



The Entrance Public School Newsletter

TERM 2 | WEEK 10 | 3 JULY 2019

Dates to Remember

Thursday 4 July

- Silent disco
- NAIDOC Day

Friday 5 July

- 9:30am Assembly
- LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

TERM 3

Monday 22 July

- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 23 July

- Students return

Wednesday 24 July

- New CARES date for Stage 3

Thursday 1 August

- Tumby Tasters

Friday 2 August

- 9:30am Whole School Assembly - Athletics Ribbons presented

Friday 9 August

- Public Speaking finals

Tuesday 20 August

- 9:30am P&C Meeting
- 12pm Book Week Character Parade

Friday 23 August

- 7:45am Stage 1 Taronga Park Zoo Excursion
- Zone Athletics, Mingara

Friday 13 September

- Year 6 Fete

Principal's report

I would like to personally thank our community for their efforts this term and for making myself feel extremely welcome. Now I have been here for the 10 weeks I have had the opportunity to work with our staff and students and outline some strategic directions moving forward.

1. PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

This is a welfare program designed to bring consistency and structure to the way we manage behaviour. The premise is that if we explicitly teach our students literacy and numeracy then we should do the same for behaviour. Some more information can be found on the following link:

<https://pbl.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

2. Explicit Instruction

This is a consistent approach to the way we teach our kids based on Quality Teaching pedagogy. It has a regular format to each lesson which makes it consistent across each class allowing our students to become accustomed to this approach. Research indicates that children and schools following this approach significantly improve learning outcomes:

<https://www.aitsl.edu.au/tools-resources/resource/explicit-instruction-illustration-of-practice>

3. Systems and Structures

The school will also be looking at many of the systems and structures that help us function and will be evaluating which ones are effective and the ones that may need tweaking or developing. Along with this will be a rebranding of some of our communication approaches with our community. Namely newsletters and School App.

Walgett Drive

Following last year's successful community venture to give students from the drought-stricken Somerton area a break on the coast, The Entrance Public School is again reaching inland to support a community in difficulty.

Through contact with the former Principal of The Entrance PS, Mark Rudd, the school has arranged a large-scale donation of groceries to the Walgett community, where Mr Rudd is now Executive Principal at the primary site of the Walgett Community College, and where the only supermarket within a radius of 80km of the town burnt down on 5 June 2019.

Local businesses remembered the school's previous work and offered their services for the school to co-ordinate.



Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

A truck was loaded last Saturday [June 28] at the school with cereals, long life milk, vegetables, hampers of non-perishable foods and toiletries from **Food Bank Australia**, and with cereals and long life milk from **Sanitarium**, before driving to Walgett on Sunday.

Trendpac sent two pallets of goods, and **MasterFoods** sent pallets of non-perishable foods, with possibly a second delivery later in the year. **Bungaree Aboriginal Association** donated a large amount of clothes and food. School families donated boxes of groceries and household items.

After hearing of The Entrance's new donation, the **Somerton Public School** community filled a ute with donations and drove to Walgett last weekend. Ms Ally Bayfield and the P&C have worked hard to make this happen. Well done.

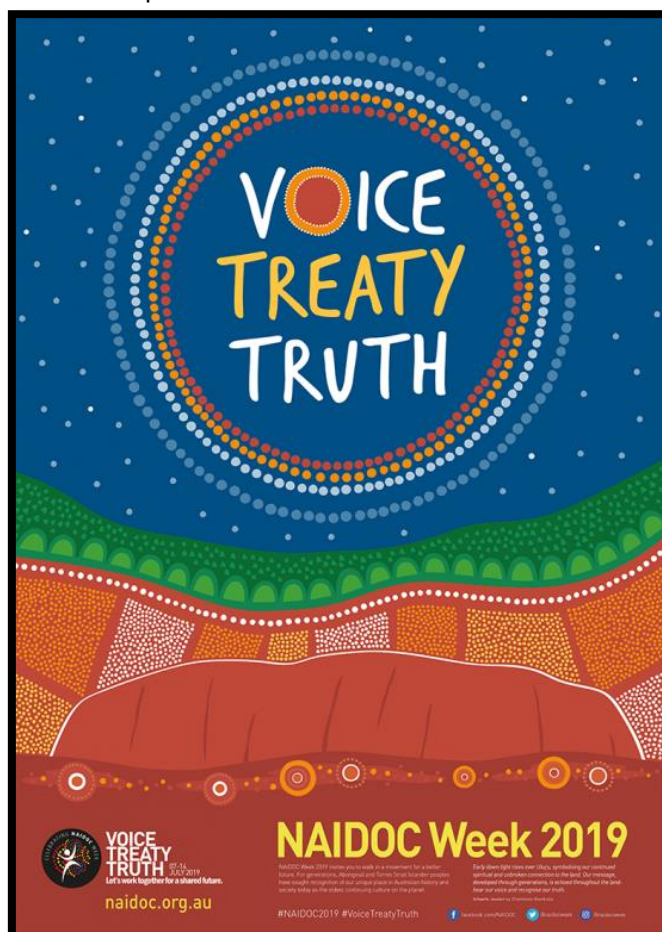
NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. Find out more about the origins and [history of NAIDOC Week](#).

