Thank you to all our families for a great effort in our second term of Parents Connect. We have had a nice time getting to know each other despite the cold and rainy weather.

A few of our families have been attending the free English course offered by St George TAFE and have been unable to attend. Hopefully our lovely families can return when their TAFE days change next term.

This term we have been very busy. Some of our families attended our Parenting Programme called "Managing Difficult Moments". Here the families learnt several practical strategies to help with managing their children’s behavior. We will be offering a Triple P parenting programme next term for those who are interested.

A big thank you to our families who attended our Families Week celebration. It was very entertaining drumming along to the drums with Phillipe. The aim of this week was to celebrate the vital role that families play in helping their child to develop, learn and grow.

We also had a lovely time visiting the school library for Storytime. The children had a tour of the school learning how to borrow library books, walk in pairs up the stairs and listen quietly.

We were also lucky enough to spend time in the kindergarten classroom watching “Pete the Cat” on the interactive whiteboard. This was a great chance become familiar within the classroom setting and meet Mrs. Wicks the kindergarten teacher and Deputy Principal.

In week 5 we had a special free morning tea generously supplied by Rockdale Public School. The families learnt all about the school canteen procedures and the children practiced sitting down and eating together.

June 12 saw the group visited by Police Officer Renee and Liaison Officer Delilah. The families and children enjoyed learning about Stranger Danger, crossing the road safely and Personal Danger. The children also had fun dressing up in the police uniform and enjoying the balloons, tattoos and a story book generously provided by the local St George Police unit.
The last two weeks of term included an “Ask the Principal” session of questions with Mr. Mark Steed the Principal and this week a visit to Rockdale library. The session gave the families an opportunity to have their queries answered in a relaxed setting and give them confidence in helping their child transition to school in the best possible way.

We are also receiving a visit from the local paper The Leader which is showcasing our project to the local area which is very exciting.

REMINDERS

- If your child suffers from anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma or any other medical condition please let our staff know. It is important to us to ensure your safety during our time together.

- Can you please make sure you have filled out an enrolment form and update any new details. New phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts need to be kept up to date in case we need to contact you.

- Please remember you are responsible for the supervision of your children while you are attending Parents Connect. We ask that you bring a healthy morning tea to share with the group and a water bottle for the children to drink.

- Please note that we are NOT allowed to have NUTS as we have a child with a strong allergy to them.

- Next term starts on Tuesday 17th July at 9.15am - 10.45am. We will be learning lots of new skills including how to write our names, draw shapes, days of the week and the alphabet. We will also be having a guest speaker from Kids and Traffic which is an education program on Road Safety.

- On the 4th September we have been invited to an exciting event. The Funky Bugs Musical Show will also be performing for our families which will be lots of fun for all!!!

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Kerrie our Family Support Worker. She is being replaced by Binita who is returning from maternity leave after welcoming a beautiful baby boy into her family. Welcome back Binita!!!

On behalf of the team we wish you all a safe and relaxing school holidays and look forward to seeing you in Term 3.