

Term 3 Week 2

21 July 2014

## Education Week

As a developed country we sometimes take for granted the importance of education and the opportunities that are available to us. Next week we celebrate Education Week and this provides us with the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the important role of education and support our students and teachers.

Classrooms will be open on Tuesday to allow students to showcase their learning, and there will be tree planting and Book Week activities. The details are outlined in this newsletter, so please accept our invitation to join in the celebrations.



### Q & A

To enable us to work more closely together a half hour session will be introduced prior to the P&C meeting. There will be a given topic for discussion each session. Topics will be determined by parental interest and a staff member from Murrumburrah Public School will host different sessions depending on the topic. By popular demand our first Q & A sessions topic will be **Reading Levels**. You are invited to join the Q & A session and bring along any questions you would love to have answered.

This session will be followed by the P&C monthly meeting at 7.00pm.

### New Look Executive

Phil Lindsell commences the role of Relieving Assistant Principal today. Phil has big shoes to fill in continuing the excellent work undertaken by Mrs Letitia Beal. The position will be shared equally between Renee Ford and Phil. I am very much looking forward to working with the new executive and I know you will join me in offering your support.



**PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN CLOSED THIS WEDNESDAY 23 JULY**

# Soccer Success Continues

Last Friday the girls soccer team played Junee North Public School at Roberts Park in round 3 of the PSSA State Knockout. The girls began well, controlling the first half of the game. Well done to Chloe Wade and Samantha Emms who were late additions to the team. Clementine Flanery, Maria Raptis and Sharna Allen worked great in the mids, with some great shots at goal and directing the play. Maddie Emms, Loren Daley, Hayley Chesworth and Natalya Kelly worked hard in defence, as well as Helena Morton-Manwaring who held Junee scoreless the entire game. Hayley Price, Dana Alexander, Abbey Wade and Jessica Bunt made some great runs, and Jessica Bunt scored our only goal, making the score 1-0. Well done to the girls who will be playing Lake Albert Public School in round four of the Knockout, more details to be advised.

Thanks to Sam Flanery for taking time out to train and coach the girls, as well as Adam Wade for setting up the nets, other parents who helped on the day and the many parents who stood out in the cold to cheer the girls on.

## Phoebe running success

Last Friday Phoebe Lenehan ran in the PSSA State Cross Country at Eastern Creek. Phoebe qualified the 8/9 girls event which is run over 2km. Despite not being well all week, Phoebe ran extremely well and was very happy with her efforts and placing. Well done Phoebe!

## Soccer Stars

During the last week of term 2, Clementine and I travelled to Nelsons Bay for the PSSA State Soccer Championships. It took us about 7 hours. On Tuesday it was our very first game together as a team. We played Sydney West, the state champions from last year, and the score was 3—1. It was a really close game. Our second game against CIS we lost, the score was 1—0 at half time.

On Wednesday we played four games against Mackillop, Hunter, South coast and Western regions. In the first game against Western we drew 1—all. On Thursday we only played one game against North Coast, they won 1—0 with a dot shot.

Clementine was named the player's player of the tournament and for our team. We also received our group photos, badges and our certificates. If you wanted you could get an Instant Photo. We all had a fantastic time in Nelsons Bay.

By Helena Morton-Manwaring

## Education Week Activities

Next week is Education Week! We have organised activities and events for students and parents to participate in and everyone is welcome to come along. Here's what's happening:

**Monday 28 July**—Tree Planting in the Yarning Place

**Tuesday 29 July**—Open Classrooms from 9.30am until 12 noon. This will be followed by the Book Week Parade at 12 noon. This years theme is 'Catch the Reading Bug' and students dress to the theme for the day. There will be prizes for best dressed. Parents are invited to join us for lunch after the parade.

**Wednesday 30 July**—Book Fair purchasing of books from your wish list. All classes will visit the book fair during the day.

**Thursday 31 July**—Bravehearts Day—Children will be able to preorder lunch, there will be guessing competitions and students can wear purple to support the cause with a gold coin donation. More information next week.



## What's on...

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Parent Q&A session P&C Meeting		Tuesday 22 July	Free	Session commences at 6.30pm, meeting 7.00pm
Peer Support	All students	Thursday 24 July	Free	
<b>Education Week</b>	All students	28 July to 1 August		See other article for details

### Active After School Communities

Students will be receiving information and notes for AASC today. This term there has been a need to restructure the program and this has resulted in the running of one session each week. This session will be open to all students from K—6. AASC will commence next Tuesday 29 July with students participating in Ball Skills with Mr Wade from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. We are hoping participating primary students will take on a leadership approach with the K—2 students.

Miss Askill  
AASC Coordinator

### NAIDOC Week Activities

Last week 4/5J enjoyed learning about NAIDOC Week. We looked at and discussed Dreamtime stories, learnt about famous representatives and engaged in Aboriginal art making practices.

We used symbols from stories, the Aboriginal flag, the Torres Strait Islander flag and other artworks to make a life size Rainbow Serpent to be hung in our classroom.

Miss Jonas and 4/5J



## Peer Support Training

Last week Year 6 students undertook their Peer Support Training. This training equips student leaders with the skills to lead small groups through the program.

The 'Keeping Friends' Peer Support program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to address issues such as bullying, relationships and self image. Modules are designed to equip young people with skills to deal proactively with life experiences, develop a sense

of self worth and belonging, and to encourage taking responsibility for decisions and actions.

Trained Year 6 leaders facilitate activities with small groups of young students. A teacher supervises groups which include two Peer leaders and multi age groups of 8 –10 younger students.

The first sessions will be held this Thursday, with sessions to be held each week throughout this term.



## Lolly Guessing Competition

Last term, Hayley Simpson was the lucky winner of the P&C lolly guessing competition which was drawn on the SRC's Pyjama Day. Well done Hayley, we trust your family enjoyed the lollies over the school holidays.



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## 'Learn to Live'



Jessica and Maria work on activities during their Peer Support Training.