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Preparing our students for the opportunities and challenges arising in an ever changing world as successful learners, confident, connected and creative global citizens.

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 10

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Quality Teaching Rounds

Our school was selected to be part of a long term research project on quality teaching that is being conducted by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues within the University of Newcastle. Quality Teaching Rounds (QTR) is an approach to professional learning that involves teachers working in groups of four or more (known as Professional Learning Communities or PLCs) to observe and analyse each other's teaching using the Quality Teaching Model.

I was privileged to join the latest Quality Teaching Round with our nominated teachers - Mrs Dempsey, Mr Vrolyk, Mrs Hearne and Ms Miller last week. The teachers take turns to teach in front of the group and observe each other's practice using an observation framework. They then discuss this together to provide feedback for continual improvement.

The benefits of QTR are considerable. Teachers participating in QTR have found that quality of their teaching has improved, that they feel greater confidence and overwhelmingly report feeling refreshed and re-energized through their participation. The ultimate beneficiaries of the project are the students who should experience even better teaching as a consequence. Anticipated outcomes for students include increased engagement in school and improved academic and social outcomes.

University Placements

On a similar theme, we are thrilled to be hosting several students from the University of Newcastle this term, including:

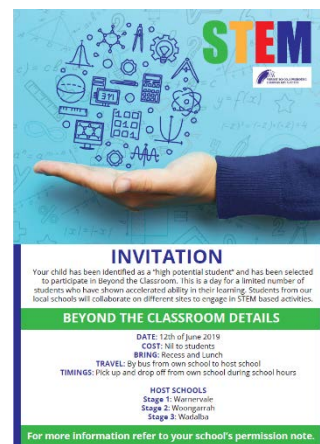
- Alisha Gill, working in HB9 with Mrs Hindson
- Amie Davison, in HB10 with Mrs Mileto
- Robert Roger, in HB16 with Miss Miller
- Kayarna Gascoigne in HB2 with Mrs Hearne
- Katrina Prpic in HB4 with Mr Vrolyk
- Alyssa O'Toole in HB7 with Mrs Ruskin

We are very proud of our high performing staff and this is one way that we can further contribute to the ongoing development and improvement of all teachers at all stages of their career.

Beyond the Classroom Project

The Beyond the Classroom Project is a new initiative for our local community of schools to bring together groups of high potential students to engage in STEM based activities. The first groups of students were selected to participate in the program last week. Stage 1 students travelled to Warnervale, we hosted the Stage 2 students and stage 3 students travelled to Wadalba. Congratulations to:

Stage 1 – Axis, Ruby, Lucy, Blake, Cooper, Lavinia
Stage 2 – Archer, Phoebe, Leroy, Isabelle, Ella, Rhys
Stage 3 – Bailey, Luke K, Cameron, Davina, Cadell, Luke T



Thank you to Mrs Nicolas who led the stage 2 day at our school. The students made edible water bottles, used coding skills to make ozobots move around a path, and created lego robotics.

Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2020

It's time to fill in the enrolment forms for 2020 if you have a child starting Kindergarten. Enrolment forms are available from the office, or on the school website.

Uniform

With the cooler weather we have noticed a bit of a decline in our usual standard of uniform.

- Please remember that the school jumpers, jackets and pants should be navy blue.
- Tights on their own are not suitable, however navy tights can be worn underneath the girls' dress as an option.
- Jackets and jumpers are available from Lowes, however, any NAVY jacket will suffice if cost is an issue.
- Wallarah Zone and Sydney North representative jumpers are allowed to be worn on Friday for students in Years 3-6.
- The agreed uniform is black shoes - these may be black joggers or more traditional school shoes.
- Clearly label all items

Thanks in anticipation of your support.

EDUCATION WEEK AND OPEN DAY

Education Week will be a little different this year as we have combined Education Week with Book Week and our Book Parade. We want to make the most of your valuable time to showcase the great things that happen in our school in reading and literacy in conjunction with our parade. Year 6 will be organizing a sausage sizzle lunch to raise funds for the year 6 farewell as an added addition to our day.

The activities planned across the week are as follows:

Monday 5 August Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 7 August **Open Day:**

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| 9:50-11 | Years 3-6 Spelling Bee Final, including performances from the senior boys and senior girls dance groups |
| 11-11:30 | Morning tea |
| 11:30-Lunch | Open Classrooms – come along and visit your child's classroom for a celebration of books, reading and literacy. The Great Book Swap for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation will be on again this year – more details in next newsletter. |
| Lunch | Stay for a sausage sizzle lunch, cooked by year 6 as a fundraiser for the farewell. |
| 2pm | Enjoy the Book Parade – "Reading is my secret power". |

Thursday 8 August

Parent Evening with Interrelate. Where did I come from? Preparing for Puberty. A separate note will be sent home soon.

