

# Bankstown North Public School

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Are you reading with your child  
every night?

If not, why not??

It's important!

Please contact your child's class  
teacher if you need assistance with  
reading strategies.



*I love to read*

## Week 4

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday-Friday      | <b>Breakfast Club from 8.30am</b> |
| Friday 22 February | <b>Summer PSSA Begins</b>         |

## Week 5

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday-Friday       | <b>Breakfast Club from 8.30am</b> |
| Monday 25 February  | <b>Mothers Group 9-11am</b>       |
| Tuesday 26 February | <b>Mothers Group 9-11am</b>       |
| Tuesday 26 February | <b>Stage 3 Incursion</b>          |
| Friday 1 March      | <b>Swimming Carnival</b>          |
| Friday 1 March      | <b>No PSSA</b>                    |

## Week 6

|                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday-Friday     | <b>Breakfast Club from 8.30am</b> |
| Monday 4 March    | <b>Mothers Group 9-11am</b>       |
| Tuesday 5 March   | <b>Mothers Group 9-11am</b>       |
| Wednesday 6 March | <b>Clean Up Schools Day</b>       |
| Friday 8 March    | <b>PSSA – Round 3</b>             |

## Week 7

|                  |                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday-Friday    | <b>Breakfast Club from 8.30am</b>    |
| Monday 11 March  | <b>Mothers Group 9-11am</b>          |
| Tuesday 12 March | <b>Mothers Group 9-11am</b>          |
| Friday 15 March  | <b>P&amp;C Meeting – AGM 9.15am</b>  |
| Friday 15 March  | <b>National Day Against Bullying</b> |
| Friday 15 March  | <b>PSSA – Round 4</b>                |

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week's **Principal Award** recipients are:

- Issam K - 1/2 Green
- Hussain H - 3/4 Red
- Nicholas L - 3/4 Yellow

Congratulations. These awards will be presented at the K-6 Assembly to be held on **Thursday 21 February**. Parents are welcome to attend.

## 2019 Classes and Teachers

At the beginning of the year, we had a high volume of families either move out of the Bankstown area, interstate or return overseas to live. As a result, this term we have not been able to retain 14 classes. To minimise disruption across K-6 we have collapsed class KYellow. This has resulted in only some students changing to another class and teacher. The changes commenced beginning of this week ie: Monday 18 February 2019.

As a consequence of this, we lost Miss Karin Chen last Friday. Miss Chen has proven to be a very dedicated, enthusiastic and committed teacher and we wish her all the very best with her future career.

Classes and teachers will now be:

|            |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| K Blue     | - Mrs Judy Renno (Mon-Wed)         |
|            | Mrs Iris Tzavaras (Thurs/Fri)      |
| K Red      | - Miss Annabelle Bares             |
| K/1 Orange | - Miss Olga Vojvodic               |
| 1 Red      | - Miss Amanda Curll                |
| 1/2 Green  | - Mrs Jessica Francis (nee Rivera) |
| 2 Blue     | - Miss Vivian Tran                 |
| 2 Red      | - Mrs Samah Balloul (nee Khaddam)  |
| 3/4 Blue   | - Mrs Cintia Chacon                |
| 3/4 Red    | - Mrs Anna Lee                     |
| 3/4 Yellow | - Mrs Kerrie Hatfield              |
| 5/6 Blue   | - Mr Scott Formica (Rel AP)        |
| 5/6 Red    | - Mr James Leedow                  |
| 5/6 Yellow | - Ms Anastasia Avgoustis           |

NB: Stage 2 and 3 classes will not be affected and will remain the same.

## Bullying Program

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is a positive day of action for Australian teachers, students and school communities to take a stand together and say 'Bullying. No Way!'

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 15 March. Due to PSSA and the K-2 Gymnastics program, Bankstown North will be recognising this most important of days on **Thursday 21 March**. Leading up to this day, students will participate in class learning activities to gain a better understanding of what bullying is, how to respond appropriately to bullying and how we can assist those who are being bullied.

