



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 — Week 6

Monday 16 November 2020

Principal Message

Presentation Day Ceremony

Due to current NSW Department of Education and NSW Health restrictions and requirements a few changes have been made to our annual Presentation Ceremony. To aid planning, no further changes will be made to the structure of the event this year, even if restrictions are eased before the event. Invitations will be sent out later this week.

What time and where will the Presentation Ceremony be held in 2020?

Our Presentation Ceremony will begin at 10.00am on Wednesday 9th December under the school COLA.

Who can attend?

We can accommodate **only one person per family** this year. No extended family/friends, siblings or community members are able to attend.

Will there be a P&C Morning Tea after the ceremony?

No, due to current requirements, it will not be feasible to have a community meal at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Will the event be live streamed?

No, there will not be a livestream of the event, however, students from Scone High have offered to film the ceremony. A link to the film will be available for all families and community members the following day. The link will be sent out via our website and Facebook pages.

What COVID-19 precautions will the school take for this event?

All visiting family members will be required to sanitise their hands upon arrival and sign a COVID-19 form. Seating will be spaced apart to allow 1.5m between each person. Parents will be required to remain seated during the ceremony, and will need to wait for the students to leave the COLA area before moving around.

It is important that we continue to celebrate the success of all our students in 2020 and we see this is the best way we can facilitate this within the guidelines that have been put

into place. Thank you for your understanding.

Important Dates

Wednesday 16th December – last day of term for students, teachers and SLSOs.

Friday 18th December – last day of term for office staff

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January – Staff Development Days – students do not attend

Friday 29th January – all students in year 1 to year 6 return to school for term 1 2021

Monday 1st February – Kindergarten start big school!

**Mrs Darlington
Relieving Principal**



K/1

K/1 enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC week. They learnt how to count and name some animals in Gamilarray language, played games, made a friendship bracelet, designed an x-ray style drawing and read lots of books by aboriginal authors.

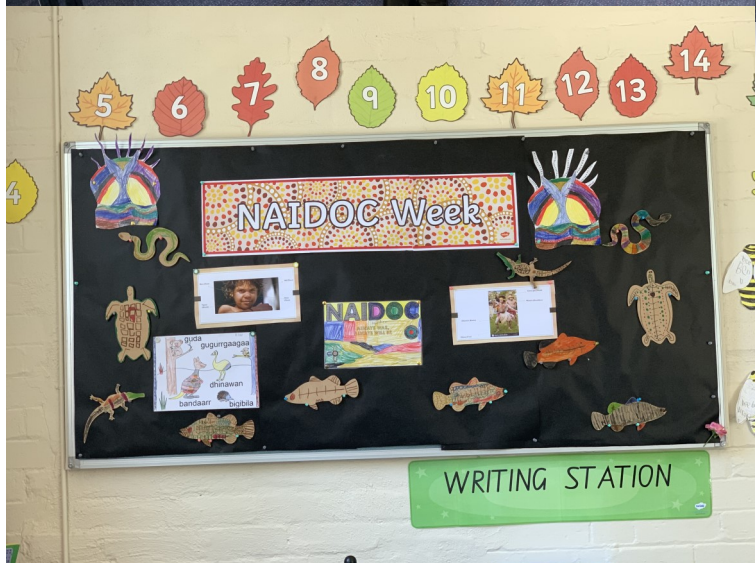
NAIDOC week is important for everyone. I learnt more things about Aboriginal people and had fun. By Hunter

We have also started doing dance lessons for sport with Miss Bettington. We will have to learn a routine to music.

Our writing is improving all the time. Here is a story from Ben about a flying carpet.

The man is flying on a carpet down the dusty alley. The man is going to a new world to live there for ever. The man is in a new land. He is having a good time there.

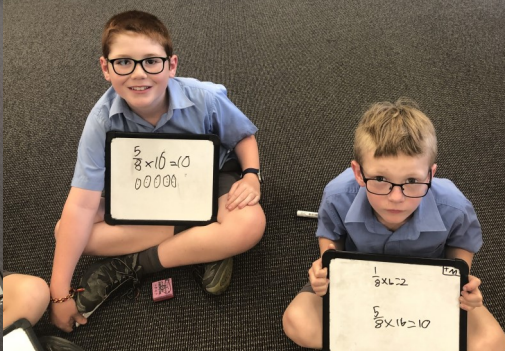
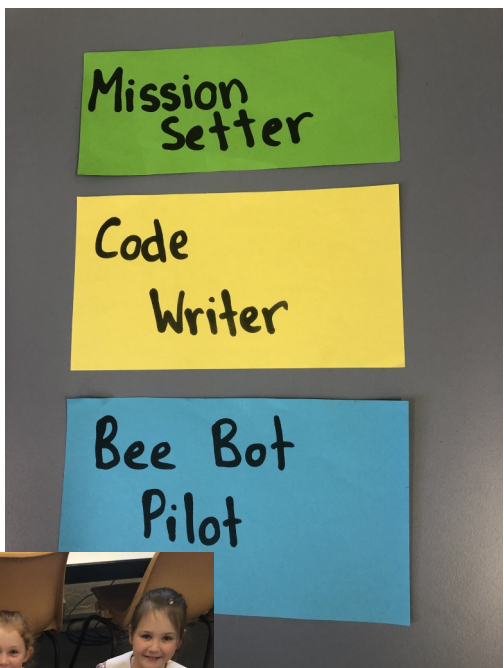
Mrs Coffey