Leonie Clarkson
PRINCIPAL

NAIDOC DAY

Parents and carers are welcome to our NAIDOC celebrations on **Wednesday 3 July** starting with an assembly at 9am.

All students can wear yellow, red or black mufti on the day.

The day's organisation is as follows:

9:15-9:45 – **Special Assembly** – K-6 Aboriginal students will be performing and running the Assembly. Aboriginal girls need to arrive dressed in black t-shirt and black leggings at 8.30am. **All Aboriginal students need to be at school at 8:30am to be painted with ochre.**



9:50 -11 – HB1, HB2, HB3, HB4, HB5, HB6, HB7, HB8, HB9, HB10, HB12, HB13, and HB14 – complete NAIDOC activities in class.

| Times | In hall with Jonathon | Indigenous Games | Dreaming activity |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 9:50-10:10 | HB15 & HB16 | HB18 & HB19 | HB21 & HB22 |
| 10:10-10:30 | HB21 & HB22 | HB15 & HB16 | HB18 & HB19 |
| 10:30-10:50 | HB18 & HB19 | HB21 & HB22 | HB15 & HB16 |

Recess

11:30-1:00 – HB15, HB16, HB21, HB22, HB18, HB19, HB12, HB1, HB2, HB3, and HB4 - complete NAIDOC activities in class.

| Times | In hall with Jonathon | Indigenous Games | NAIDOC activity at rocks | Dreaming activity |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 11:35-11:55 | HB13 & HB14 | HB9 & HB10 | HB6 & HB7 | HB5 & HB8 |
| 11:55- 12:15 | HB5 & HB8 | HB13 & HB14 | HB9 & HB10 | HB6 & HB7 |
| 12:15- 12:35 | HB6 & HB7 | HB5 & HB8 | HB13 & HB14 | HB9 & HB10 |
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Lunch

1:45-3 - HB5, HB6, HB7, HB8, HB9, HB10, HB13, HB14, HB15, HB16, HB21, HB22, HB18, and HB19 – complete NAIDOC activities in class.

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|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1:50-2:10 | HB12 & HB1 (Year 3) | HB1 (Year 4) & HB3 | HB2 & HB4 |
| 2:10-2:30 | HB2 & HB4 | HB12 & HB1 (Year 3) | HB1 (Year 4) & HB3 |
| 2:30-2:50 | HB1 (Year 4) & HB3 | HB2 & HB4 | HB12 & HB1 (Year 3) |

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on the day, please see Mrs Buhr.

Sharon Buhr Aboriginal Education Coordinator

ETHICS TEACHER

We are still looking for an Ethics teacher. If you are able to complete the training and give up your time each Thursday 12-1 to teach Ethics classes, please contact me. I can then give you the contact details of the Ethics organiser.

Sharon Buhr SRE & SEE Organiser

TEACHER FEATURE

Mrs Ruskin Teaching Year 1 in HB7

Where did you grow up? Junee, a small town near Wagga Wagga.

What was your favourite subject in school? I loved Geography.

Best childhood memory: We went to Sussex Inlet Caravan Park every year for a whole week. I loved being at the beach, playing in the parks, going in the boat and meeting new friends. I'm so lucky I don't need to drive 6 hours to get to the beach any more.

Favourite book / movie / TV show when growing up: I loved Roald Dahl books. My favourite movie was "Grease" and I loved watching "A Country Practice", (I still remember sobbing when Molly died!).

Favourite book / movie / TV show now: BOOK- I'm currently working through Liane Moriarty's books (only in the holidays), MOVIE - I loved the Greatest Showman and Bohemian Rhapsody, TV... I don't watch much... The Good Doctor, Travel Guides and The Project sometimes.

Favourite sport to watch or play? Hmmm... not my forte!

Favourite colour? RED!

Favourite music / band / musician: I love all sorts of music but particularly the 70s and 80s. Mostly rock and pop.

Favourite place to go on holiday: Anywhere with water! Somewhere I can have some quiet time to relax but also fun times exploring other cultures and eating great food.

What do you like doing with your family and friends? Holidaying, social events, going to the beach, chatting by the BBQ.

What do you like doing in times by yourself? These times are rare! I love to read when I can...

If you could be anything, what would it be? A presenter on a holiday show. I'd love to get paid to travel, see amazing sites and stay in fancy accommodation.

In your opinion, who is a 'legend'? My Mum.

Why? So, so, so many reasons. She has had to overcome so much but still manages to always find time for us, be an amazing Gran and smile her way through every day. She even drives from Newcastle to pop into HB7 as a parent helper once a week!

What advice would you give your 10 year old self?

Be yourself! Everyone else is taken.

Don't be afraid of mistakes, they help you learn!