Senior Constable Phillip Smith, Bankstown Police Station's Schools Liaison Officer, will also be making a presentation to the whole school in regards to bullying in society. At this stage, Constable Smith will be attending our whole school assembly on Thursday 21 March, 2019.

## Annual Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival for Years 1-6 will be held on **Friday 1 March** (Week 5) at **Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centre** (Marco Avenue, Revesby). Information and permission notes have been sent home. If you require another copy, please look on our website under Notes to Parents. Please see Mr Formica if you require more details, or are able to assist staff on the day.

## Clean Up Schools Day

On Friday 1 March, most schools across the country will be participating in Clean Up Schools Day. Due to our swimming carnival being held on this day, we will be holding ours on **Wednesday 6 March**. We will be asking our students and teachers to walk around the school grounds and pick up any loose rubbish to help make our school as clean as possible. The day will be organised by our school Environmental Committee, led by Mrs Kerrie Hatfield.

## Scripture

A reminder that our Scripture classes commenced last Wednesday 13 February from 2.30pm-3.00pm. Our classes this year will be for the following religious denominations:

- Catholic
- Muslim
- Protestant
- Non-Scripture

Please note that other religions **may** be added through the year as the need arises providing we are able to find suitable scripture teachers. We are endeavouring for Scripture to be offered to all children in Years K-6 but will

depend on the availability of scripture teachers, particularly Muslim. If you are able to volunteer, please contact ISRE (Islamic Special Religious Education) on 9708 0880. You don't have to be a qualified teacher and they will supply you with everything you need. If you do not wish for your child to participate in scripture, then please contact **Mrs Kerrie Hatfield** (Organising Scripture Teacher) or the school office ASAP.

## Parent Information Afternoon

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who gave up their time to attend our parent information afternoon last Wednesday. Unfortunately, there were a number of parents and caregivers who did not attend. It is important that you attend these meetings as it is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and contribute to your child's educational program. For those parents and caregivers who were unable to attend and require an appointment with your child's class teacher, please inform the class teacher, or contact our school office.

To all our parents and caregivers, please remember that an interpreter service is always available to assist you in a variety of languages. To access this service please advise our school office in advance so that an interpreter can be arranged.

## Annual School Contribution Fee

We are asking for all families to pay an annual contribution fee. This fee is used to purchase necessary teaching and learning resources for your child's classroom. The contribution fee is \$42 for a single child or \$79 for a family of 2 or more.

I understand that families face additional expenses at the beginning of the school year; however, I consider the amounts to be both fair and reasonable. If any parent or caregiver is experiencing difficulty in making the payment, please make an appointment to see me through our school office.

## Technology Fee

The school is requesting that parents and caregivers pay a Technology Fee of \$20 to assist us making annual subscription payments for programs such as **Mathspace**, **Mathseeds** and **Literacy Planet**. It also helps to cover the cost of general wear and tear of hardware used in the classroom. The fee is also used to assist the school in purchasing computer programs and licences which are used by all K-6 teachers to assist students with their learning.

In addition to this fee, all students and parents must acknowledge 'Bankstown North Public School Information and Communication Technologies Acceptable Use Policy' and return a signed copy of the 'ICT Code of Conduct' to the office by **Friday 22**

**February.** Please look out for these important notes in your child's school bag.

Your prompt payment of the above fees is appreciated.

**School Counsellors**

Our new school counsellors, **Mr Bao Mai** and **Ms Michelle Booker**, have now commenced. Mr Mai will be working at our school every Wednesday and Ms Booker will be working on Fridays.

If you wish to speak with either of them, please see your child's teacher for a referral form.



**Kiss And Drop Zone**

A few basic rules for Kiss and Drop:

**Please do not jump the queue**

It is disrespectful to other parents who are following the rules and you are teaching your child/ren to do the wrong thing.

