create their own cleaning products from environmentally friendly chemicals. We tested how effective these chemicals were in killing household varieties of bacteria and fungi from swabs collected from a classroom skirting-board.



Wiping the cotton-bud swabs onto the agar in the petri dish - a perfect place for the colonies of bacteria and fungi to grow!

The environmentally friendly chemicals we tested were:-

Vinegar

Lemon Juice

Sodium Bicarbonate

On Guard (orange, clove, cinnamon, eucalyptus and rosemary essential oils)

Eucalyptus oil

Tea-tree oil

Lemon oil

Clove oil

(Thanks to Sam Follows for providing some of these!)

Kids were very excited about making their own formula. Most groups decided to have 3 different mixtures with each person making the primary decision about how to make that mixture. Applying the mixtures posed some problems since lots of it spread to the other half of petri dish in some way.



Planning, writing and mixing the cleaning formulas



Applying the formulas to half the petri dish

Many of the cleaning mixtures proved effective at killing both the bacteria and fungi colonies. Kids were able to see whether the fungi or bacteria were killed and they made their conclusions about the effectiveness of their mixture as a cleaning product. We had a number of great discussions about beneficial versus harmful microbes and that killing all the bacteria that live on and around us isn't necessarily healthy.

If you were wondering which ones were best at killing BOTH bacteria and fungi, they were the ones that had significant amounts of: Eucalyptus, tea tree, on guard, and/or Lavender oils. We were surprised to learn that vinegar and lemon juice, despite their high acidity, were not very effective at killing the bacteria or fungi (using this method).