Be kind to everyone, it costs nothing and is so valuable.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2019

Our Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be taking place in Term 3. On Monday 5 August 2019 (Term 3 Week 3), all students from Year 3 to 6 will spend the day at Mingara Athletics track competing in different track and field events. Participation in each event is highly encouraged as students will spend three quarters of the day moving from event to event with the children in their age group.

If your child is participating in the High Jump using the 'Fosbury Fop' technique, could you please collect and complete the special permission note from the office. All other students using the 'Scissor Kick' will NOT require a note as they have been taught this technique at school.

- Parents wishing to send their 8 year old child to the 3-6 carnival need to request a note at the office.

All parents and family are welcome to attend on the day as spectators.

Adam Demir Sports Coordinator

K-6 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Assemblies commence at **2.20pm**. Parents and community are most welcome

| Week | Assembly | Who is running Assembly |
|------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 9 | 3-6 | HB4 |
| 10 | K-2 | Awards only - starting at 1:45 |
| 10 | 3-6 | HB19 |

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Jack HB2 | London HB4 | Cadence HB2 | Bonnie HB2 | Archer HB1 |
| Connor HB16 | Imogen HB19 | Ruby HB19 | Chelsea HB19 | Finn HB18 |
| Chloe HB10 | Bailee HB6 | Navayah HB14 | Lucy HB10 | Annika HB8 |
| Ebony HB10 | Keyarn HB6 | Piper HB6 | Conor HB8 | Mia HB6 |
| Lacey HB5 | | | | |

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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|------|---------------------------|
| HB1 | Will, Brooke, Charlise |
| HB2 | Sinead, Katarni, Cooper |
| HB3 | Peyton, Xavier, Ellie |
| HB4 | Vincenzo, Matilda, Eden |
| HB5 | Ewen, Mabel |
| HB6 | Leonor, Jessie |
| HB7 | Zoe, Laila, Taj |
| HB8 | Hank, Jett |
| HB9 | Brody, Rhys |
| HB10 | Melody, Malakai |
| HB12 | KJ, Anna, Marley, Skye |
| HB13 | Will, Layla |
| HB14 | Matilda, Jayden, Ruby |
| HB15 | Emerson, Breeanna, Marcus |
| HB16 | Ava, Chloe, Keelan, Keira |
| HB18 | Keira, Maddy, Charli |
| HB19 | Amelia, Aiden, Elijah |
| HB21 | Cooper, Harry, Callum |
| HB22 | Isabella, Jordan, Amber |

June / July 2019

| Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|-----|
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | Week 9 | | | Semester 1 reports issued Review meetings | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| July | Week 10 | | P&C Meeting NAIDOC Day Mufti Day | CC Dance festival Choir rehearsal | Last day Term 2 | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | School holidays | School holidays | School holidays | School holidays | School holidays | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | Week 1 Staff return | Students return | Boys touch knock-out | | | |

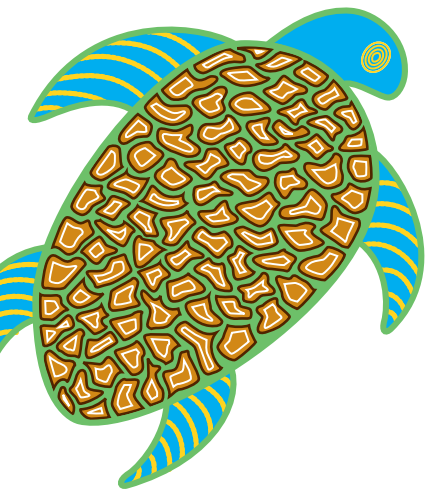
Key events this month:

- **The Central Coast Dance Festival** occurs in the last two weeks of Term 2. Our senior boys will perform on Thursday 4 July. Mrs Johnson has provided information regarding tickets and organisation.
- The next rehearsal for the school choir is Thursday 4 July. Mrs Le Loux will provide further information to the choir.
- **Semester 1 reports to parents** will be issued on Thursday 27 June. Teachers are available for parent / teacher interviews upon request if you would like to discuss any aspect of reports.
- **Review meetings** for students who receive Integration Funding Support or in Out of Home Care occur twice each year. **The semester 1 meetings will be scheduled on Thursday 6, 13 and 27 June.**
- **NAIDOC day activities** are planned for Wednesday 3 July.
- The next P&C meeting is in the last week of term.
- Term 2 ends on Friday 5 July. **Students return to school on Tuesday 23 July.**



Central Coast NAiDOC Community Day

- Community stalls
- Free lunch
- Petting zoo
- Face painting
- Jumping castles
- Entertainment
- and much more...



Tuesday 9th July, 2019

10am to 3pm

**The Entertainment Grounds,
Gosford Racecourse**

Come together with family, friends and
community for a fun filled day.

- Complete all stations
in [Health precinct](#)
(you'll receive a
free hoodie on
completion - age
16yrs and over only.)



Any enquires contact Nunyara on 4320 2698