



Newsletter

1st July 2019

Term 2 Week 10



Principal's Report

Term 2 Holidays

Term 2 holidays will begin at the end of this week and I would like to thank our community for being a part of another great term. While it has been a very busy term, it has been a very successful term with fantastic student success. Students will return to school on Tuesday 23rd July.

Student success

Our students continue to go from strength to strength with our debating team having several debates over the past two weeks. Even though they are beginning debaters, they are doing an amazing job convincing the audience that their argument is correct and have won several of their debates.

Our school spelling bee final was held last week and I was very impressed with some of the words our students could spell. Our Year 1 students had to delve into the Stage 2 words to find a winner! Well done to all of our talented spellers. The Stage 2 and 3 winners will now progress to the regional finals. Our indigenous students attended the NAIDOC ceremony at Warners Bay High School last week and did a wonderful job as ambassadors for our school. Our boys PSSA soccer team will compete in the next round today against Floraville. We wish them well. Lastly, as a whole, our students are doing an incredible job of collecting Gotchas to earn the PBL rewards days. Stage 1 will have their day this week and all other stages are close to achieving the goal. Well done!

Reports

Semester One reports will be sent home on Thursday of this week. Teachers have spent countless hours writing reports to give parents a clear indication of how their child is progressing this year. Parents are invited to talk with teachers and their child in the student led conferences early next term.

New School App

After experiencing complications and difficulties with our old school app, we have moved to use the Skoolbag app. We will be using the app to update parents on happenings in the school and parents can send absence notes to the school and use the app to make payments online. The new app is easy to navigate and can be downloaded from the app store. I would encourage you to download the app during the school holidays so it is available to you at the beginning of next term.

Share Our Space

As we are having a great deal of maintenance work completed over the school holidays to our buildings and grounds, our school playground will not be open for the Share Our Space program during these holidays.

Happy holidays

Lastly, I would like to wish you a happy holiday and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

Deborah Hall
Principal

Upcoming Events

Wed 3rd July	Pasta Day (Canteen)
Friday 5th July	Last day for Term 2
Tues 23rd July	Students resume for Term 3 NAIDOC Activities
Wed 24th July	Jollybops Science Show
Wed 30th July	Hunter Dance Festival (Primary Boys Dance)
Thurs 31st July	Hunter Dance Festival (Year 5 Girls Dance)
Thurs 15th Aug	Sydney Rocks (Rescheduled date)



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Superstars!



Library News

Term 2 has been a very busy one in the library with the highlight being our Book Fair. It saw over \$1200 being raised which will be spent on new books for all students to enjoy.

Term 3 is looking equally as busy with Book Week fast approaching. Now is the time to start thinking of costume ideas but please remember that it is not a competition, but a time to simply have some fun and share in the joy of books. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Reading Is My Secret Power." More details about the parade will come in Term 3.

Have a safe holiday and happy reading.
Mrs Freund

Transporting Students

With a number of extra curricular sporting activities happening this term, please ensure that you are familiar with the Department of Education's requirements for transporting students to and from events.

An information sheet is available from the office but does require that Parents/Carers of Volunteers provide the office with 100 points of ID and have a signed Appendix 5 declaration. Evidence also must be provided that the vehicle transporting students is registered and that the driver is licensed. Full details are available from the office or can be downloaded from our website. Please note this information is required, even if you are only transporting your old child/ren.



OoSHC

Camp Australia recognises children's efforts and achievements, and believe they are all worth celebrating. We reward children for their positive behaviour and achievements and we want to be able to share these exciting moments by congratulating Eliza Gribbin and Oliver Vincent for supportive attitudes and leadership growth throughout the term,

Every child who attends Before School Care and After School Care gets the opportunity to learn new and exciting skills, and to shine in their own way. Week 10 is celebrating our children, showcasing a week of Talent. It is hoped every child will have a go at something.

We take this opportunity to thank every family who supports our OSHC service and wish everyone a happy, healthy break. Should holiday care be needed, it is not too late to register online at www.campaustralia.com.au.