**Please register with the school office**

Registration form and note outlining the procedures are available on our school website and from our Notes Home folder located in the foyer of our office.

**School Uniform**

As the two year transition period has finished, it is expected that all children will now be wearing the new school uniform. With the correct hat and shoes, it certainly makes our student body look very smart and professional.

Don't forget that black leather school shoes are also part of the School Uniform Policy as agreed upon by the P&C.



Uniforms available at:

**Yeronga Uniforms**  
900 Canterbury Road, Roselands  
(between Flora and Remly Streets)  
Ph: 9759 1555



The school hat is available for purchase from the front office for \$16 at any time.

To be sun safe, hats are compulsory for play outside.

**No Hat, No Play**

For those children who don't have a hat, they will need to stay under

the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area).

**Correct Sports Uniform Reminder**



Many of our students are not wearing the correct sport shirt uniform. Please remember that our boys and girls **sports** shirt is predominantly **LIGHT BLUE**.

The dark blue shirt is the boys normal school day uniform. Please ensure you adhere to our School Uniform Policy by wearing the correct shirt on the designated day.

Sport Shirt

**House Groups**

All of our students have been placed in their House Group. Students are placed randomly into a House Group – but in a way to ensure that we have an even distribution in each age level in each house group. Siblings, however, are always placed in the same house group.

All of our major sporting activities such as the swimming carnival, cross country and athletics carnival revolve around these House Groups, with students representing their house team to earn points. If you have any queries about this please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.

We have four sports houses that correspond to a colour. Children are allowed to wear house colour t-shirts to sporting carnivals:

- Banks** - Red
- Bass** - Blue
- Cook** - Yellow
- Hume** - Green



Year 6 High School Applications 2020

**The time to act is NOW!**

In the coming weeks there will be lots of information for our Year 6 students in relation to enrolling in a high school for 2020. When the Expression of Interest forms are handed out, the Department of Education allows only a VERY short time for it to be returned. That means you should start exploring possible high schools this week.

You can:

- Talk to other families
- Look at high school websites
- Find out if they have an Open Afternoon or Night and attend it
- Drive past and have a look
- Check their social media accounts like Facebook or Twitter

DO NOT leave it until the forms arrive to try and decide which schools you might like to attend next year ... that will not give you enough time to research them all.

**Back To School**

Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a public school.

Find out more:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers>

**Ordering Lunches**

A reminder that students are not permitted to order their lunch after the morning assembly bell. Students are to be in class lines at this time to receive teacher messages.

Canteen staff have been instructed not to serve students at this time, however parents are able to order lunch for their children or alternatively children can come to the front office after morning assembly to place their order.

**School Weeks**

Q: Why does the school use 'week 6' instead of dates?

A: We find it useful for planning each term.

Here are the actual dates for the rest of this term for public schools in NSW:

**Term 1**

|         |   |             |
|---------|---|-------------|
| Week 5  | - | 25 February |
| Week 6  | - | 4 March     |
| Week 7  | - | 11 March    |
| Week 8  | - | 18 March    |
| Week 9  | - | 25 March    |
| Week 10 | - | 1 April     |
| Week 11 | - | 8 April     |

**Helping With Homework**

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/help-with-homework>

**Encouraging Literacy Skills At Home**

Let your child help you write shopping lists. This is a great way to get them reading words that don't always come from a storybook. Children can help you read recipes and then write out lists of items you need and link names to products that you point out in the refrigerator or the pantry cupboard. More ideas at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/quick-guide-for-parents>

**Sun Safety**

Five ways to be SunSmart this summer. The Cancer Council recommends these five ways to protect against sun damage when the SunSmart UV alert is 3 or above.

1. Seek shade
2. Wear protective clothing that covers your arms and legs and body
3. Wear a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face and neck
4. Wear wrap-around sunglasses
5. Apply SPF30+ broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen every two hours.

