

DIARY DATES

Friday 18 November

Last Day of Swim School

Wed 23 November

Year 2 Incursion

P & F AGM, 7.00pm

Wed 30 November

Primary Swimming Carnival

Monday 5 December

Christmas Carols Evening with Andrew Chinn, 6.00pm

Wednesday 7 December

Year 6 Farewell Mass 7.00pm

Reports Sent Home

Friday 9 December

9.00am OLOW Award Ceremony

6.00pm Year 6 Social Disco

Monday 12 December

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and Thank You Morning Tea, 9.15am

Friday 16 December

Last Day of School

Fri/Mon 27/30 January

MAI Interviews Years 1-6

Monday 30 January

COSHC Open All Day

Fri 27/Tues 31 January

Kinder Literacy and Numeracy Testing

Tuesday 31 January

School Resumes for Years 1-6

Wednesday 1 February

Kinder Students begin, half days

Monday 6 February

Kinder begin full days

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

God made us each as unique masterpieces. There is no doubt that our earliest relationships provide a model for all our future relationships, and learning to trust other people as feeling, thoughtful human beings will form the basis for having happy, satisfying relationships.



To develop these happy, satisfying relationships, we need to have a sense of 'others'. That is from a very early age we begin to see ourselves as part of a network of important people who love and care for us and who we love and care for too. It is in the family home that children learn to be considerate, tolerant and respectful; this learning comes through parental guidance and example.

Actions really do speak louder than words. When children are polite, kind, honest and cooperative, they develop character and exhibit social skills that help others feel comfortable. These relationship building skills, also help children, and adults, to get on with friends and neighbours and, if the occasion arises, to resolve differences of opinion in a courteous and healthy way.

As adult role models we have an important role to play in guiding our children to celebrate difference amongst their friends rather than be frightened of it or threatened by it. Children learn this firstly within their family and then at school. Assisting our children in this area equips them with a great life skill.

OLOW UNIFORM

I would like to sincerely thank you, our parents for your support in ensuring your child is dressed and presented beautifully for school each day. Our children are certainly proud of their uniform and appearance.

During the past two weeks we have reminded the whole school about uniform expectations particularly in regard to haircuts. Our policy clearly states that hair should be clean and tidy. For the boys, hair should be one-length with no buzz marks, lines, undercuts, spikes, long hanging fringes or shaved sides. Hair should be cut no shorter than a 3 blade. Girls should not be wearing nail polish to school. Both boys and girls should be maintaining their school shoes by keeping them clean and polished regularly. Sports shoes are predominantly white with white laces so if you are purchasing new sports shoes, we ask for your support in this area.

God Bless,

Mrs. Sue Veling

Principal

NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR OLOW

Both Fr. Mick and I are pleased to announce the appointment of **Miss Emma Mizzi** as Assistant Principal of *Our Lady of the Way* School from 2017. Emma comes highly recommended with a wealth of experience in teaching and leadership positions. Miss Mizzi has worked in London, as well as Parramatta, Sydney and Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese. We look forward to Emma joining us in 2017 and working alongside this wonderful community.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 4 WEEKS 4 & 5



Lara Dwyer, Elijah Bradley-Labra, Jakob Montgomery, Gabrielle Boyd, Seth Fullam, Espri Footman, Layla Woods, Mikayla Blazek, Lorcan Cullen, Lucia Hooke, Erin Downie, Liam Darke, Cooper Sulic, Riley Brown, Bailey Houlihan, Joshua Phillips, Blade Funnell, Jessica Craig, Will Elford, Evan Hotz, Lachlan Stonehouse, Paige Hawkes, Logan Sultana, Connor Rudge, Patrick Reeks, Eden Chapman, Holly Clarke, Isaac Steele, Kennedy Storr, Emma Craig, Hunter Grima, Ava Eekman, Riley Craig, Samuel Thompson, Kate Roser.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

We understand that family circumstances alter and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending *Our Lady of the Way* in 2017 please advise Mrs Veling and complete a notification of leaving form that is available from the school office. You are reminded that concerns regarding financial difficulties is not a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and *Our Lady of the Way* can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise

We have healthy enrolments for most classes in 2017, with some children on waiting lists, so in fairness to these families we ask you to let us know if you are changing schools. If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at OLOW from 2017, in any grade, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day) is a Memorial Day observed in Commonwealth countries since the end of World War I to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. We commemorated this day on Friday, 11th November with a special prayer service, reflection and silence. A number of parents and friends joined us for this special ceremony where students spoke about selected service people and their history as well as naming all service people on our remembrance wall.



*O God, our ruler and guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
and for those who laid down their lives to defend them.
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace.
Amen*

TEACHERS FOR 2017

Sadly, we farewell Mrs. Anne Atkins who is retiring at the end of 2016. Mrs. Atkins has been working in the teaching profession since 1979 and has taught in a wide variety of schools and grades. Anne came to *Our Lady of the Way* in 1991. She also took on many Leadership positions throughout her career, including Coordinator 1 & 2 and Religious Education Coordinator. Anne was also a member of the Learning Support team. We thank Anne for all she has contributed to *Our Lady of the Way* and wish her well in her retirement.

Our grade teachers and diversity support staff for 2017 include:

Kindergarten – Mrs Blazek, Miss Coutinho and Mrs Khalifeh

Year 1 – Mrs Kuipers and Mrs Thomas

Year 2 – Miss Lamaletie and Mrs Kakoschke/Mrs McKeon

Year 3 – Mrs Johnston/Mrs Walsh and Mrs Day/Mrs Walsh

Year 4 – Mrs Curry and Mrs Grima Starkey (Term 1) Mr De Celis (Terms 2, 3, 4)

Year 5 – Mrs Scott and Miss Vella

Year 6 – Miss Reynolds and Mrs Walsh (Monday)

Diversity Support Team: Miss Mizzi, Mrs Flanagan, Mrs Hensen, Ms Glynn

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Our end of year AWARDS will be distributed on Friday 9th December at 9am. The awards consist of the following categories:

- Love of Learning Award
- St. Mary MacKillop of the Cross Award
- Most Improved Award
- Positive Attitude Towards Learning Award
- Music Award
- Japanese Award
- Good Sport Award

All parents and friends are warmly invited to attend this ceremony.

RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all our students who made their first Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. We thank the parish for organising the program and group lessons and to Fr. Mick for the beautiful ceremony. May the children come to know God's love and healing power.



FUND RAISER FOR LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION

Congratulations to Jessica Dray in Year 6 for organising a blue and white fundraiser for the leukaemia foundation. With the help of Jayden and Brodie Miles, who sold leukaemia foundation merchandise, they raised a total of \$1416.10 to help care for patients and families living with Leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders and to fund cutting edge research into finding a cure. The cheque was present to Gail at our assembly.



2017 MATHEMATICS TESTING JANUARY: YEARS 1-6

As in previous years, all students in Years 1-6 will be assessed using the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) on Friday 27th and Monday 30th January 2017. *Our Lady of the Way* staff will be taking two Staff Development Days to assess the students. This is a one-on-one interview style assessment directed by a teacher. Each assessment takes a minimum of 30 minutes. More details and an interview on-line booking schedule will be organised for later this term.

Our COSHC will be providing full day-care on Monday 30th January. Arrangements can be made for children attending COSHC to be tested during the day.

School will resume for students in Years 1-6 on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

2017 LITERACY & MATHEMATICS TESTING JANUARY: KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students will have a separate testing schedule for literacy and numeracy and this will take place from Friday 27th January to Tuesday 31st January 2017. Kindergarten will begin school on Wednesday 1st February (8:45am- 12:00pm); then full days from Monday 6th February (8:45am-2:55pm).

OLOW GYMNASTIC TEAM SOMERSAULT TO NEW HEIGHTS

Gymnastics Gala Day:



On Friday 4 November I had the pleasure of taking a team to the Sydney Aquatic and Gymnastics Centre for our annual Diocesan Gymnastics Gala Day.

The team was thrilled to have the opportunity to use the facilities on offer and the centre also provided the space for the children to warm up and practise their skills in between competitions.

The children were a privilege to take away, did their personal best and were extremely supportive of one another.



Bailey Houlihan: 4th in the Floor Routine, 5th in the Mini-tramp and 5th in the Vault



Marshall Pereira: 6th in the Floor

Thank you to the families who came to show support for the children. Your presence was appreciated.

Carole Day

Congratulations to the following children for their special achievements:

Lara Sullivan: 1st in the Static Routine and 6th in the Floor Routine

Olivia Bennett: 3rd in the Static Routine, 4th in the Floor Routine and 4th in the Mini-tramp



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STUDENT ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

-EVERY DAY COUNTS-

- ✓ The CEDP Attendance Guidelines are based on current legislative requirements, research on attendance and best practice. The key points are:
- ✓ Attendance affects a child's academic achievement and their overall wellbeing.
- ✓ There is NO safe threshold of absence – every day counts.
- ✓ School attendance patterns are established early in a child's schooling – research shows Year 1 attendance is a predictor of future attendance patterns.
- ✓ The effects of school absenteeism accumulate over time and affect children's development now and into the future.
- ✓ Daily punctuality is important. The early part of each day is critical. Important learning is scheduled during this time when children are rested and receptive. Key concepts are built up in the time.
- ✓ Sporadic absences can affect academic achievement as much as absences over consecutive days.
- ✓ We ALL need to work together with our children's best interest in mind to ensure that students are at school every day that they are well enough to attend – they only get one go at this part of their education and every day counts.

Below is a table showing the thresholds established across the Diocese for student attendance and the accumulated effects over 10 years of school time lost.

Attendance Rate	Student Absence	Educational Risk	Days absent per year	Cumulative Absence over 10 years of school
90% or more	Regular	Low or zero	20 days or less	Adds up to 1 year or less schooling missed
80%-89%	Emerging	Medium	Between 20-40 days	Adds up to 1-2 years schooling missed
70%-79%	Chronic	High	Between 40-60 days	Adds up to 2-3 years schooling missed
69% or lower	Complex	Severe	60 or more days	Adds up to 3 years plus schooling missed

The following information outlines the procedures for all schools in our Diocese in regard to attendance. Guidelines stipulate that attendance below a certain level, must be followed up in a formal way.

- ✓ Firstly, if your child has an **Attendance Rate of below 90%**, i.e. more than 5 days absent out of a 50-day term, a note will come home letting you know that that is the case. This note will include the number of days your child has been absent.
- ✓ For children whose **Attendance Rate is below 80%**, i.e. 8 or more days per term, as per the guidelines parents will be contacted and invited to school to attend an *Attendance Planning Meeting*. The ultimate aim is to improve attendance in order to improve student's learning outcomes.
- ✓ We are very aware that some children have chronic medical conditions or have had surgery, resulting in prolonged periods of absence. Please be assured this will be taken into account. Thank you for your support in this vital area.

OLOW PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The OLOW Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 30th November at Glenbrook Pool, Wascoe St. Glenbrook.

- All children will compete in the novelty events with their grade.
- Children will compete in the 50m Freestyle events in the age they turn in 2017.
- All other 50m events are grouped as Junior (8-10 years), 11 years and 12 years.
- The 25m events are for those children who are unable to swim 50m. It is important that all swimmers are given a fair and equal chance to compete. 25m events will be held at the same time as the 50m events.
- The 25m events will be freestyle or a freestyle of the swimmers choice.
- Swim club times for the 200m I.M. need to be given to Mrs Reynolds prior to the carnival.
- The carnival program indicating each student's events will be posted outside the music room prior to the carnival. This will indicate the competitors for all 100m, 50m and 25m events. Any changes to these events need to be given to Miss Reynolds upon arrival at the pool.
- The current Year 6 students will be assisting on the day and will participate in the novelties and Year 6 grade races.

