Aqua class are loving being back at Lindfield! We have all settled in well and have dived straight into our Under the Sea topic. Through this, we have started exploring the endless variety of sea life that exists using a range of media including picture books, songs and some scuba diving video clips. In preparation for our Aquarium visit, later this term, the class made their own mini aquariums. This required the careful selection and cutting out of a variety of fish and tank decorations.

Aqua has also started exploring the science topic Sink or Float? Kai and Gelo were very vocal when predicting whether each of our test objects would sink or float. Lex eagerly tested these theories by announcing the result as each item hit the water. Lucy and James really enjoyed using the SMARTboard to explore this concept through some interactive float or sink games.

Claire is still resting her knee at home. We are looking forward to her return when all is healed up! In the meantime, I am thoroughly enjoying working with Aqua class this term. Great work Aqua class!

Rebecca, Claire and Liz
Thank you to all the parents who attended our Barbeque on Sunday. It was lovely to see some former parents as well as current and new parents. Our new facilities are far more suited to events such as this and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to tour the new school as well as connect with other families. A big thank you to our P&C for organising the day and for providing the food and manpower to make it happen. We will be organising an official opening for late in term three which will coincide with our school’s 60th birthday celebrations.

Aqua class is featured this week. Most of the students in this class are veterans of our school despite their young ages. They have been working hard and coping well with the absence of their teacher Claire who injured her knee several weeks ago and is recuperating until the end of this term. Our part time sport teacher Rebecca has stepped up to teach Aqua class and we are fortunate in this respect. We also feature our Art Program this week which is enjoyed by all our students and as you can see from the photos we have some talented students in our school and the students respond well to these programs and our specialist teacher Mike.

This Tuesday is our annual post school options bus trip which is an opportunity for parents to visit facilities and ask questions to determine possible sites for their children at the end of year 12. We conduct these trips annually so if you have not attended one (or even if you have) look out for the notice next year. We usually visit different centres each year.

We are still battling a range of viruses with both staff and students affected. Many of our students have suppressed immune systems and for others a virus can trigger a range of other issues such as seizures. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. Our students are particularly susceptible to infection and a single sick student can result in many sick students very quickly. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

This can be accessed by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytJ2E.

This is my last newsletter until I return from leave on August 4. Janice Crocker will be relieving as Principal and Lani McAree will be relieving full time as Assistant Principal. This Friday, 30 May is my last day so if you would like to talk to me please contact me this week or direct your enquiries to Janice who I know will do a fantastic job in my absence.

Regards
Christine
Since the beginning of this year the students have been working very creatively during art lessons. Here are some samples of their work.

Ollie has created an abstract picture using circles and a limited range of colours. He has used a brush and a paddle pop stick to apply the acrylic paint.

Shuaib has made an image of the sun by sponging orange, red and yellow paint onto a paper plate and some tracings of the sun’s rays. He has then made a face using flint paper.

Edward has produced a bowl of fruit, cutting various coloured flint paper for the bowl and pastel crayons for the fruit. He then pasted it onto a painted orange background.

James ‘A’ has created this bowl using papier mache and then covering it in torn pieces of tissue paper.

This mask was made by Millie using different coloured cardboard, feathers and glitter.
In keeping with this term’s theme of Under the Sea, Jack has made this dolphin picture by tearing various blue pieces of tissue and crepe paper and blue and green acrylic paint with splashes of glitter.

Hannah has made this tree silhouette by cutting a template of a tree. She then created a background of coloured stripes and sponged white acrylic onto the template.

This picture of a giraffe looking through a window was done by James ‘M’. He had a partly painted picture that he had to complete with pastel crayons and brown acrylic and then frame it using different coloured cardboard.

This bottle collage was created by Nancy. She traced a bottle template many times and then painted them different colours and arranged them on black cardboard with a red frame.
Information Session
Sunshine Transition to Work
To create a consistent whole school approach for safe and effective learning, our students continue to develop social skills linked to our expectations of "Be Safe", "Be Friendly" and "Learn Together".

This week our students of the week are:

Stevie – Being Friendly and talking
Zac – Being Safe and Friendly
27th May—Post School Options Bus Trip
12th June—Willoughby Integration Wizzy World
17th June—Primary Classes Aquarium Visit
27th June—Last Day of Term

11th Aug—School Photos
10th Sept—Vaccinations

(Please note: Newly added events will be in bold)