2/3

2/3 had a great day on Tuesday celebrating NAIDOC week. We participated in relay games with 4/5/6 pretending to be various Australian Animals. We also learnt the Aboriginal names for each animal. We loved plaiting friendship bracelets using the Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow. Some of us learnt to plait! 2/3 also painted some Australian animals and decorated them using dot painting. Thank you to Mrs Ranclaud for organising such great activities for us! In mathematics we are working on fractions. We have learnt that the numerator is the number above the line. It tells us how many parts are taken from the whole. The number below the line is the denominator. The denominator tells us how many parts in a whole. We look forward to working with Miss Finlayson each week. This week we learnt how to program our Bee Bots to accomplish a mission!! So much fun!! We took it in turns to be the Mission Setter, the Code Writer and the Bee Bot pilot. Thank you Miss Finlayson.

Mrs Quirk and Mrs Foley



NAIDOC WEEK



4/5/6

The students enjoyed a range of NAIDOC activities this week including games, craft and language. As part of our poetry unit the students have written biographies on Oodgeroo Noonuccal, the first Aboriginal woman to have a book published when she was known as Kath Walker. They also took great care when creating some detailed dot paintings on wooden animal shapes.

In Geography, Stage Three have been using their research and presentation skills to create advertising posters to persuade people to visit the varied and intriguing biomes they have created in the current unit of work.

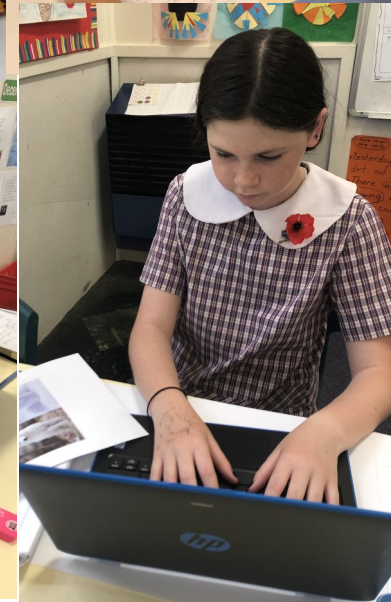
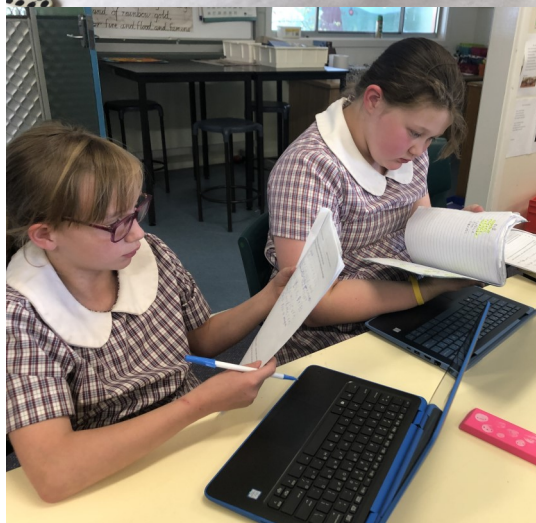
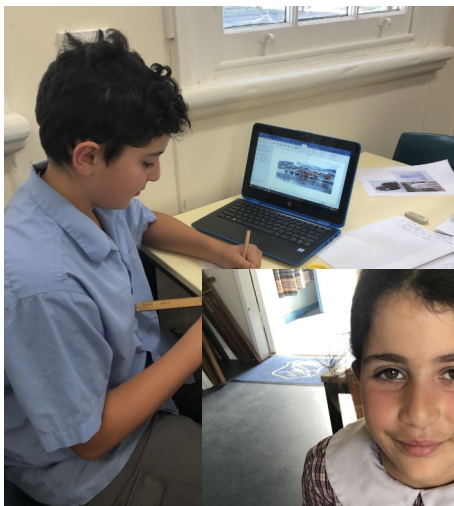
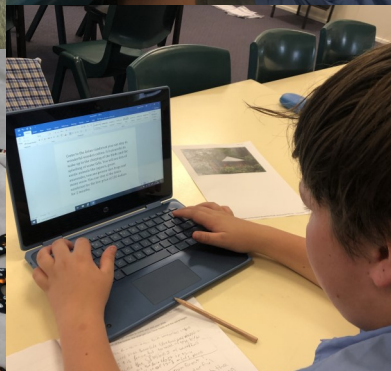
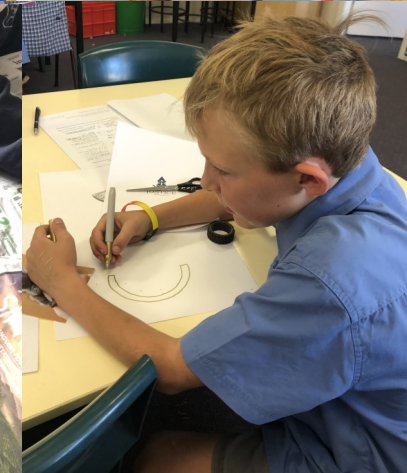
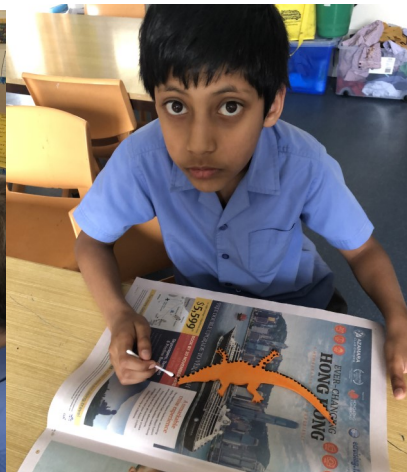
All the students have now finished writing their second letter to their Year 4 pen pals at Hornsby South Public School. Humayl has taken these to deliver them.

