



## Principal's letter

By now you might have heard that our dear leader Lee has been on leave the last week or so with a big bad break! She was playing touch football with her afterwork team and suffered an injury. She did her best to stop a try, but the leg bone went snap in three places and her ankle was badly dislocated. She's well on the way with her recovery but we are unsure of her return date. We are managing all of our busy-ness quite well.

Also our staff member Pip has had to take unexpected leave to be with a seriously ill family member. We are very pleased to have Wendy Birer temporarily take over the reins in room 8 and is making great progress in supporting the learning of our little preppies. We miss you Pip!

Our parent Auslan classes are well underway each Thursday from 9:15am till 10:15am. Parents and the wider community are invited to come along and learn Auslan so that they can communicate effectively with their kids. The classes are free and usually involve learning signs in a theme, a story and a song.

Our iPad training has been very effective in sharpening our students' skills in using digital technologies across the curriculum. You may have seen some of their work shared with you via the Seesaw App.

Student Support Groups (SSG's) are set to happen this week. Please come to your appointment ready to ask questions about how to best support your child's learning at home and also be ready to tell us how we can work with you in achieving goals that you'd like your child to reach.

Have a great fortnight and see you next newsletter.

Here's hoping Lee will be on the mend and with us soon.

Maria  
*Acting Principal*

## Term Dates 2019

**Term 1** – 31 January – 5 April 2019

**Term 2** – 23 April – 28 June 2019

**Term 3** – 15 July – 20 September 2019

**Term 4** – 7 October – 20 December 2019

## Upcoming Events 2019

**Every Monday 9am** – Assembly – All welcome

**Every Tuesday** – Swimming

**Every Thursday 9:15am – 10:30am** – Auslan classes free for families

**Sunday 24 March** – Signing choir perform at Hamer Hall

## Furlong Park gathered at Frontier Park

Recently we had a great Furlong Park Community picnic out at Rockbank, Woodlea Frontier Park. We had many families join us and enjoyed the lovely surrounds with staff, students and their families. If you live nearby, it's well worth visiting that park with all of the facilities and opportunities to spread your wings.





## PBS Awards

Congratulations to the students pictured who have worked hard in achieving gains in their conduct at school. This week we are looking for the students who are showing us that they are learners and applying thought and care when in the classroom and out in the playground or on an excursion. We celebrate with you and hope to see more happy faces in our newsletter like this.



### Come to Presidents Park in Werribee for a great day with friends and family!

Join other families for picnic races, face painting, scavenger hunts, a Werribee Hockey Club clinic and lots more fun.

This is a free recreation event hosted by Deaf Children Australia.

Let us know if you want to come. Contact DCA Recreation at [recreation@deafchildren.org.au](mailto:recreation@deafchildren.org.au) or text **0419364348 (sms only)**. Bookings help us organise this event.

**Meet:** Presidents Park Playground, Corner of Heaths and McGrath Rd, Werribee

**Time:** 10.00am – 1.30pm

**RSVP:** Book by Wednesday 13 March

Bring along your own picnic lunch. Community BBQ facilities available.



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## Would you like free books?

BIG W is committed to making books more accessible to all Australian families by giving every child the chance to take home a classic storybook for free when they visit their local BIG W store. A new title will be given away each week for 12 weeks starting **Thursday 21 February**.

  
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Get your book  
of the week  
While stocks last.

  
Enjoy reading  
the book with  
your child



## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

On Sunday 24th February, Furlong Park held a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Sunshine Bunnings. The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle saw many parents and staff coming along and give up a block of their weekend to raise money for school camps in 2019. We had fantastic weather and cooked up a storm! Thanks so much for those that helped behind the scenes such as the shopping, the transporting, the setting up and the cleaning, the packing up and of course the cooking! We will announce the total money raised in the next newsletter!



## Are you ready to rock?

On **Sunday 24 March 2019** the Furlong Park Sign Choir will perform at Hamer Hall. If you would like to sign our song with us on stage, please contact Maria at school. Mums, Dads, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, grandmas, and grandfathers and friends are all invited. You must get a ticket to ride in our big bus or meet us there with your audience ticket. Please contact Maria via the school office ASAP!

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