If your child is in Year 1 and is turning 8 years old next year, they are entitled to try out for the Zone swimming for 2017. Your child must be a competent swimmer who is able to swim at least 50m with ease.

In order to place your child in their correct events please complete the entry form sent home two week ago. For this event to be a success we need as many parent helpers as possible. If you are able to assist at the carnival, please indicate this on your child's entry form.

This will be a wonderful community day for the end of the year.

The entry forms need to be returned to school no later than Friday 18th November. The cost for the Swimming Carnival will be included in the *General Activities Fee*. A separate note regarding transport home from the carnival will be sent home prior to the carnival.

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BUILDING PROJECT

The building of the administration block is running ahead of schedule. It is hoped that the office staff will move in around the 14th December with the old block being demolished after the 16th December.

A community is like an orchestra: each instrument is beautiful when it plays alone, but when they all play together, each given its own weight in turn, the result is even more beautiful.

*A community is like a garden full of flowers, shrubs and trees.
Each helps to give life to the others.*

Jean Vanier

PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Annual General Meeting &
Election of Positions for 2017
Wednesday 23rd November, 7pm
in the school library**

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME
AND INVITED TO ATTEND THE
P & F ASSOCIATION'S FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR.**



A note from the P&F President

How are we almost at the end of term 4 already?

What a wonderful year we have had at *Our Lady of the Way* with fundraising for our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the mums, dads, carers, grandparents and friends for the support you have shown the P&F this year with both the generous donation of your time helping with various fundraising events and the financial support of those events.

We have had some great fundraisers this year with our dance a-thon, cookie dough, Mother's Day stall and Father's Day stall to name a few. Our last fundraiser for the year is our gingerbread house fundraiser. If you are interested in coming along to our gingerbread house night or purchasing a gingerbread house to do at home, please get your orders in quick.

With the end of the year also comes our final P&F meeting of the year and the election of a new P&F committee to continue the fabulous work of the P&F for 2017.

We warmly invite you come along to our final meeting of the year even if you do not wish to stand for a position on the committee, please come along and simply observe proceedings – there is no expectation that everyone who attends a meeting has to speak, you are most welcome to attend and listen and hopefully you will gain a greater insight into our wonderful school.

The meeting is next **Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm** in the school library. We will be having pizza and drinks at the final meeting so please RSVP for catering purposes. This can be either via the note that was sent home last week or letting the office know that you will be attending.

Thank you again for all your support and I hope to see you at the P&F meeting next Wednesday night.

Warm regards

Kelly

Kelly Tabor – President

Our Lady of the Way P&F Committee 2016

2017 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



We all know the importance of reading for literacy development and the impact a prolonged break, like the Christmas holidays, can have on this advancement, particularly for vulnerable readers.

These summer holidays, I will once again be launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum

number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

How to enter:

It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it.

*The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of **four iPad minis**.*

Entries open on 7 November 2016 and close at 5pm on 7 February 2017. Terms and Conditions can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au

*Yours in Reading,
Mr. Greg Whitby
Executive Director*

OLOW Parish Catholic Youth Group **Christmas Activity**

Our Lady of the Way Parish Youth Group is organising an end of year Christmas activity for children between the ages of **10 and 17**. The times and details are as follows:

Where: Penrith Indoor Mini-Golf

When: Sunday 18th December

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Cost: Approximately \$20 (depending on numbers) - Including ice-cream

Bookings are essential.

RSVP Ben Oxley by 30th November: ben.oxley5@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 23rd November	<i>7pm P&F AGM (election of positions) and P&F general meeting in the school library</i>
Wednesday 30th November	<i>Primary Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pool</i>
Friday 2nd December	<i>P&F Gingerbread House night</i>
Monday 5th December	<i>6pm OLOW Christmas Concert</i>
Wednesday 7th December	<i>Semester 2 REPORTS sent home 7pm Year 6 Farewell Mass</i>
Friday 9th December	<i>9am OLOW Awards Ceremony 6pm Year 6 Social Night</i>
Monday 12th December	<i>9.15am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass & THANKYOU Morning Tea</i>
Tuesday 13th December	<i>Meet your teacher morning</i>
Friday 16th December	<i>Last day for students</i>
Monday 19th December	<i>Staff Development Day</i>
<i>Between 20th - 24th December the old administration block will be demolished (We hope!)</i>	
2017	
<i>Friday 27th & Monday 30th January</i>	<i>Staff Development Days – Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) for all students from Years 1 - 6</i>
<i>Friday 27th - Tuesday 31st January</i>	<i>Kindergarten students' Literacy & Numeracy Assessments</i>

YEAR 4 STORIES....

Run!!!

"Run!" I was told that day. In the poor peaceful village around a jungle. I, Sasha had to do something. There were rumours about Haunters, people were terrified of them. As I was sitting down at the doctor's waiting room I was desperate to find out what Haunters really were and still are. I went up to the doctor and as politely as I could, I said, "If it isn't a problem, could you tell me what Haunters are?" Now, what I was doing in the doctor's waiting room, I had no idea but I was busting to find out what Haunters were.

I saw Doctor Clarice's face turn pale. I was panicking for a minute until I remembered this happened to everyone when somebody mentioned the brutal, violent Haunters. "I will tell you." I heard Doctor Clarice mumble, "As long as you don't mention the you know what." I understood what she meant by 'you know what'. Sitting on the tattered chair in the breaking straw building, I started to tremble. Was it really it? The day I really and truly would find out the story of the Haunters?

