



# THE HUB CHRONICLE

## Helping out with...a pair of undies

We love that our school is so dedicated to helping others. This term, we have helped with our 'spare a pair'.



On Valentine's day this year, St Kierans chose to show our love in another way and helped support the Wayside Chapel by asking people to donate underwear to give to people who don't have the ability to go and buy their own.

The Wayside Chapel has many programs to help the less fortunate and help the people in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. The organisation was created in 1964 and has been a lifeline for many people. With the mission of creating a community

with no 'us and them' they aim to break down the barriers of judgement and provide a safe place where people from all walks of life are welcome.

The Wayside Chapel helps the community in many different ways, such as providing a shower and clothes, helping people apply for work, providing food and shelter and having a weekly chapel service.

We are very excited to be able to help Wayside Chapel and want to thank Mrs Wetzlar for helping us organise it.

## What is (The Purpose) of The Hub?

The Hub is just one of the many incredible learning spaces that St. Kieran's has to offer. Over the last few years, St.Kierans has created and developed The Hub into one extraordinary learning space.

When I first enter the hub each day, I am filled with a sense of excitement about the school day ahead. Unlike other classrooms, the hub is filled with vibrant colours, individual and group seating as well as students exceptional work on the show. It really is an environment where I am motivated and inspired to learn.

I can sense that the students around me feel the

same way. The Hub offers different learning environments for all students. I particularly like switching between the Hush Bay; a place where I can work quietly and independently, and one of the many open learning spaces where I can work alongside my classmates.

I have personally experienced twelve months of learning in The Hub. During this time, I have found the flexible working environment helps me to be creative, and I can learn from others through the sharing of ideas. I truly enjoy learning in The Hub and can't imagine St.Kieran's without it.



Our Hub is a unique space where everyone can learn in an environment which best suits them.



## Star Wars, The great invasion.

Did you know that by the end of Year 6, each student creates their own book? Pretty cool hey? Here is a sneak peek at Ashleigh's story from last year and next issue we will give you some insights into the process we are currently on for creating our own books.

"BANG! CRASH!" Suddenly, everything goes silent, like a mouse crawling slyly around at night. I peak from the secret hut, my heart racing at a hysterical pace!

"What happened Tommy and Bella? Somebody help!" I cry into the destroyed, barren headquarters...

It was just a typical day at Star Wars HQ, playing cricket on Saturn, running races on Mars, but everything took a sudden, dark turn.

Our new crewmate, Jerry arrived this week. He was so kind, but honestly, something seems spooky and secretive about him. He always wears the same overalls, the same shoes and he is bald and very short. It all began while I was setting up Jerry, for his first

day...

"So Jerry, this is your desk, and computer," I direct him, assuringly.

"Oh look! Someone already sent you an email..."

I open the folder and my eyes begin to race around the screen frantically.

"Hey! That is nothing, just close it! It's just from some family," Jerry fiercely demands as a green, bold and flashing virus pops up. Surprisingly, Jerry clears it with only one click.

"What was that email? And why was it so secret?" I stutter, as Jerry locks his eyes to mine, and I leap away.

This all felt very dubious.

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# Hurray! Our buddies have arrived!!

Some people think that having a buddy is really just for the Kindergarten students, but the truth is that Year 6 students have been excited for years to be able to lead Kindergarten students on their first year of school.

We have been so excited about the chance to be buddies as part of our Year 6 leadership program. It gives us all such pride that we can help welcome new students to the school, and we love being able to work together with teachers to ensure all our new kinder students are enjoying their first year of school.

Some people might think that we just automatically become buddies, but that's not true at all. At the end of Year 5, our teachers pair us up with new kindergartens and teach us ways to ensure our kinders arrive at school and are happy and settled.

For example, you might see us run-up to our buddies

each morning and help them take their bags to their hooks; we make sure they have everything they need for the day, so they are not worried or nervous. Then the fun begins with lots of games in the playground.

We also get to have

**"My buddy is the best because she helps me get my ice block from the canteen" Annie**

lunch with our buddies once a week; this creates a chance to build a stronger bond. Kinder students have been heard to say, "I love buddy lunch, it's the best day of the week!",

It doesn't all just happen in the playground though, we get very excited when our buddies come and visit us for Creative Play, which is when the Kindergarten students move up to The Hub once a week.

It is here that we are

able to get creative with our buddies by dancing or participating in lots of art and craft activities. We are so excited about the year ahead with our buddies and have lots more planned.



