

Prairievale Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Lots of terrific things happening again at Prairievale PS. Keep up to date on our website: <http://www.prairieval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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Go Blue for Autism

Each year on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, iconic buildings across Australia and the world turn their lights blue to promote autism awareness. In support of this global initiative and especially the students in our newly established support classes, we are asking everyone to

[wear blue this Thursday.](#)

* Please remember to wear closed in shoes.

Next P&C meeting

Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 2pm

Parent Workshops

Our next workshop will be:

Monday 4 May - Homework Grids - with Mrs Melia and Mrs Sweeney

It will be held in the library at 1:55pm. We hope you can join us!

Uniform

This is a reminder that as of 2015, the blue boys long and short sleeve shirts as well as the girls winter tunic are ***NO LONGER*** uniform at Prairievale PS.

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 2 April we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade. Students are asked to make a hat at home and bring it on the day to wear in our parade. Parents and friends are invited to join us at 1:45pm in Area A.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that Interview times were sent out last week. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 1 April in classrooms. Please call the school as soon as possible if you are unable to make your scheduled time.

Stage 3 Tree Planting at Lizard Log Park



Charlotte's Web Book Reviews



Charlotte's Web, a heart-warming story written by E.B White, tells a tale of a little pig named Wilbur who learns that friendship is the strongest thing in the world.

This novel is set in a barn with many adventurous events. Because he is a runt, Wilbur struggles from the very start. Mr Zuckerman is fattening Wilbur up for a reason. Wilbur and his trustworthy friend, Charlotte, are determined to stop Mr Zuckerman from his nasty and gruesome plans. Who would have thought that a spider could save a pig from getting killed?

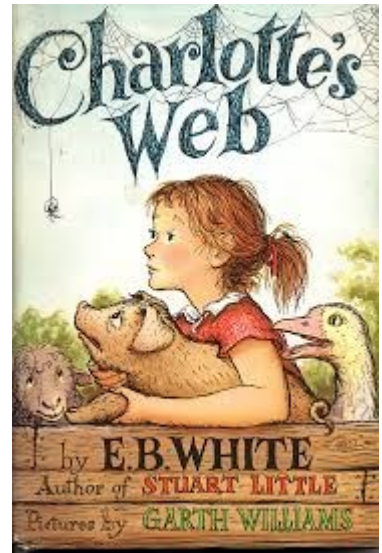
Each and every paragraph E.B White has written in this novel had the strength to entertain me and make me feel as if I was really there in the barn. I do think this is a fascinating book because of the way he develops the characters, making it very realistic. This book has many great qualities.

If I could change one thing, it would be the part where Charlotte passes away because it makes the story very emotional and way too sad.

In this classic book, a few parts made me full of sorrow and despair, whereas the other parts in the novel made me feel like I was there! The way the author wrote made me feel as if I had a relationship with the characters. I would recommend that ages 8-11 would love this particular book. I would give this book a rating of five out of five stars because there were no weaknesses.

This story had two messages throughout the novel. I believe that E.B White was trying to say that friendship is the strongest thing ever and it can last forever in your heart. He also tried to mention that you can't judge someone by their appearance.

By Chloe 3/4S



In this wonderful, one-of-a-kind book, Charlotte's Web, written by E.B. White, Wilbur goes on a crazy adventure with Charlotte, Fern, the barn animals and every else in his life. Wilbur goes to many different places in this book, like the county fair, Mr and Mrs Arable's house and Mr Zuckerman's barn. A terrific little spider saves Wilbur's life and even made Wilbur famous. Who knew a little blood-thirsty spider could change a little, helpless pig's life?

This book was the best because of the characters. I mean a book with talking animals- that's a classic! It made me feel like I was in the book. All the writing was great. It felt like my brain wanted to know what was next each time I read. Most people would think Charlotte was gross, but in my eyes she was really pretty.

If I could change something in this book I know I would firstly make the story longer as it would be better and make a big difference. I also think there should be no dying in a kid's book.

I think this book was amazing because little kids from 7 to 10 could read it and I think the characters were really cool. I thought it was going to be a happy story but it made me feel sad and upset. If a mother was reading this to a younger child, say a three or four year old, they might get upset that someone dies. That might have been the book's only weakness.

The book was a great read as there are so many great things about it. This story tried to tell us that love and friendship is everything and just because someone in your life goes away or dies, you still have that connection. If you're really connected to someone then nothing can tear you apart. The author tried to teach us that friendship is the strongest thing and that it doesn't matter about shape or size, it's what's inside.

By Violetta 3/4S

Charlotte's Web written by E.B. White is a sensational book for children to learn what friendship really is about. You would be amazed how a tiny grey spider could change a pig's destiny. You might be surprised that a little runty pig becomes a famous star and friends with every animal in the barn.



The way E.B. White develops the characters made me want to read it again. He wrote this book very well with many inspirational characters. It was a very entertaining story filled with hilarious characters.

If I could change one part of the story it would be Charlotte dying. I want her to live because she doesn't deserve to die after what she has done for Wilbur.