"The ruthless unforgivable Haunters," Doctor Clarice began, "are a group of people who escaped prison and don't care if they die. A few hundred years ago, the group came to this very village and attacked it. It was a terrible tragedy that had to be forgotten, but no-one ever forgot it and it is still running in people's veins."

I sat on the seat as silent as a mouse waiting for Doctor Clarice to say something. Nothing came out bar a wet tear dawdling down her old fearful face. "It's going around the village because people think..." There was a slight pause in her sentence. In a sobbing voice, she said, "I have told you too much. Never mention that subject again." I dawdled out of the door quivering, wondering what Doctor Clarice was going to say next.

I noticed it was getting later as the microscopic stars laid above my head, looming in the sky above. I jogged down the lane and to my surprise I went to sleep as soon as I had gone past the village square to the east where my home settled.

"WAKE UP, WAKE UP!!!" I woke to the sound of my mum's yelling voice and the sound of crackling in the distance. "It's a fire! The Haunters are here, Sasha RUN!" my mum screamed. As startled as I was, I ran, my heart thumping and my knees high. I grabbed about sixteen people in the village and took them to the east part of the forest. They stared at me probably wondering what I was doing but even I didn't know so I couldn't blame them.

I started a conversation that very hour that I thought I would never say. "If we work together we can chase the Haunters out. But only if we work together. So... Um who's with me?" Shaking, I watched one hand after another shoot up like shooting stars ascending up into the dark sky. It was amazing and probably the best thing I had ever seen in my life. Around a minute of amazement later, I ran around the jungle looking for metal things everywhere. Surprisingly there was a lot of metal which was a big help. When everyone had something to protect themselves, we ran, trying to chase off as many brutal people as possible. People were running which meant we were doing a good job.

They were all gone. Silence. We'd finished. People were hanging around the village square while the Mayor was speaking, "Not all hope is lost. If we work together we can still rebuild." From that point on our village was safe. There's really nothing else to say about it.

By Paige Hawkes

RUN!

I stood on the deck of the house, listening to the water trickling down the cliff in the distance, the strong wind rustling the trees.

A rumbling creak suddenly sounded from inside the house. I cautiously turned around and someone dressed in black was standing in the doorway and his face was covered.

“AAAAARRRRRRRRHHHH!” I screamed.

My long legs stretched out in front of me, my heart was pounding in my chest. I turned around to see if the man from the house was still following me and he was. As we rounded corners I pounded on faster than I ever had before.

I knew I was far away from home and I didn't quite know where I was either, but I knew I was still in my forest home.

I rounded yet another corner. I was panting and I was getting slower and slower. I turned off the path and into the forest. I found an old willow tree. The trunk was hollow so I climbed in and arranged the long, drapery leaves around my hiding place. It was hard and uncomfortable but it was the best spot I could hide in.

I heard crunching footsteps around the tree and I stiffened but the footsteps soon died away.

I cautiously climbed out of my hiding place and looked around. I couldn't believe my eyes! I was in a new world, somewhere else. I didn't know where I was!

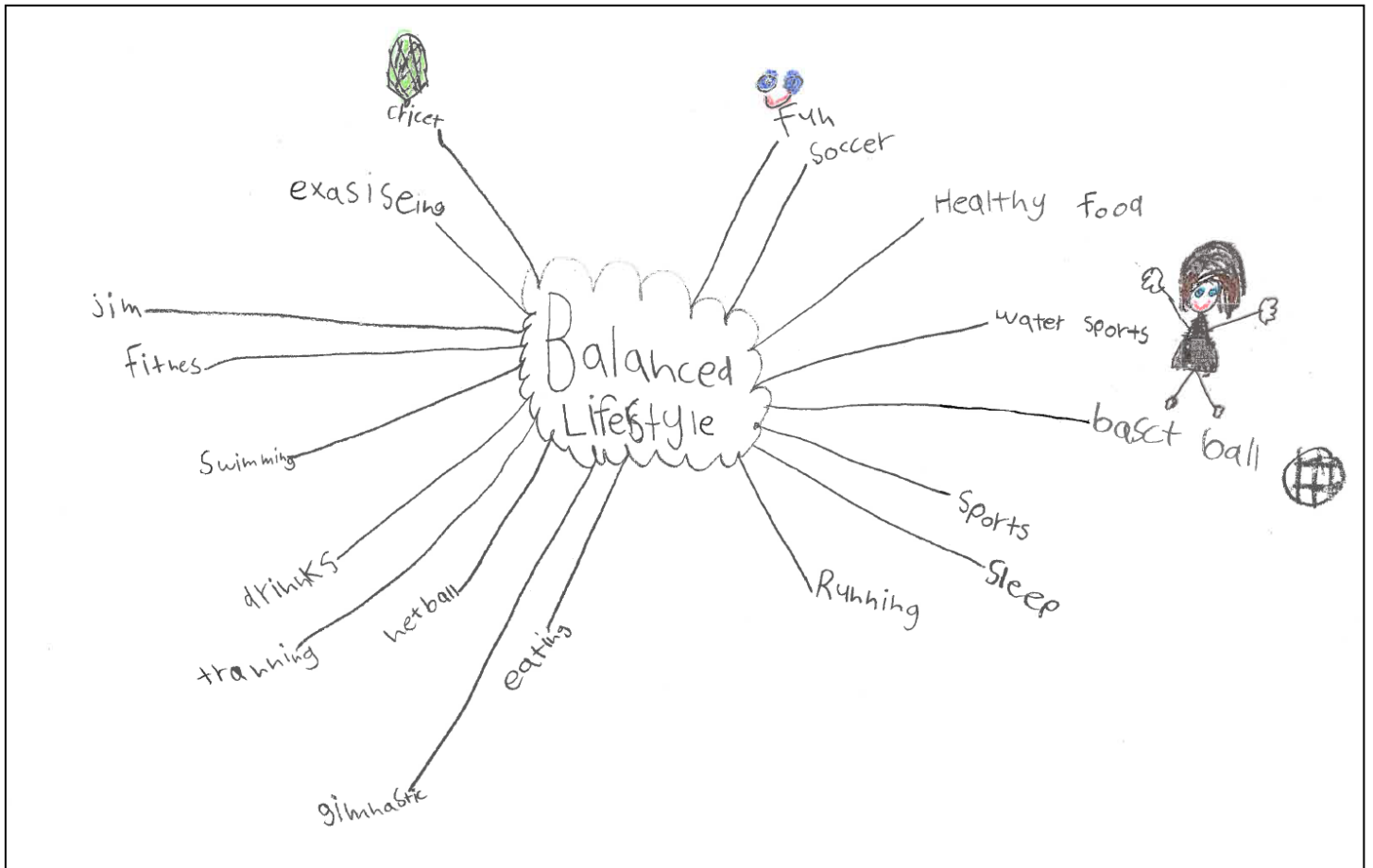
I was so sure I wouldn't be able to find my way back home so I decided to live here. I set to work on building my new home.