Find out more at <https://www.cancer.org.au/>

**Parents/Caregivers Of Pre-School Children**

A reminder to all parents and caregivers with pre-schoolers that you are most welcome to visit the school, however it is imperative that your pre-school child does not disturb the learning in classrooms, morning assemblies as well as our fortnightly formal assemblies. We also invite you and your pre-schooler to our Mothers Group – Monday and Tuesday 9.00-11.00am.

**New To The School**

Changing schools can be an anxious time for your child. There are new friends to make, new schedules to work out and a whole new school layout to contemplate. The latest issue of the School Parents ezine (electronic magazine) contains information on helping your child adjust to a new school. It includes expert advice from preparing for the move, choosing a school and settling in. There are also special links for advice for travelling teens and defence families. Check it out at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine).

Parents Approaching Other Students In School Grounds

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are you to approach another child in the school grounds. This includes both the class and playground or any venue outside the school. If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about another child, please see me or your child's class teacher.

You Are Welcome At School!

Children love to see their parents and carers at their school, whether helping out in the classroom or being involved in other ways. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Your contribution to the school is needed and valued.

Ways you might get involved:

- help in the classroom
- listen to children read
- help children on computers
- help with school excursions

Lunches Brought From Home

Parents are requested to ensure any food brought from home has been stored at the correct temperature prior to being brought to school (ie: it has been refrigerated and not left at room temperature for more than 2 hours – please see link below from NSW Food Authority).

Best practice would be that the food comes straight from the refrigerator at home, into a cool bag with several ice bricks. Parents are responsible for ensuring they have provided safe food to their children whilst at school.

More information at:

<http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/foodsafetyandyou/keeping-food-safe>

University Of NSW Curriculum Competitions

Bankstown North Public School is inviting students to enter the Curriculum Competitions administered by University of NSW. The competitions are conducted at school and notes will be sent home informing you of the details closer to the dates.

Whole School Assembly

Our next whole school formal assembly is this **Thursday 21 February 2017 commencing at 2.00pm**. Your attendance at our assemblies is always welcome!

Thank you for your continued support

**Jon Godwin**  
Principal

PSSA

PSSA (Primary School Sports Association) is a school versus school sporting competition which is held on Fridays for students in years 3-6. The summer competition starts up this Friday 22 February and will continue in Term 4. The sports that are available for summer PSSA are:

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| MIXED AFL            | Mr Formica     |
| GIRLS TBALL/SOFTBALL | Mrs Abou Lokme |
| BOYS CRICKET         | Mr Leedow      |
| GIRLS CRICKET        | Ms Avgoustis   |

Throughout last week, we held our PSSA tryouts which gave all students from years 3-6 an opportunity to trial in their selected sport. The students who were successful were informed this week and received their code of conduct and permission note to be returned to the school office by this Friday.

Training will commence from Monday 25 February and times are as follows:

|  |
|--|
| AFL                                    |
| ▪ Friday 8.00-8.50am + a lunchtime TBA |
| GIRLS TBALL and SOFTBALL               |
| ▪ TBA                                  |
| BOYS CRICKET                           |
| ▪ Wednesday lunch time                 |
| GIRLS CRICKET                          |
| ▪ Wednesday lunch time                 |

We wish all our PSSA sporting teams the very best of luck throughout the season.

**Please note that all Softball and T-ball need to have shin guards**

School Tip

Let us know if you have any special circumstances. Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Please inform your child's class teacher or the Principal about any changed circumstances so that your child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, a separation or divorce or the death of a loved one.

Prescribed Medicines

If your child requires prescribed medication, for example antibiotics, to be administered during school hours, please fill in a 'Request for Administering Prescribed Medication to a Student' form. It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Communities that all



prescribed medication is provided with a valid expiry date. The medication must be sent to school in the original packaging and will only be administered if correct paperwork has been completed and the medication has your child's name printed on the prescription label.