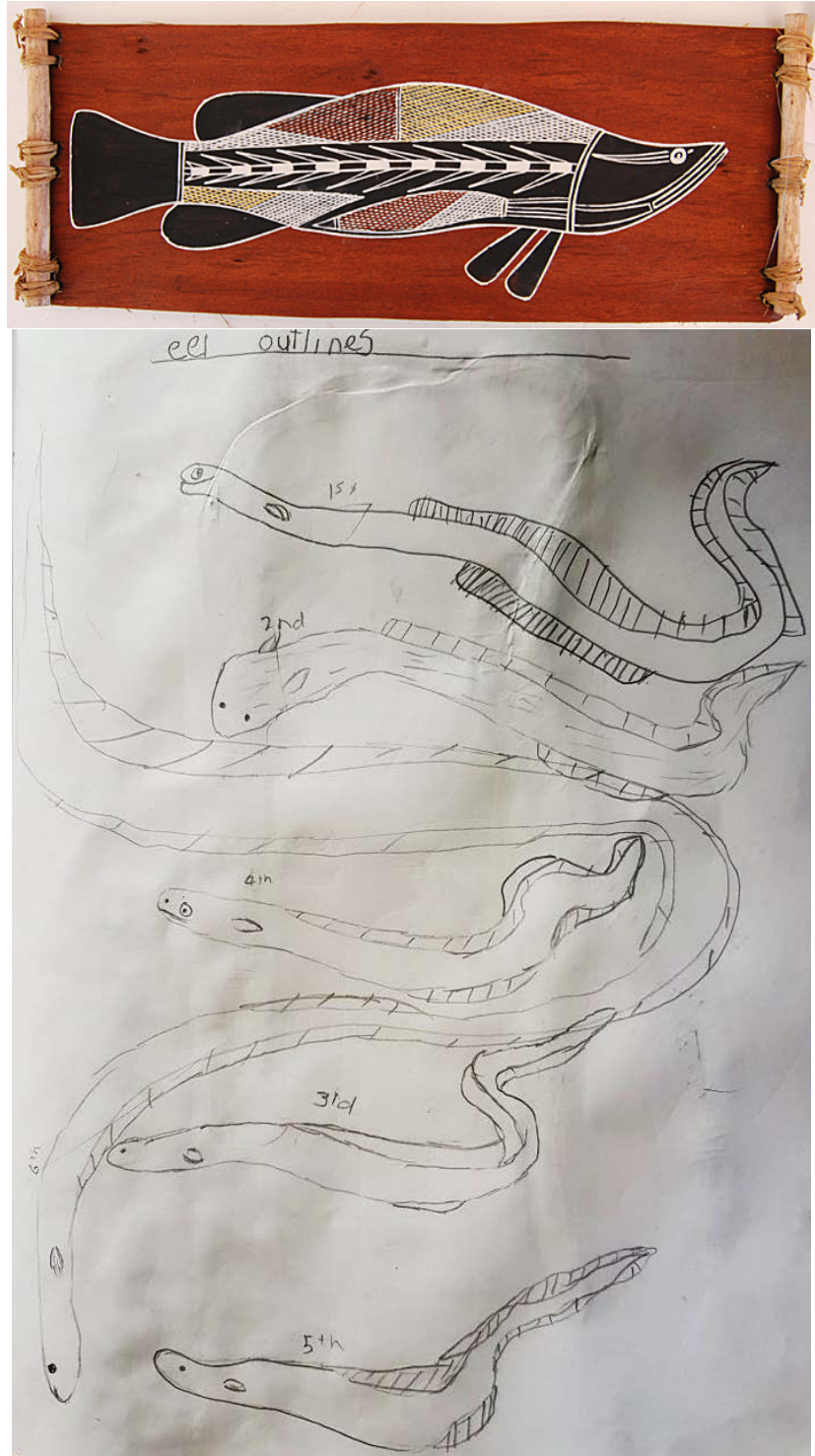
Artistic Adventures

Since wrapping-up our work with Kitchen Chemistry, we have jumped into the world of Art - the Elements of Art, such as line, colour, texture, and form; Art Appreciation; Art History and of course; artistic creation.

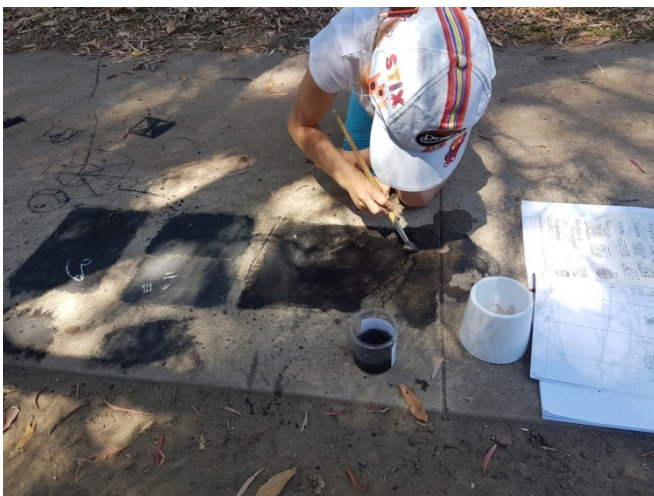
We started our artistic adventures in North-West Arnhem Land, in Australia's Northern Territory, looking at Ray and Rarrk styles that have been used in Aboriginal communities for over 40 000 years. In a different way we also revisited our theme from Term 1, connected our creek that was poisoned late in 2016. In the hope of calling the apex predator back to the creek we had a look at the forms and life cycle of long fin eels. These fish live in rivers and creeks along the Australian east coast before they head out the New Caledonia to lay their eggs before they die. The tiny eel babies then make their way back to the Australian coast and up rivers again to live there for 30-50 years before making the journey back to New Caledonia.

We studied how to draw eels with pencil on paper before we worked with a brush and watercolour.

These were much easier materials to practise with since we use them fairly regularly in class.



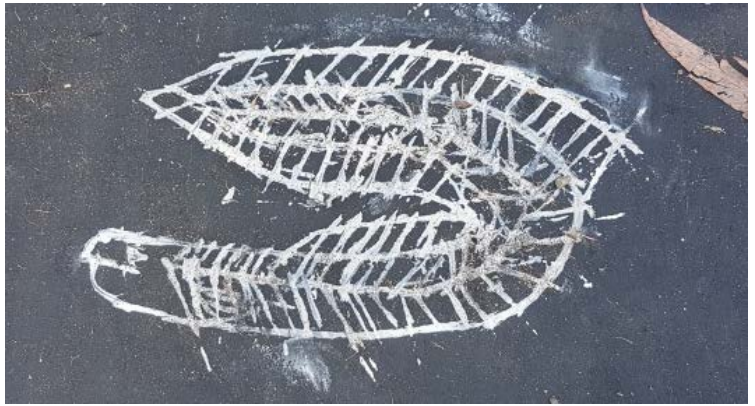
It was much harder when we started practising the outlines in ochre and charcoal (made by grinding and mixing with water) on a rough surface like the concrete outside Group 2! The fine lines of hatching and cross hatching patterns, that are part of the NW Arnhem land style, were particularly hard to do with a brush.