By Abbey Flanagan



Year One Health

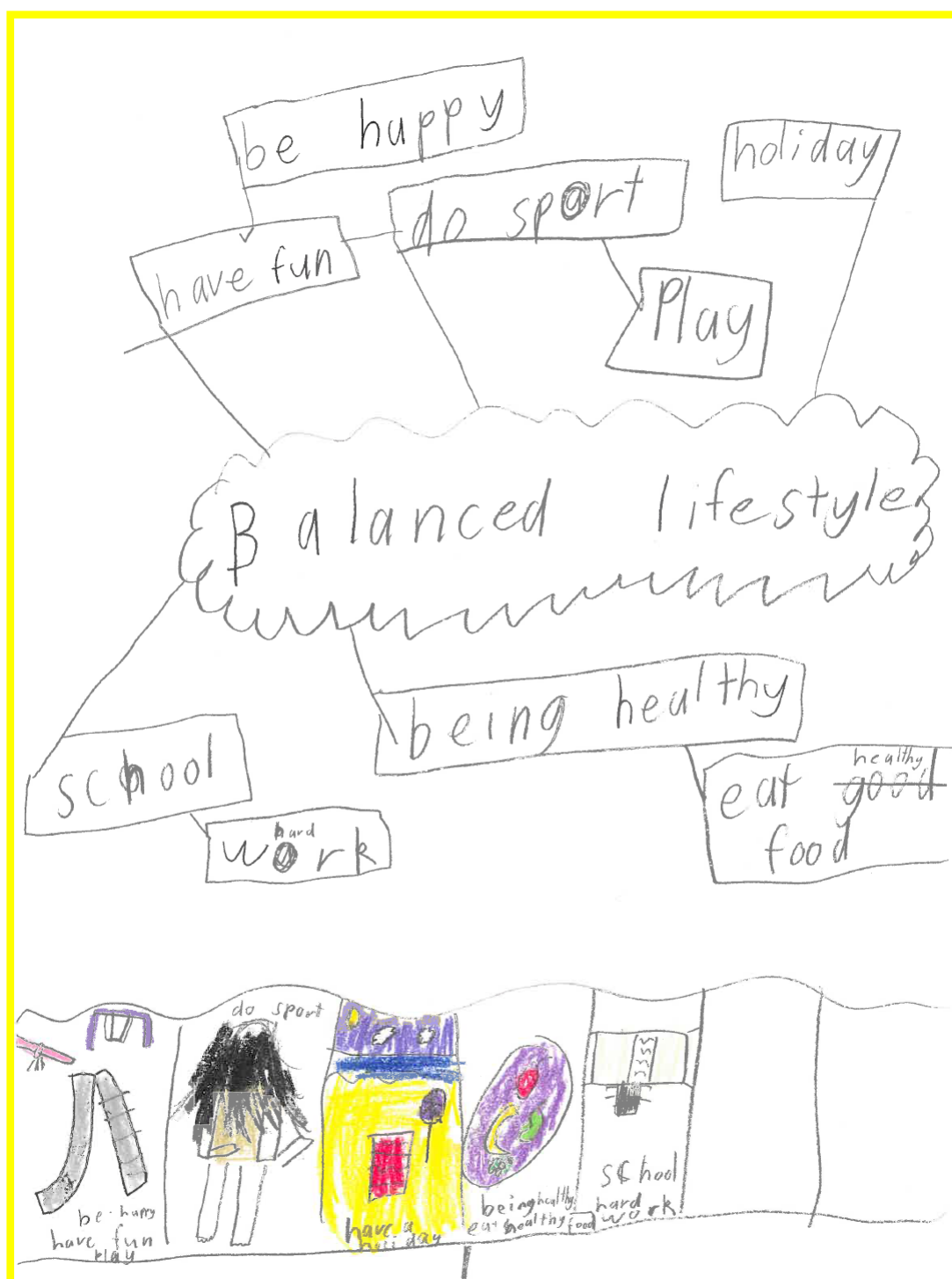
Year One have been learning about having a balanced lifestyle. We created posters to let parents and children know the important components of a balanced lifestyle. Here are the posters by Maddy, Patrick, Holly, Thomas, Jessica, Chase, Travis and Tristan.



Balanced Lifestyle is when we drink water and eat then we exercise.