### House Captains

This week, the students from years 1-6 gathered in their sports house Banks, Bass, Cook and Hume for the first time this year. They not only had to prepare for the swimming carnival but also to vote on who would be their house captains and vice captains. It was great to see so many of our senior students so enthusiastic to be leaders of our school.

Congratulations to the following students who will be leading their houses throughout the year. They will be presented with their badges at this week's assembly.

|       | Captains           | Vice Captains       |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------|
| BANKS | Adam<br>Ali M      | Badr<br>Nariman     |
| BASS  | Wissam<br>Lucille  | Noah E<br>Ella-Jade |
| COOK  | Hawani<br>Sevara   | Davina<br>Mikhail   |
| HUME  | Zahra I<br>Malaika | Isabelle<br>Romano  |



### Communication

Our school newsletter is sent home on a fortnightly basis (even weeks). A great deal of time is spent preparing the newsletter to keep our community informed of school activities so it is important that parents/carers take the time to read it.

We often receive requests for additional copies of permission notes from parents who have lost them. This is both time consuming and costly for the school. All newsletters and notes are available to download from the school website. We ask that if you have misplaced a note or newsletter to download a new copy from home. Additionally we often are requested for copies of school reports and NAPLAN results. These are important documents and parents need to keep them in a safe place for future reference.

### Money Collection

It is important that all money for excursions, workbooks, book club etc be sent to school in a sealed envelope (preferably a school one) or plastic zip lock bag with your child's name and class clearly printed on the front.

Please do not send loose money as it can easily be lost on the way to school. All notes and envelopes with money enclosed must be handed into the office **BEFORE** the morning bell.

# CRITICAL READING

## 7 School Zone Traffic Offences Introduced in 2018

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers, there were **seven** new traffic infringements with fines that was introduced in 2018 – we are reprinting in 2019 so that parents are reminded of these rules.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

1. **Stopping in intersection** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. **Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights)** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. **Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights)** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. **Stop near bicycle crossing lights** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
5. **Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. **Not parallel park in the direction of travel** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. **Parallel park close to dividing line** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

These are road rules by the NSW Government not by Bankstown North Public School. If you are fined because you have done the wrong thing, please do not come into the school office asking for help or a letter or expecting the Principal to be able to fix the problem.

# Driving and parking safely near your school

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- Drop your child off and pick them up on the school side of the road
- Never call out to them from across the road - it is very dangerous
- Always take extra care in 40km school zones
- Follow all parking signs - these help keep your child as safe as possible
- Park responsibly even if it means you have to walk further to the school gate
- Never double park - it is illegal and puts children at risk
- Never do a U-turn or a three point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- Model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your child
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

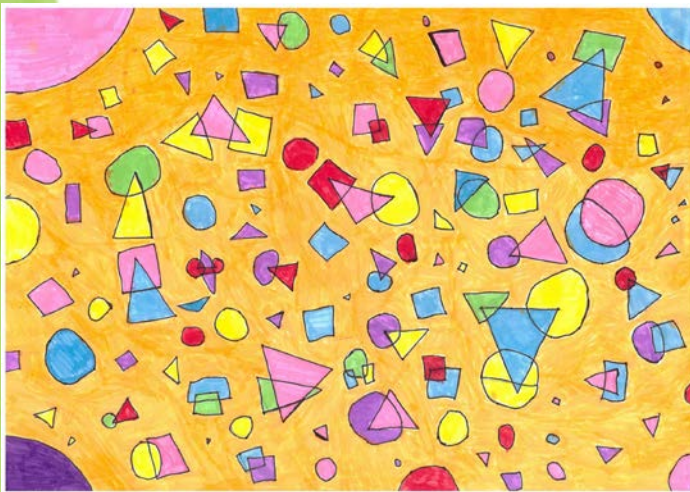




# 5/6 YELLOW CLASS CHATTER

So far this year in 5/6 Yellow, we have been very busy getting to know each other, revising the school rules and creating our own class rules. We all agree in 5/6 Yellow we will try our very best to be SAFE, to be LEARNERS and to MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

We enjoy being creative in 5/6 Yellow - Two dimensional Maths Art



Rayan



Serene



Sardor



Meerab



## Creative Story: How did your pet dog get it's colours?



### What Happened To Sniffer

You won't believe what happened. Yesterday, my pet dog Sniffer, a Caboodle, was a perfect brown colour. Now, he looks like he was thrown at a wet painting. He looks awful, with a yellow glow coming from him, as if he were some sort of dog god with magical powers.