I felt really sad in some places while I read this book. I almost cried some happy tears and sad tears because this book was very heart- warming for me. I felt like I was really friends with the animals, even though Charlotte is a spider and Wilbur is a pig. I recommend this book for nine years and older.

I think the author was trying to teach us how strong friendship could be even though you might be different. I believe that the moral of the story is to always try to help others even if they are different. I learned that no matter how big or small you are, you can still be a hero.

By Larita 3/4S

Charlotte's Web by E.B White tells the tale of a young runt saved by a little girl only to be disrupted of a peaceful life living with Fern to go and live in Mr. Zuckerman's barn. Fern, Wilbur and Charlotte all make a very special relationship throughout the story, which is not based on what they can get out of it. Charlotte is a spider with many talents, not just her intelligence but her talent just to be nice. All the animals team up with Charlotte to save Wilbur's life. They can't let him be dinner!

This book had many positives. The author must have been very knowledgeable to think all that up. All the characters are courteous and they made me feel like I was really there. The writing style was very descriptive and entertaining. The problem in the story was horrific but also entertaining just like the writing style. Even though the story didn't have many illustrations it was still a good book because we got to visualize.

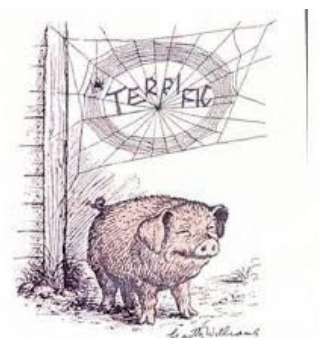
If I could change one thing about this book it would be about Fern. I don't really want Fern to like Henry Fussy. This is the one thing I would like to change because Wilbur deserves to be looked after by someone he loves. When Wilbur gets his prize at the County Fair all Fern's family are there whereas Fern is with Henry.

This story made me feel depressed in parts and it made me feel happy in others. Charlotte's Web by E.B White made me feel many different emotions throughout all the character's life stages. I really wanted to be Charlotte's, Wilbur's and Fern's friend as soon as I figured out that they were all lovely creatures. Charlotte, Wilbur, Fern and all the other barn animals made me feel so happy and I loved that there were loads of nice characters in this novel. The way I felt about Templeton was completely the opposite. He is a greedy fat rat who only does things for his own benefit. I think the author was trying to make me sad. Near the start Wilbur was going to die. At the end Charlotte actually did die which made me very upset. My opinion of the story was that it was one of the most wonderful books I have ever read. I give this story a five out of five because as I said it is a wonderful story.

E.B White was sending out a meaningful message to all his young readers. This message he was sending out to us was kind of like "Horton Hears a Who" by Dr. Suess. It was be nice to anything, it doesn't matter how small. Fern really took this message on board as we read. Fern shows us the message throughout the story. She cares for Charlotte who is only a wee spider and she cares for Wilbur who is a runt.

E.B White's story was very interesting and the message will stay in my mind forever.

By Sophie 3/4S



Term 2

Please remember that Term 2 begins on Tuesday 21 April.

School Banking

Please bring your school bank books to school every Wednesday. Save money whilst helping the school! If you would like to start school banking, please see Mrs Dodd in the office on a Wednesday morning.

Coffee club

We would like to invite all parents to our school coffee club. Come along and meet some friendly people, have a chat, ask questions, all while enjoying a lovely cup of coffee and yummy cakes and biscuits. Meet us in the staffroom on Friday at 9am.

Have a good couple of weeks,

Nikki Perrin
Principal

25 Nights Reading

Congratulations to those students who have reached their
25 nights!! What a terrific achievement.

K/1P

Joseph Nimo

Jennifer Asmaro

Ariana l'Anson

Niram David

Andrew Adil

Merin Jiji

Noor Rhaima

John-Paul Khochaba

1M

Jonella Orah

Michael Kozelko

Sabrina Velazquez Lenci

Mustafa Al-Jinabi

Roger Jong

2N

Jayden Le

Sarah Noona

Marvin Wu

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Larita Ma

Gordon Ung

Chloe Tran

Afaaf Asmaro

Fun Friday



Class in Focus

K/1P

K/1P has been working hard all through Term 1.

We have been learning new words and sounds to help us with our reading and writing.

We have been learning about numbers and different strategies for addition and subtraction during our TEN groups.

In Art we created portraits using pencils, crayons and collage.



We are looking forward to lots more fun in Term 2!

PPS Calendar

April

Wednesday 1	Cross Country carnival Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 2	Easter Hat Parade NRL workshops Years 3-6 Go Blue for Autism Mufti Day (No cost) Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 21	Students return to school
Friday 24	ANZAC Ceremony

May

Monday 4	Parent Workshop - Homework Grids
Thursday 7	Mothers Day Stall
Tuesday 12	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Wednesday 13	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Thursday 14	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Tuesday 19	UNSW ICAS Computer Test
Monday 25	Book Fair begins

June

Wednesday 3	UNSW ICAS Science Test
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