Balanced Lifestyle





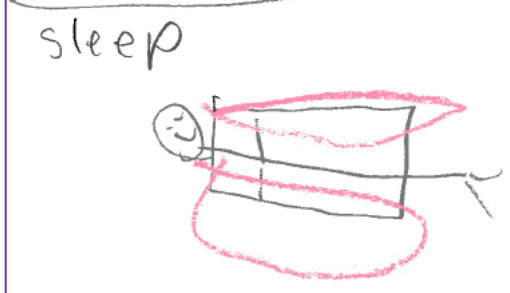
Balanced Lifestyle

healthy food		orange		apple		grape		strawberry		lime		Kiwi fruit	
watermelon		banana		peas		cucumber		lettuce		pineapple			

fitness exercise		running		swimming		sports		sports		sports	
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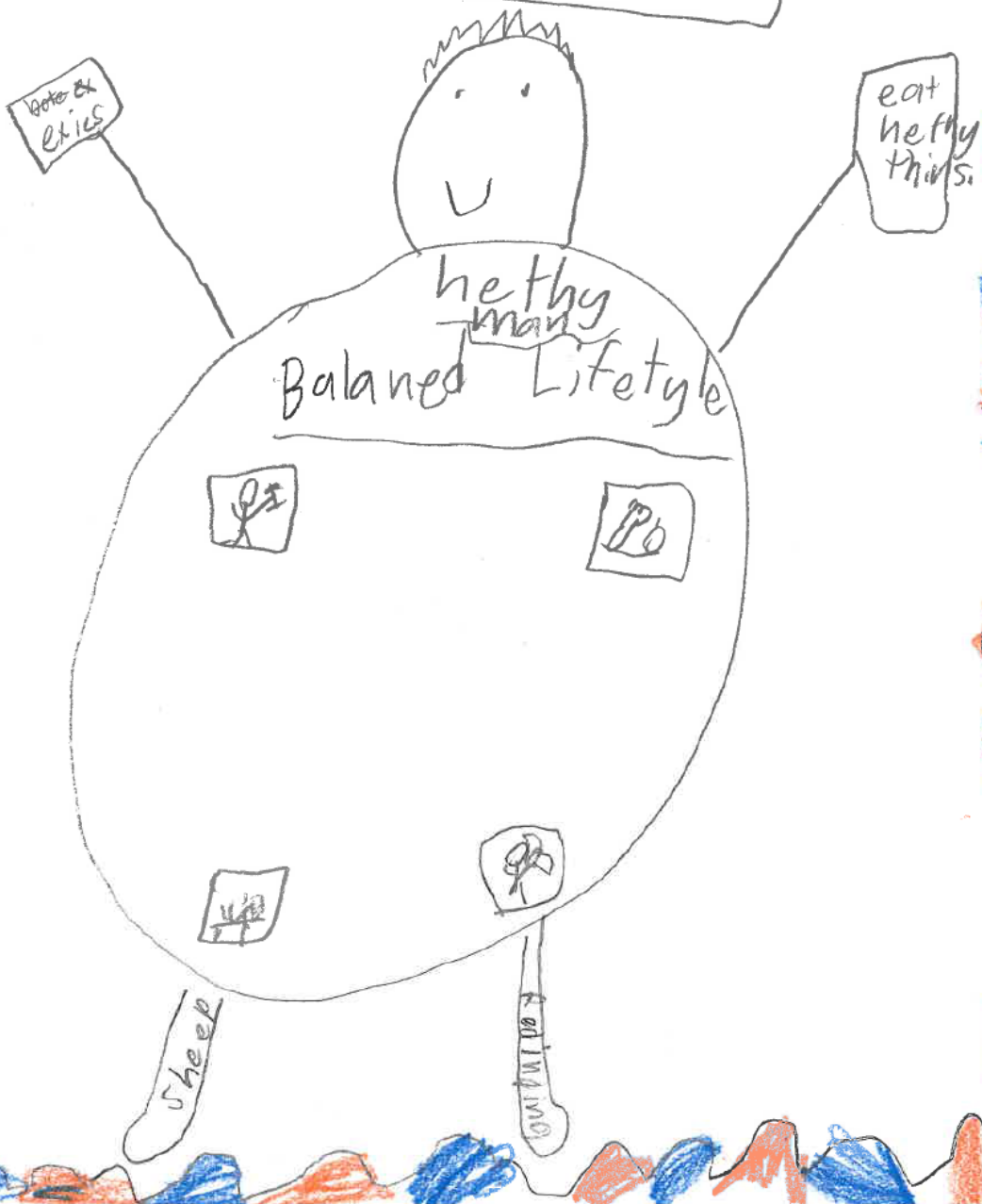