WBPS Book Swap

Later this year, Warners Bay PS will be holding a book swap. Students will donate used books and during the book swap they will get to take home a book or two for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, which provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with books and literacy resources. If you are having a clean out during the school holidays, please put aside any books in good condition that you wish to donate. Books can be sent to Mrs Parsons classroom.



Canteen

This Wednesday is Pasta Day in the Canteen so there will be no alternate lunch orders available on this day. All orders for Pasta Day were due to the Canteen today.

Primary Ethics

Primary Ethics classes have had another new class start recently, with our wonderful volunteer teaching a stage 3 class. We are very excited for the primary years to start experiencing this program and can't wait for all those on the wait lists to get the chance as well!

We have students on wait lists for Ethics classes at every year level. Currently classes run once a month at 2-2:55pm on Wednesdays. If you think you have the time to help bring this fabulous program to the school we are always looking for more volunteers. If you have been thinking about becoming an Ethics teacher now is the perfect time, with training in Newcastle on the 10th and 11th of August.

Ethics classes can be taught by parents, carers, grandparents or members of the community. If you would like to consider volunteering for Ethics or know someone interested please contact our Ethics coordinator Phoebe Jennings (jennings.phoebe@gmail.com) or visit the Primary Ethics website for more information (<https://primaryethics.com.au/>)

As always, thank you to our amazing volunteer Ethics teachers!

Kindergarten 2020

Our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2020 is now underway and we are currently taking expressions of interests from families that may have children starting Kindergarten next year. If you or someone you know are considering enrolment for 2020, please contact the office to complete the necessary paperwork.

Ethics Teacher Training Newcastle



Primary ETHICS 10 & 11 AUGUST, 2019

Have you got an hour each week to support children to learn thinking, reasoning & decision-making skills?
apply now: primaryethics.com.au/volunteer



NAIDOC Week 2019

NAIDOC Week 2019 is officially in the school holidays from 7th-14th July. NAIDOC week will be celebrated during Term 3, Week 1 at Warners Bay Public School. The Week of celebrations will kick off with a day of activities across the whole school on Tuesday 23rd July where students will participate in a range of sessions to engage students in the theme of "Voice, Treaty, Truth- Let's work together for a shared future".

The week will continue with a Science show from 'Jolly Bops' where students will see the show "Flight, Sound and Fire – Science with an Aboriginal Perspective". The show essentially looks at the scientific principles behind some of the great inventions and environmental understandings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Peoples. To complete our week we will have a closing ceremony on Friday 26th July. We look forward to connecting with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and the wider community as we all come together to acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal Education.

We are asking for any donations of red, black, yellow, blue, green and white wool which will be used in our activities on Tuesday 23rd July. If you are able to donate, please drop in to the office by Friday 5th July.

Any community members who would like to attend on Tuesday 23rd July to participate in the activities with the students are welcome. We also invite you to attend our closing ceremony on Friday 26th July. A note with further information will be going home with students this week.

Warners Bay High School NAIDOC

14 of our Aboriginal students, their families and Miss Walters attended the Warners Bay High School NAIDOC Assembly.

The children had a fabulous time and were able to network with previous Warners Bay students and other family members.

It's great to see our network continue to strengthen and celebrate Aboriginal culture!

Miss Walters



Thank you!

A big thank you to Saddingtons at Boolaroo and Oz Landscape Supplies for your generous donation towards our Welcome Garden at the entrance to our school. Warners Bay Public School says a big thank you!



Is Fortnite safe for your child to play?

14 Aug 2018



You have probably heard a lot of talk about the game Fortnite in recent weeks and the debate around whether or not it is safe for children under 13 to play.

While digital gaming on its own is not bad or dangerous, there are many games with adult themes, inappropriate language, excessive violence and most dangerous of all, open chat forums that expose your children to unknown adults around the world.

Fortnite is a wildly popular game that many of our kids are playing. It is available on all platforms and easily accessible to kids. The aim of the game is to kill all other players on a fictional island and be the last character standing. It is important for parents to know that while the violence is cartoonish, the themes are quite adult and the weaponry very realistic.

The biggest concern for children with this game is that they play with 100 other players. These players have an average age of 18-34 and are able to speak with your child. While you may be able to switch off the audio chat in your settings (most children do not) the chat screen can not be disabled. This has become a safety issue with many experts warning that it is putting children at risk from online paedophiles.

