



“THE PLAINS EXPRESS”

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Term 2 Week 10

2 July 2024

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another fabulous term. I cannot believe we are halfway through the year. Each year I say it's going faster, and I think it's about right.

I just wanted to recap on our cultural day last Thursday with Mima Dave. Dave Widders spent the day here talking to students about the history of Aboriginal people. This session spoke about many different cultures and how the early settlement impacted on their lives. He mentioned that out of respect to other Aboriginal cultures that it is good practice to learn about their language when we are on their land. This is such a valuable piece of information as it is inclusive of everyone. I am encouraging anyone within our school who is from a different tribe, who knows their language, to reach out so that the students here can appreciate the many languages we have within Australia.

Mima Dave shared a range of artifacts that he has gathered from all around Australia. We would like to thank Mima Dave for providing us with his wealth of knowledge and sharing some language of the Anaiwan people with us.

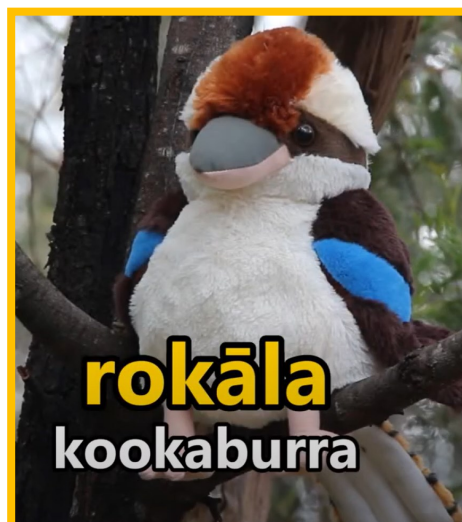
Students voted for new classroom names on Monday. Lower Division will now be rokāla (Kookaburra) and Upper Division will now be mbwānda (Kangaroo).

I wish everyone a restful break and safe travels if you are venturing away. Students return on Tuesday 23 July 2024.

Jenna Walsh
Relieving Principal



We will celebrate
NAIDOC Week
in the first week of
Term 3.



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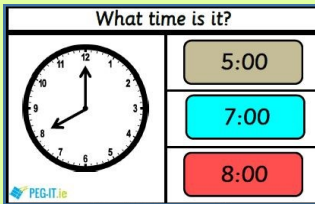
Lower Division News

Lower Division have had a great Term 2 with all students showing growth in their learning and are engaged in all key learning areas. In English, we have been learning to make connections with texts, understand how an author's context and personal experiences help them create texts and we have investigated the structure of narratives.



We have also been learning how to use pronouns, noun groups and identify and use prepositional phrases. In reading sessions, students have been learning strategies appropriate to their reading level and developing their fluency.

In mathematics, we have been completing a variety of engaging, hands-on activities involving representing whole numbers, combining and separating quantities, identifying 2D shapes, collecting and representing data, forming groups and measuring length, area, volume and mass and learning both analog and digital time.

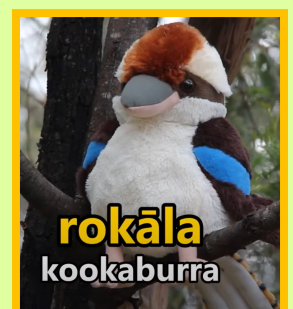
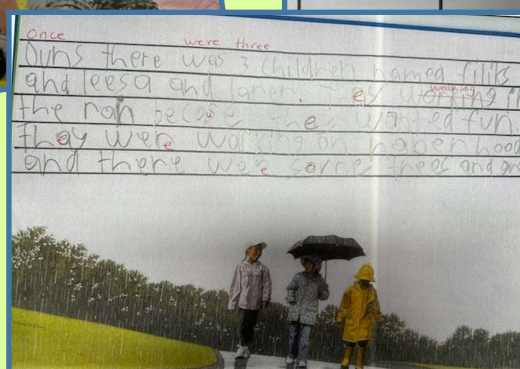
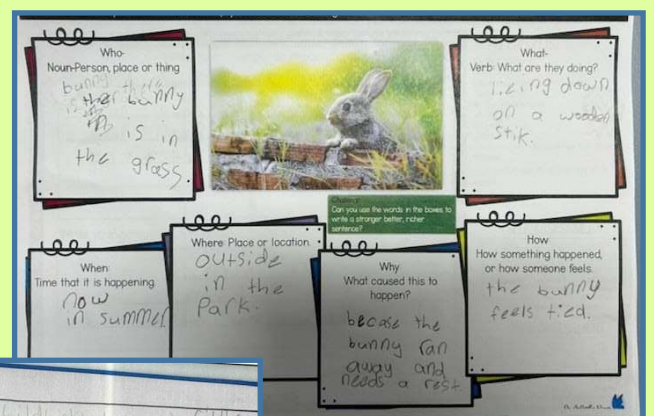
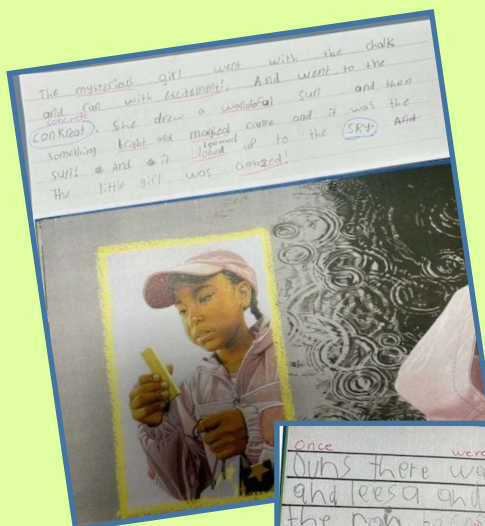


Each week the Year one and two students are given spelling words to practise at home and Kindergarten are encouraged to practise their reading with parents. Homework is handed out on Mondays and is due on Thursdays.