Balanced Lifestyle

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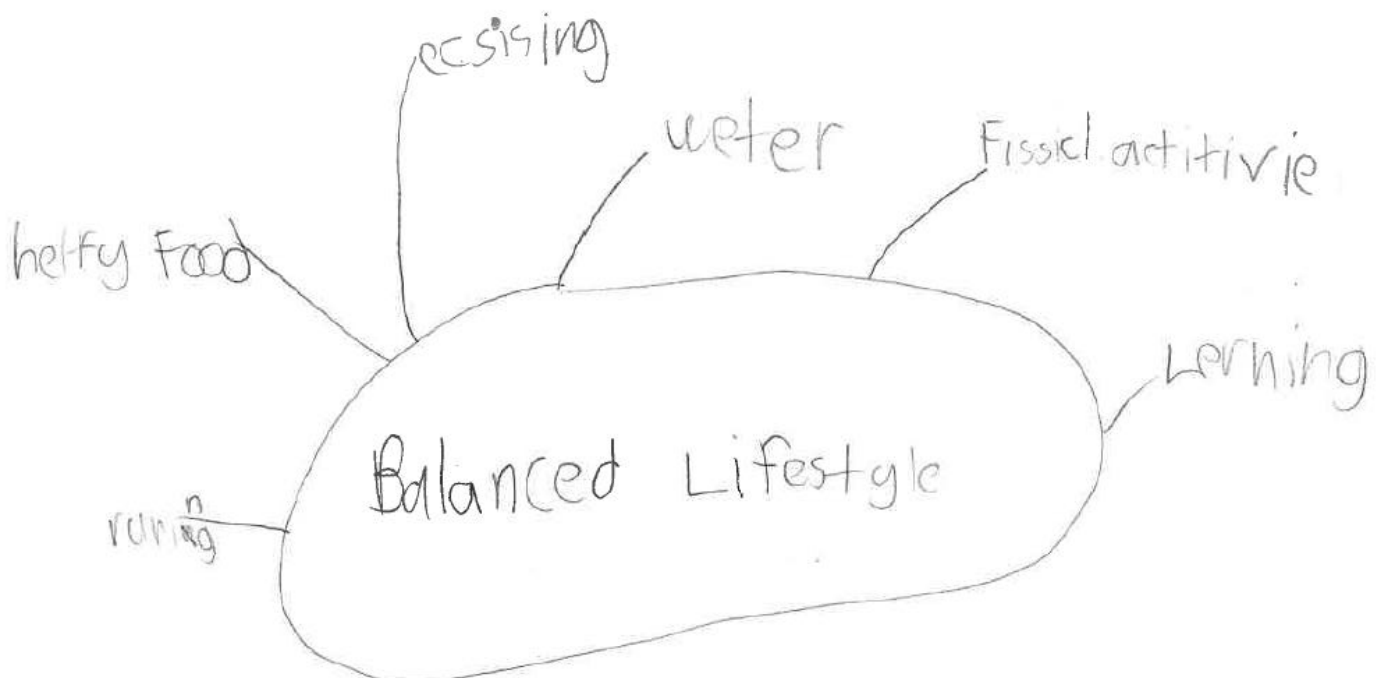
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 healthy diet	sheep 	Swimming 

It is if you there healthy
things before you eat other
not healthy things.



Balanced Lifestyle

A Balanced Lifestyle is being healthy



Growth Mindset

"If you imagine less, less will be what you undoubtedly deserve," Debbie Millman

The above quote highlights what modern psychology knows about how belief systems about our own abilities and potential fuel our behaviour and predict our success.

One of the most basic beliefs we carry about ourselves has to do with how we view and inhabit what we consider to be our personality. A "fixed mindset" assumes that our character, intelligence, and creative ability are static givens which we can't change in any meaningful way. Striving for success and avoiding failure at all costs become a way of maintaining the sense of being smart or skilled. A "growth mindset," on the other hand, thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities. Out of these two mindsets, which we manifest from a very early age, springs a great deal of our behaviour, our relationship with success and failure in both professional and personal contexts, and ultimately our capacity for happiness.

The following are some phrases you can use to encourage a Growth Mindset in your child. A simple change in the language we use can have a powerful effect and our children on a path towards success, not only at school, but in life.

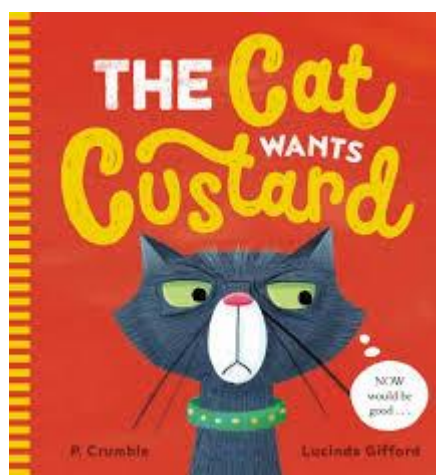
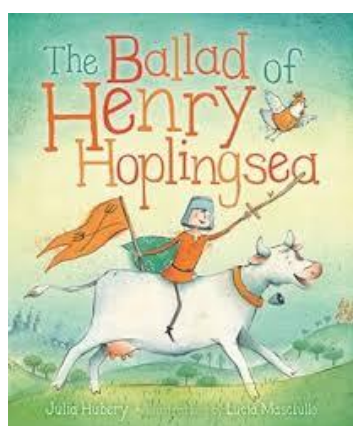
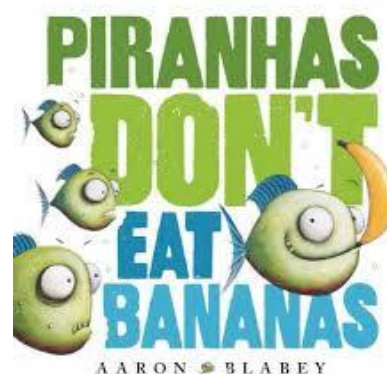
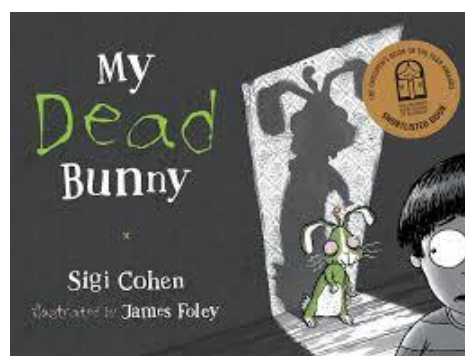
DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

LIBRARY NEWS

Below are just a few new books we have been able to share with the children when they visit the Library. These titles can go towards your child's 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge.



We are very fortunate here at Our Lady of the Way with the ongoing support by the community and the organisation by Julie Woods and her band of helpers with Book Club. The rewards we receive from Book Club go towards purchasing new titles for our Library and resources for our classrooms.

Could I ask you to please check for library books and readers at home, bookshelves, Grandma's, Dad's, back seat of cars, bottom of school bags etc and return ASAP.

Thank you

Happy Reading

Susan Masters - Library Assistant

GENERAL NEWS

LOW PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Children's Christmas choir practice will commence on Monday 28th November from 7.00pm to 7.30pm. All children are welcome.