I think I know what happened. My mother had bought some lollipops for rewarding my younger siblings for appropriate behaviour. It wasn't the usual brand Mum bought. The packet was labelled "Magical Sparx", and at the back of it, it clearly stated "Do Not Give to Dogs!" The Sparx had the most delightful smell, like every type of flavoured treats. Dogs have an even better sense of smell of smell than humans, especially Sniffer, so he could smell such a sweet aroma, that he could not resist eating it.

When I found him, he had it in his mouth. I tugged it away from him and threw it in the bin. That evening, he didn't eat his dog food and later, he started vomiting. I thought it was just the side effects of the lolly, so I told my parents. But that wasn't all. This morning, I found Sniffer like this. I don't know what to do.

Romano

### Scruffy

"We finally got him", my mum called to me in a quiet, rushed and demanding voice "Come on honey grab your shoes and come down now!". I thought to myself while going down the stairs what have I done wrong?? "OH MY GOODNESS AHHH", I screamed in excitement as a sort of grey dog ran towards me, he looked as if he was a pitbull or something like that. Although I didn't really care at the time. "He's so beautiful, Scruffy that's his name Scruffy". He was running around in circles around the yard while his tail wagged and he was jumping up and down trying to lick me.

I got to learn more and more about him every day, he also got to learn about how his life style would be working and he was getting to learn a few tricks on the way. A couple of months later when I was teaching scruffy a new trick that I came up with. A MASSIVE food dye truck was passing by, see before continue this story I forgot to tell you one important detail he loves chasing and biting on things to play tug of war. Scruffy saw a type of belt looking thing dangling from the closed door of the truck, he ran and caught up to the truck and bite and tugged at the belt. All different colored dye bottles opened and tipped all over him. I had to admit though I couldn't get angry at him after all he looked pretty good! Aameena

### Splash

The afternoon was simple and quiet. My brother picked me up from school and we crossed the Hume. I was thinking of settling down on my grandparents couch, sucking on a Calypso and watching the Chase but no! I asked Marijan "So, Bibi's house?" but he didn't reply. I've known my brother for eleven years now, so it probably was a yes, I thought. But then I remembered our two dogs at home, especially our newest one (and the main point of this story) Splash.

I found, I mean my brother and I found a small brown labrador puppy with beautiful yellow eyes curled up in a puddle. We already got a dog which I named Remus (because I'm a Harry Potter nerd) but what's an extra pup, right? We took him home and cleaned him, much to our parents dismay and named him Splash in honour of the puddle we found him in. Little did I know that his name would differ; greatly.

We went home yesterday straight away. Probably just to check on Remus and Splash (we later learnt that our dad was injured at work so we had to come straight home to take care of him). Another school day past. Nothing special there. Anyway, mum made some soup and I went outside to check out the full moon. Remus was outside of his dog house, fur majestically flowing and his green eyes shifting to amber. Splash was probably sleeping, I thought and I went inside and to bed.

I woke up from a short snooze about to get ready for the day. I checked outside. Remus (now back to his normal state) was playing with .... Splash? His once brown fur was splotted with ainbows almost like he had jumped out of a pop art mural. I quickly woke up both my brother and my dad. I grabbed my phone at took as many pictures as I can. I told my brother and my dad and sent a picture to my mum. They weren't surprised. Neither was I. Eva

We look forward to seeing all the great things we will achieve in 5/6 Yellow this year!