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Week 6 Term 4 Tuesday 17th November 2020

Success through Innovation

Dear Parents

Week 5 flew by in the blink of an eye!

We started the week with a whole school discussion about NAIDOC Week, followed by an Acknowledgement of Country, with students then participating in Aboriginal culture and history activities in their respective classes throughout the week. At this morning's assembly, we welcomed Jamie Donovan (Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer) who spoke to our students about the meaning and intent behind a Welcome to Country and the Acknowledgement of Country. Jamie presented a Welcome to Country to our students and staff, and two of our students replied with an Acknowledgement of Country. Look out for photos of this in next week's newsletter!

We finished off Week 5 with a book parade and the first whole school assembly for Term 4. Congratulations to the student award winners and to Zach Williams for being selected as the October 'Aussie of the Month' award recipient.

Thanks to Mrs Pearce and many, many phone calls; we have been able to secure some last-minute sessions at Wauchope pool so that our students can participate in activities to develop their water safety and awareness. Permission notes for this went home last week. Thank you Mrs Pearce, for organising this very important activity for our students!

Finally, last Wednesday we were able to hold the first P&C meeting on-site for many months. It was a very productive meeting with a great roll-up of parents/carers who

are enthusiastic and keen to work together to support this wonderful school and its students. If you would like to join the P&C or help in any way, it is never too late - a quick phone call to our school office can steer you in the right direction!

COVID-19 ~ sick children reminder

Parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school. Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Planned End-of-Year Activities

Following the latest Department of Education / NSW Health COVID-19 guidelines, we have planned the following events or activities to take place during the remainder of the year. Unfortunately, some details and organisational aspects will need to be different to how they been in the past:

- Week beginning 30 November - whole school swimming - parents helpers are not permitted.
- Tuesday 1 December - Year 6 students attend Year 6 - 7 transition day at Wauchope HS. Students to travel to and from the high school by school bus or with parents/siblings.
- Wednesday 2 December - Year 5

student leadership speeches - parents are not permitted to be present and watch.

- Friday 11 December, 2pm - whole school Presentation Assembly. Due to current restrictions, we have a limit to the number of parents that we can invite. Invitations will be attached to next week's newsletter.

- Tuesday 15 December - Year 6 Farewell, to be held on the school grounds from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Two adults per Year 6 student and 1 adult per Year 5 student will be invited. Light refreshments will be provided on the night.

- Wednesday 16 December - last day of school for students

- Unfortunately we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Concert and school performance events this year. We are hopeful that these traditional and festive events will continue in 2021!

Kinder Orientation for 2021 students

Our Kinder orientation program is in its last week this Thursday 19th November. We look forward to seeing our new kindergarten students again on their first day next year 1st February 2021.

Mrs Tracey Bromfield

P & C News

Next P&C meeting TBA

Coming Events

23 Nov	Book Club due back at school
30 Nov	Whole school swimming - <u>parents helpers are not permitted.</u>
1 Dec	Year 6 to 7 transition day at Wauchope High School
2 Dec	Year 5 Leadership speeches, (parents are not permitted to attend)
11 Dec	End of Year Presentation Assembly at 2pm(visitors by invitation only due to COVID restrictions)
15 Dec	Yr 6 Farewell, on the school grounds from 5:30pm - 7:30pm
16 Dec	Last Day Term 4 for students
18 Dec	Last Day Term 4 for staff
27 & 28 Jan 2021	The first 2 days of the 2021 school year are set aside as Staff Development Days (pupil free days)
29 Jan	First day of school for Years 1 to 6
1 Feb	First Day of school for Kinder



Tuesday morning assembly with Acknowledgment of Country by Bella Coombes and Jack Glendinning



Book Character Day 2021





NAIDOC Week activities



Remembrance Day



Around Long Flat School last week