**15%
OFF**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Do you need to purchase new uniform items from Lowes? Call in to the Office and we will give you a 15% off voucher that can be used on all schoolwear purchases up until 31st December. To use online, please enter the code: **15SCHODS** at the checkout to receive the discount.

**15%
OFF**

Kids Can Act

Drama Studio

For kids of all ages

January Holiday Workshops



"SOUTH PENRITH Neighbourhood Centre"
Cnr Trent St & Birmingham Rd, SOUTH PENRITH. (Behind Southlands)

Get in now!!! Don't miss out the EARLY BIRD RATE!

For Puppet Sake Thursday 12th Jan (9.30am- 2.30pm)

Children are naturally curious! Cathie has just bought over \$1000 worth of new and exciting large puppets! This is an opportunity to allow the children to spark their imagination and feed their curiosity. Children communicate more easily with a puppet on their hand, giving them confidence to express their ideas and feelings. They will learn how to use and operate a variety of fabulous and magical puppets and have great fun as they try out them all out.

Lights Camera Action: - Design a Garbage Bag Costume! (2 days)

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th Jan (10.00am - 3.00pm)

Make your own shadow puppets and watch them come to life!

What sort of characters will you create? In this integrated craft and performance workshop, the children will discover techniques on how to breathe personality into their cartoon creations.

They also take home a puppet theatre to make!

Tooth Fairy School Friday 2th Jan (10:00am-3:00pm)

In this workshop the children go to will go to Tooth Fairy School and learn how to become a real tooth fairy. We will learn how to fly, how to sneak without waking sleeping children and how to care for lost teeth as well as how to care for the teeth we still have. All children will take home their very own Tooth Fairy Rainbow Skirt to keep as well as making their very own tooth fairy box and wand.

Super Hero Academy Wednesday 25th Jan (9.00am - 2.00pm)

Does a superhero live inside your imagination? Unleash the power within!

Run, jump, fly! A super energetic workshop aimed at building confidence, self-esteem and a healthy body! Dress up in capes and masks and design your own superhero! Create your character, complete with a catch cry and super powers. Get physical and find your inner hero through creative improvisation and interactive games! Children take home their own super hero cape, mask and make their own arm cuffs and power pack to take home too..

It Wasn't Me! I Didn't Do It! (9-16 yrs) Wednesday 25th Jan (2:30pm-7:00pm)

This is one for the older students! Have you ever been framed for something you didn't do or tried to get out of something you did? The students will develop the storyline from life experience and imagination, exploring times they may or may not have committed the "crime" or been framed for something they had no part in.

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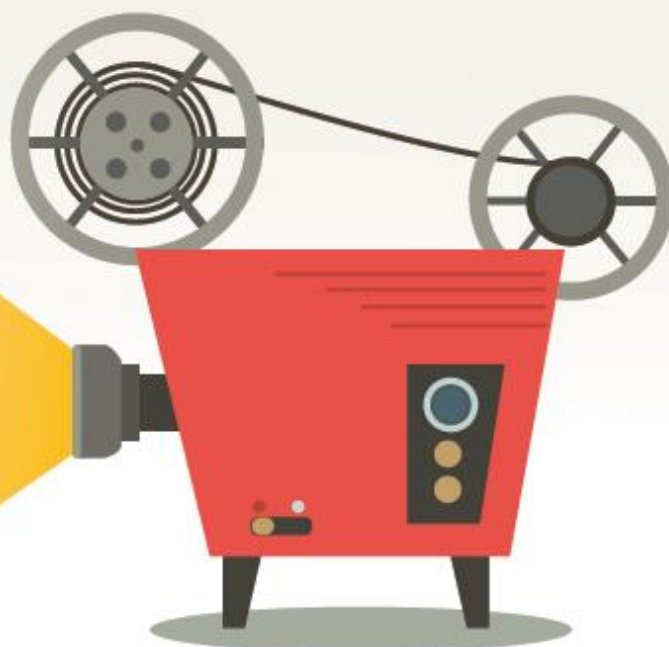
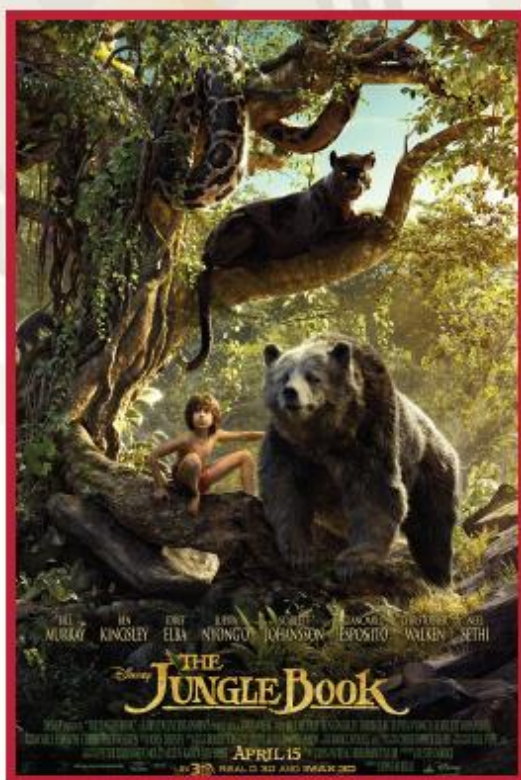
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*The owner reserves the right to cancel classes if they do not have a viable number of children enrolled.

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Cinema IN THE Park

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER



TIME: 6pm until late,
movie commences at dusk.

WHERE: Victoria Park, St Marys.

FEATURE FILM: 'The Jungle Book'

Kids activities & food for sale.

For more information phone 1300 736 836.

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