The end of this Term, marks 100 days of school so far this year and I would like to congratulate our Kindergarten students in achieving the first 100 days of their school life. I wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to Term 3.

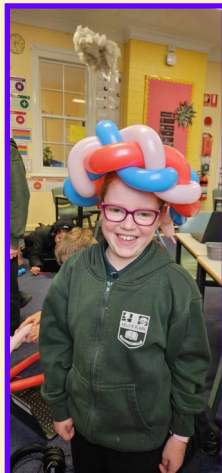


Ruth van der Wegen





It's been a productive but fun term in Upper Division. The students deserve a well-earned holiday!



Upper Division



Our first Athletics session took place in freezing conditions. The students embraced it though and have thoroughly enjoyed our Sporting Schools sessions with well-known athlete Jay Stone.



NSW Department of Education

EVERY DAY COUNTS



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year

5 mins per day  = 3 days 

30 mins per day  = 18 days 

education.nsw.gov.au



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.



Education
Public Schools

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

The Importance of arriving on time

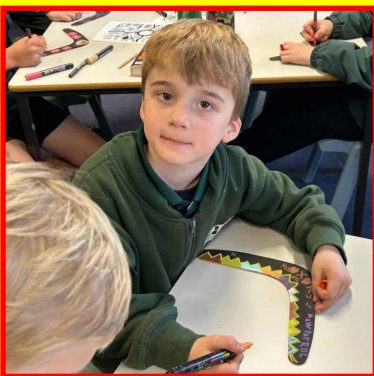
Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Above 95% is our expected student attendance.

Aboriginal Culture Awareness Day



CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE

Tamworth Holiday Program

Ages: 5-7
 When: 15th and 16th July
 Time: 10am - 1pm
 Location: Tamworth No.1
 Cost: \$50
 Registration includes a FOOTY!

nab AFL Auskick



Register **HERE**

AFL Superkick

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VISIT PLAY.AFL



midseason entry

It's not too late to join NAB AFL Auskick.
 Try it out - 5 weeks for \$55!
 Registration includes full Auskick pack (ball, beanie/hat, shirt, pump, footy cards)

ARMIDALE AUSKICK CENTRE

Tuesday's at Bellevue Oval
 UNE Meredith St, Armidale
 4.00pm - 5.30pm



play.afl/auskick

Free All Ages Event

NAIDOC COMMUNITY FUN DAY

COME & TRY BASKETBALL SKILLS WORKSHOP AND 3 X 3 COMPETITION

GIVE AWAY PRIZES **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** **ART WORKSHOPS**

BBQ Lunch

4-9 years 10am - 12 noon. NO registration needed

9-17 years - 1pm - 3pm. REGISTER for the 3x3 session



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER. FULL DETAILS ONLINE [registration.basketballconnect.com/ign](http://registration.basketballconnect.com.au/ign)

Free Shirt and Merchandise For All Registered 3x3 Players and Gift Packs for Aussie Hoops Attendees

Wednesday 10th JULY, 2024
 The Den Sporting Complex | 10 am - 3 pm
 182 Butler Street, Armidale

For more information contact armball@bigpond.com Phone: 0417 822 859

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7 July - 14 July

NAIDOC Week 2024

Winter Family Fun

Explore, learn and grow with our fun free school holiday activities.



Junior Landcare Family Fun!

The winter school holidays are fast approaching. We have created a free guide for some awesome Junior Landcare activities you can do right at home that are perfect for colder times of the year.

We have five super cool activities that'll have your kiddos exploring the outdoors, getting their hands dirty and discovering the wonders of nature. From getting the most out of food scraps, learning all about our First Nations seasons, and making friends with some wiggly worms, there's something for everyone.

We know everyone is busy, so we've included a budget and complexity scale for each activity so you can quickly and easily see how much they might cost (some don't cost a cent!) and how much time and effort they'll require.

That's not all! We have also included helpful links for each activity including step-by-step guides, videos and activity sheets on the Junior Landcare Learning Centre, proudly supported by Woolworths.

Please feel free to share this Junior Landcare Family Fun guide with friends and colleagues you think might enjoy this. If you have any ideas for new activities, we'd love to [hear them!](#) Be sure to tag us @juniorlandcare on socials if you're happy sharing your little explorers having fun!

Happy growing, exploring and learning!
 From the team at Junior Landcare

For information visit:
juniorlandcare.org.au