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"How about you join Tommy and I for a game of AFL on Mars?" "There will be plenty of time to finish this later" I suggest.

"Yes! I got a try!" I exclaim, happier than a dog getting a bag full of treats! It's hot here on Mars, so I ponder whether to go back to headquarters, or keep playing with Jerry and my older brother Tommy.

"Wow, is that a shooting star?!" I leap over the moon and back to the office to watch it pass by me.

"Wait, that's not a shooting star! Incoming ship! Everybody get ready to fire!" I urgently announce.

My heart beats louder than a giant drum, pounding through my whole body.

"BOOM! BOOM!" The distant light disperses into a black hole as tongues of fire shoot debris towards HQ. I sigh a breath of relief, jumping gleefully around the headquarters!

"Bing... Wing!" a strange dinging comes from outside the front entrance. I continue working, until I see Jerry hiding something in his desk.

"AHHHH! Help!" In desperation, a roaring scream echoes from the front entrance, it sounds like Eevie, our receptionist!

I run to the secret hideout, to check the cameras.

"THUD!" I slam the door shut, trapping myself away from whatever danger is coming.

I scan the glaring cameras,

and manage to make out a two legged, one fingered, giant family of green aliens!

"CRASH!" They carelessly knock over printers, bins and computers from every direction!

My head starts shaking, spinning and I fall into total darkness...

"Max? Max!" Bella barks, licking my face as I start to wake up.

"Where am I, what happened? Where are the aliens?!" I wildly question, while staring at Jerry suspiciously on his broken computer.

"We fought them off, they are all gone! Can't you tell because of this huge mess!" Bella chuckles, as we join in cheerful laughter and begin cleaning up.

As Jerry bends down to assist us, a loud, ripping sound tears throughout the room.

I look up and before my tiny little eyes, a creepy figure stands glaring at me.

To my horror his skin begins to peel like a banana and a tiny, green creature reveals itself... "It's you!" I cheered excitedly.

Max is the absolute best worker at Star Wars HQ.

But soon, Jerry comes along. He is secretive, suspicious and makes Max rage in envy! The HQ is being threatened by aliens, and everything is a giant mess!

What will happen to Star Wars? Who is Jerry and what does he want?!



## Quick Trivia...

**We are learning about the federation and History of Australia in Stage 3 - test your skills with our trivia!**

1. When did Australia federate?
2. Who was Australia's first prime minister?
3. How many colonies were there in Australia before Australia federated?
4. Where was the Australian constitution written?
5. Who was considered the Father of Federation?
6. Which colony was the last colony to agree to federation?
7. Where was the first parliament House located?

**Answers:** 1. 1902 2. Edmund Barton, 3. 6 Colonies, 4. Pittwater, 5. Henry Parkes, 6. Western Australia 7. Melbourne

# Art of the week...

You only have to walk through the classrooms to see all the amazing artists we have at the school. We couldn't go past this amazing piece from Aoife, which is a look at expressionism. We love the colours!



## News from around the school



**Robot Making Competition**  
The rumours are true; the Technology Team is very excited to announce we are going to be holding a Robot building competition as part of our Tech Club this year. Held weekly, The Technology Team really look forward to the weekly Tech Club, and can't wait to show you some of our amazing technology apps and devices we have at the school!

**Cross Country**  
It may have been a warm day, but that didn't stop our Cross Country event from being a roaring success.

The sports captains were so impressed with how hard everyone tried and how everyone was cheering on their peers. We are so excited to be able to participate in all these events again.

**Broken Bay Swimming Carnival**  
Congratulations to all the students who represented St Kieran's at the Broken Bay Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. We are very proud of their achievements. A special congratulations to Alana R, who has qualified for the Polding Carnival at Homebush on Monday 22 March.

**Library team update:**  
Have you all been busy reading for the premier reading challenge? Did you know that the longest book was ever written was over 13,095 pages long!!

**Italian Club!**  
Italian Club is just a new addition to our lunchtime clubs here at St Kieran's. Italian Club is where students have the opportunity to embrace their Italian knowledge and show their arts and crafting abilities. This term, so far, we have been focusing on making

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
*A day in the life of a Year Six student.*

our Carnevale masks; children have truly shown their amazing abilities and creativity! We look forward to taking part in many more activities!



# CREDITS:

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Stay tuned for the next issue!