Multiplication and division have been the focus in Maths, where we have been revising the inverse relationship between these two operations.

Year Five have been working hard at home on their Captain's speeches. We are looking forward to seeing these presented at Assembly this coming Friday.

In acknowledgement of Remembrance Day, we have included some of the Tanka poems the children created last week.

Mrs Maxwell and Mr Ralston



Year 4/5/6 Tanka Poems

War

*Grenades tossed to kill
While soldiers fight to survive
Tank shells exploded
The tears and cries of their loss
To the end lest We Forget
By Zai*

WAR

All soldiers are dead.
War horses running around.
People are in pain.
Army people are bleeding.
Army people are shooting.
Gracie

Dull cannons blasted,
Heaps of bullets cascaded,
There was blood everywhere,
Brave soldiers were furious,
Proud ANZACs won with glory.

By Adam

WAR

Soldiers falling dead.
Devastation on the streets.
Bombarding small towns.
Explosions killing the men.
They fight and kill till they die.
Braiden

The gardening group was so happy to see all their seeds sprout.



We are learning how to be respectful, responsible when in the toilets. Whenever we go to toilet we need to give others privacy, use toilet paper appropriately and wash our hands when we leave. Tweet, tweet!



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

The wonderful and talented students of Murrurundi Public School have created Christmas designs that have been made into beautiful original Christmas cards! The cards have the design on the front, a short message inside and the student's name on the back. These will be available for purchase from our school. Please place your order, including money, at our front office.

Cards are \$2.00 per card or Pack of 16 for \$25.00.



Pre Kinder Transition Week 5



School Banking day is **Tuesday**

Remember, **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commbank Branch.



Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Murrurundi Public School.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2020 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

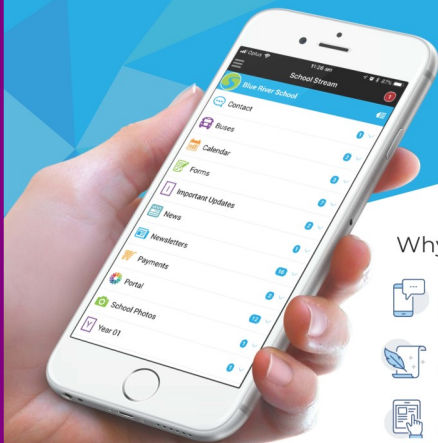
- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absentees and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



Good for Kids good for life

KEEP THE LUNCHBOX COOL

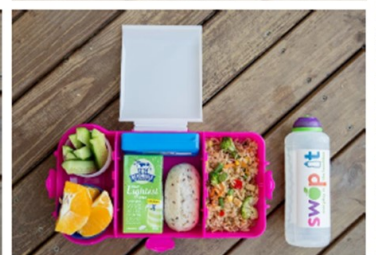
As the weather warms up it is important to keep the lunchbox cool so that food stays safe to eat.

Using an insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12° cooler.

You could also try a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Milk popper
- Yoghurt

These double as a refreshing drink or cool snack as they defrost.



HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE P&C

FIRST CANTEEN DAY FOR 2020

Volunteers Required

Please contact the school if you would like to volunteer.

A canteen order bag will be sent home every week for canteen orders on Fridays

Please remember to write your child's name, class and teacher on the bag with money

And if you misplace the bag you can send the order and money in an envelope or something similar.

Remember a copy of the menu is on the schools website.

Our uniform shop is stocked with new summer uniforms. Please contact our school office to place an order.

A new supply of girls summer uniforms have just arrived in Sizes 4 – 16.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE SELLING ROSTER

Our P & C is requesting volunteers to sell raffle tickets for only 1 hour on the following dates:

Saturday 28 November

and 5 December

9.30am to 12.30pm

Contact our school office to volunteer.

Your time is appreciated as all funds raised support our students at Murrurundi Public School.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 1st December

Murrurundi Public School

4PM

Agenda Items must be in to Donna by 23rd November 2020