There have also been several cases of children under the age of 13 having developed an addiction to Fortnite and having to undergo rehabilitation therapy programs.

We encourage all parents to be vigilant and discuss and closely monitor any online gaming use with their children. All games with chat functions will need to be very closely monitored by parents. Our recommendation is that no student under the age of 13 should be playing Fortnite.

Whats on these Holidays

HunterSports Centre

GYMNASTICS SKILLS CLINIC 8 yrs.+
6pm - 7.30pm Mon 8th & Wed 10th July
\$26 per clinic
Skills Clinic: 8yrs+ the 'Skills Clinic' is a workshop style program for individuals wanting to learn key floor base skills for gymnastics, participants will learn progressions for aerial cartwheels, forward and backward walkovers, leaps and jumps and more.

PARKOUR 4 DAY WORKSHOP
Learn PARKOUR moves such as:
SHOULDER ROLL CAT PASS DASH VAULT
SPEED VAULT PRECISION JUMP
Suitable for all skills levels 6yrs - 9+ yrs.
COST: \$100.00
Mon 8th - Thurs 11th July 2019
4pm - 5.30pm - 6-8yrs or 5.30pm - 7pm - 9yrs+

VACATION CARE

MONDAY 8th July - Monday 22nd July
(Closed Wed 17th, Thurs 18th & Fri 19th Due to Major Event)
7.30am - 6.00pm Meals Included

BOOKINGS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL
Contact the Centre
PO Box 3187 - Glendale NSW
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www.hsc.org.au



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Winter Vacation Care Program 2019



Holy Family, Merewether Heights,
Glendale East and Mt Hutton
OOSH & Vacation Centre

**Centre Contacts and Locations
operating in School Holidays -**

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Scenic Drive Merewether Heights in
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NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS

8TH JULY 2019 – RAYMOND TERRACE
FLAG RAISING/PSC MORNING TEA
 9:00am – 11:30am

9AM — Meet @ Raymond Terrace Cenotaph
 9:30AM — Marching to Port Stephens Forecourt
 10:30AM — Flag Raising / Speeches
 11AM — Morning Tea
 Close @ 11:30am

10TH JULY 2019 – WATERFRONT, NELSON BAY
COMMUNITY BBQ
 9:00am – 2:00pm

9AM — Meet @ Nelson Bay Bowling Club
 9:30AM — Marching to Nelson Bay Waterfront
 Arrive approx. 10 – 10:15am
 10:15AM until 10:30AM — Lighting of a candle
 (Welcome to Country / Prayer)
 Light BBQ and Entertainment (closes 2pm)

12TH JULY 2019 – MURROOK CULTURE CENTRE
FAMILY FUN DAY
 10:00am – 2:00pm

Family Fun | Entertainment | BBQ
 For the kiddies we have Oakvale Farm Animal Pen,
 Jumping Castles, Rides and more!
 We hope to see you there!

NEWCASTLE NAIDOC

Newcastle Foreshore
Monday 8th July 2019
THE BIGGEST FAMILY FUN DAY EVER

Indigenous Chef Mark Olive **The Iconic Christine Anu** **Sensational Sean Choolburra**

NEWCASTLE FORESHORE ENTERTAINMENT: 10AM - 2PM
FLAG RAISING & MARCH STARTS: 8.45AM
BRAKE BLOCK PARK HONEY SUCKLE DRIVE

LIP SYNC BATTLE
\$1,000 - 1ST PRIZE

AWABAKAL DANCE TROUPE **TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ZANBURA KAZIL DANCE GROUP** **WAKAKULANG ABORIGINAL DANCE** **NU ROADS**

DODGEM CARS : KIDS RIDES : GIVE AWAYS : PRIZES : NINJA CHALLENGE : DRINKS : FOOD : COMPETITIONS

This is an Alcohol and Smoke free event

For more information contact Awabakal on (02) 49 078 555. Ask for Rod Smith, Simone Jordan or Debbie Masie

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Saturday 13th 2pm-5pm
Sunday 14th July 9am - 5pm

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