Year 1-2 Digital Tech - This week students were introduced to the school’s brand new Bee Bots. We had started to talk about developing algorithms (a sequence of steps to follow) last week and had been following and giving verbal instructions from partners. This week we reviewed following explicit verbal instructions as well as our understanding of algorithms before programming the Bee Bots with simple algorithms. There was lots of giggling, laughter and excitement in the lesson. We look forward to our Bee Bot rotations next lesson and starting to document our algorithms.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Captain Speeches
On Monday student nominees for 2017 School Captain positions presented a speech at parade to staff, students and community members. In their speech, students shared why they thought they would be a great leader for the Dirranbandi School Community. Students then voted by secret ballot. Students in Years 3-5 voted for a Primary School Captain and students in years 6-9 voted on a Secondary School Captain. All nominees were required to submit a leadership application and attend an interview with the Principal. Staff have also had the opportunity to vote. School Captains for 2017 will be announced at Speech Night!

Prep Orientation and Interviews
Orientation Days for Prep will be held on
- Wednesday 30 November 9.00 -11.00 am
- Thursday 1 December 9.00-11.00am
- Friday 2 December 9.00-12 noon
The days will give our newest students an opportunity to meet teachers, classmates, play in their new room and become familiar with their new environment. Attending Prep orientation activities will assist students in having a positive experience as they enter into their first year of compulsory schooling.

A Prep parent information session will be held on Thursday 1 December from 9.00-9.30am. We look forward to welcoming 2017 Prep students to the Dirranbandi School Community.

Year 7-10 Subject Selection
Next Tuesday at 2pm we will be holding a Subject Selection Information Session for Year 6-10 students and parents. This is an opportunity for students and parents to find out about and ask questions about the variety of subjects on offer for 2017.

Important Dates
- Year 6-10 High School Subject Selection Information Session 15th November at 2pm
- 16th November Graduation Formal for Year 6 & 10 students
- 53rd Annual Speech Night, Friday 25th November, 6pm at the Civic Centre
- Prep Parent Information Session, Thursday 1st December
- Prep Transition Days 30th November, 1st and 2nd December

Congratulations To ….
- School Captain Nominees for presenting high quality and sincere speeches at Monday’s parade.
- Students and staff (especially PE Teacher Freya White), on a great start to Term 4 school swimming!
- Last week’s attendance winners …

Thank You To ….
- Staff and parents for attending and contributing to last week’s Positive Behaviour Learning meeting.
- Sheldon Dawes for organising a wonderful Book Fair for students, staff and the school community to enjoy.

2016 School Improvement Priorities
- Vocabulary
- Numeracy
- Attendance

Congratulations and good luck to Kelisha, Georgia P, Georgia N, Darcy, Jessie, Lilly, Jessica, George and Jamie. These are the candidates for our 2017 School Captains.

SWIMMING
SWIMMING has started again!
WEEK SIX to WEEK TEN for school PE.
Can parents/guardians please make sure your children have the following items for swimming:
- swimmers
- sun shirt
- towel
- goggles/swim cap
- school hat
- swimming bag
- sunscreen (if a special one is required)

It would also be APPRECIATED if parents/grandparents/guardians could please come along and join in with students lessons, especially in the lower primary school grades.
- PREP – Wednesday 11:30-12:30
- Year One and Two – Wednesday 12:30-1:30
- Year Three and Four – Wednesday 2:00-3:00
- Year Five and Six – Thursday 12:30-1:30
- Year Seven to Ten—Monday 12:30-1:30

Until next week - Andrea Killen
2016 TERM 4

Week 7
Monday - November 14
Parade 2:30pm
Homework Centre
Year 7-10 Swimming

Tuesday - 15 November
Sporting Schools
Years 1,2 & 4 Library

Wednesday - 16 November
NO Tuckshop
Graduation Formal
Prep Swimming 11:30am
Year 1-2 Swimming 12:30
Year 3-4 Swimming 2:00

Thursday - 17 November
Chappy Visit
Instrumental Music
Homework Centre
Optometrist Visit
Year 5-6 Swimming 12:30

Friday 18 November
Year 3 Library
Playgroup

Week 8
Monday - November 21
Parade 2:30pm
Homework Centre

Tuesday - 22 November
Sporting Schools
Years 1,2 & 4 Library

Wednesday - 23 November
Tuckshop
Prep Swimming 11:30am
Year 1-2 Swimming 12:30
Year 3-4 Swimming 2:00

Thursday - 24 November
Chappy Visit
Instrumental Music
Homework Centre
Year 5-6 Swimming 12:30

Friday 25 November
Year 3 Library
Speech Night
Playgroup

TUCSHOP NEWS
NO TUCSHOP NEXT WEDNESDAY—16TH NOVEMBER

Tuckshop Special for Wednesday 23rd November
Hotdogs - $2.00 ea

Sold Out Of ...
Potato Wedges

Plenty Of ...
Little Party Pies - $1.00
Large Pies - $2.50
Medium Pies - $2.00
Chicken Burgers - $4.00
Apple Poppers - $1.00
Frozen Yoghurts - $1.50
Fandangles - $1.00

Dirranbandi P-10 State School
Invites the Dirranbandi Community to attend our 53rd Annual Speech Night

Date: Friday 25th November 2016
Venue: Dirranbandi Civic Centre
Time: 6.00 pm

GRADUATION
RED CARPET ARRIVAL

Dirranbandi Civic Centre
Wednesday 16th November 2016
6.00—6.30 PM
Transition: The Secondary area of the school is buzzing away. We have started our transition process with the Year 6 students attending form class with us on Wednesday, and this will continue every Wednesday. All students have looked at the units on offer for History and have made selections for next year. We also have a subject selection information session for 2017 subjects. Year 9 students are looking at their vocational and education choices in relation to certificate studies for next year. They have utilized the My Future website, this is where they can tailor their individual career profile. My Future explores their interest, skills, entrepreneurship, education and training. Below is an example of the details populated from student responses. We are all very BUSY!

End of year events: We are preparing for Graduation next week, this is a very exciting and fun time for us. Some students have volunteered their time to be waiters and waitresses.

ICT: The ozobots are our new friends. We are challenging ourselves to create mazes and dance routines for the robots in order to follow our required program of codes.

Maths: Year 9 students are challenging their probability skills. We are looking at combinations when we place the object back and also the combinations of when we do not place an object back. The tree diagrams are assisting us plan our thought processes.

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU’S
Well book fair is over again for the year and what wonderful support we have had! We made sales of almost $2000 and that gives us $550 commission to spend on new books for our library. I would like to thank everyone for their purchases. I would also like to thank all the families who donated books. Thank you to the Sullivan, Norman, Brischetto, Saville and Murphy families, thank you also to Miss Betts, Miss Glass, Lachlan Killen and Mr Geary. Giving a book to the library is a gift that keeps giving for years to come.

I would like to thank my wonderful assistants; Olivia, Tilly and Emma who gave their time to help run the fair. Thank you ladies, your help was greatly appreciated. Again thank you everyone for helping make our book fair such a great success.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WANTED - 2LT PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES
The Kindy children have been learning about recycling and they have discovered a great way to recycle plastic milk bottles!! They need help to collect 700 of them! Please drop in any you have to Miss Norma at the Kindy.