Ochre and charcoal on concrete

We experimented with many different tools and techniques to create the fine lines needed for the x-ray features inside the eels and the hatched design. What worked best for most students was a stiff but flexible type of native grass (*Lomandra longifolia*) that we have in the playground. We realised after many failed attempts that we had to stroke the long blade, coated in ochre, horizontally onto a wet-charcoal base.

On a beautiful Friday, Amy and Renee helped us recreate one of our practised eel-forms using ochre and charcoal on the sandstone surrounding the creek. These are some of the kids creations.



One of the most amazing lessons, for so many of the kids, was seeing the benefits of persisting, even when we feel frustrated or disappointed what we have created. Please stay tuned for more of our artistic adventures.

Love, Tristan and Deepika XXX



**Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2019
Non-government schools**

5 October 2017

Our reference APP002

Dear Principal

You have received this information as the High Performing Students Unit has received applications for selective high school placement from your school in past years.

Enclosed for your information are the following documents relating to Year 7 selective high school placement in 2019.

- *Information bulletin for principals of primary schools*
- *Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2019.*

I would appreciate it if you would direct interested parents to the Unit's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> or to their nearest selective high school for a printed copy of the information.

I would be grateful if you could pass on the following important information to interested parents:

- Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>
- No paper application forms are printed.
- Applications for entry in 2019 can be made online between **10 October 2017 and 13 November 2017**. Applications must be submitted by 10 pm on 13 November.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

As part of their application, students need to have school assessment scores out of a hundred for English and mathematics, if possible. Parents will approach you to complete a principal's page for provision of school assessment scores. If your school does not provide these scores for any students, please could you sign and stamp the form to show that this is the case. Please return the principal's page to the High Performing Students Unit by 5 December 2017. We advise parents when we have received the form from the school.

Your co-operation in the selective high school placement process is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Magda Pollak
Leader, High Performing Students Unit

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Further details are in the office



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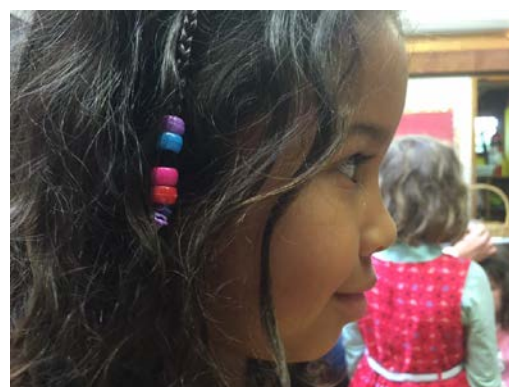
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Tinkering

Some photos of some of the amazing pods n offer – thank you to all the parent helpers who came in on Tinkering Day!





Earn and Learn - Order placed!

A big thank you to all the parents (and friends and relatives) who contributed earn and learn stickers to help Kinma gain credit to buy school supplies from Modern Teaching Aids.

As a result the school has been able to order 11 packs of modelling clay and 10 litres of paint for our kids to use.

Cheers

Pam Webster

Spring Day Retreat

Saturday 28th October

Time 1-5pm Cost \$110 Bookings required

Treat yourself to an afternoon of yoga and deep rejuvenation of the body, mind and spirit with senior teachers Liz and Valli.



An uplifting afternoon of Yoga on our Spring Day Retreat at Warriewood SLSC.

We expertly guide you through two yoga classes and practical yogic philosophy for deep rejuvenation of the body, mind and spirit.

Beginning with a deep, gentle flowing yoga class with Liz Bennett, we will gather together for an introduction to the deeper dimensions of Yoga knowledge led by Valli Simpson. The ancient principles of the Yamas and Niyamas help to elevate our intentions and change our experiences. Valli will remind us how the energy of our thoughts and actions, has the power to transform our asana practice, and create a peaceful life. This will be followed by a deeply refreshing, restorative Yoga Nidra meditation. Included as part of the experience is the sharing of a nourishing Ayurvedic afternoon tea along with useful workshop notes to take home.

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Contact Liz or Valli to confirm your spot Liz@yogaessentia.com.au or Valli@eastviewyoga.com.au

or call Liz 0405 543 263



AUSTRALIA

All Abilities Christmas Disco On Ice

When: 25th November 2017

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Where: Macquarie Ice Skating Rink

RSVP: disco@royalrehab.com.au

Volunteer support for the event:

volunteer@royalrehab.com.au

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03 DEC 2017**

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