Each year, there is a different focus city for the [National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony](#).

Local community celebrations during NAIDOC Week are encouraged and often organised by communities, government agencies, local councils, schools and workplaces.



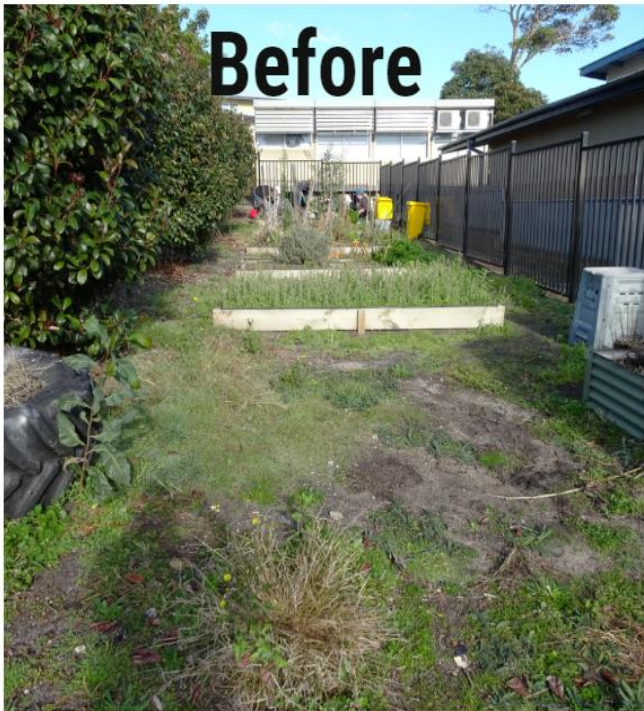
This year's theme for NAIDOC week is **VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH**. Our children will be completing activities all week and on **Thursday 4th July** will be involved in various activities as we hold our NAIDOC Day celebrations and work with our whole community to learn more about Aboriginal Culture.

Reports

Our reports went out on Monday. You will notice a slightly different reporting look as we attempt to better relay the information we want to our families. The reports provide feedback about how your child is performing at this point in time. If you have any concerns regarding reports, please contact the office to make an appointment with your class teacher.

School Garden

We would like to thank all of our staff, parents and students who worked tirelessly for 3 hours in our new vegetable garden. What a difference they made! Check out the before and after photos below and even better - check out the garden tomorrow at the back of the hall. We are feeling very excited about the learning opportunities our new garden will bring for our students.



Before and after shots of our school garden.

Lastly I would like to wish our whole community a safe and happy holidays and hope all students come back refreshed and ready to learn in Term 3.

Dave Stitt

Dave Stitt
Principal

'A good education is a foundation for a better future'. - Elizabeth Warren

Message Stick

On Monday 17th June, three of our TEPS students, Trinity, TJ and Ella went to Killarney Vale Public School and handed over the message stick to Keenan and Shauniece, so it can continue its journey. Our girls spoke beautifully and we are very proud of them!



Kristie Hamilton
Organising Teacher



TEPS Silent DISCO

Thursday 4th July
K-2 4.30pm to 5.45pm 3-6 6.00pm to 7.15pm

All students from K-6 who have shown appropriate behaviour are invited to attend our silent disco.

Tickets are \$5.00, which includes an ice block on leaving the disco.

Tickets are available at the door on the night.

Please note wrist band entry to the disco will be given out on the day.

If you wish for your child to attend, please complete the order form below and return note and money to the office.

Kindergarten News

100 Days of Kindergarten – Wednesday 24th July 2019

We are having a "Fun Day" to celebrate being at school for 100 days.



The students will visit each Kindergarten classroom in their class groups to participate in 100 days of Kindergarten activities.

Students can come dressed as what they might look like when they are 100.

At lunch we will have a special party on the Kinder playground. Please send a plate to share. It would be great to see a mix of healthy and treat food.

The students will not need their fruit for fruit break or their lunch. They might like to bring a light recess to eat at second break.

Congratulations to the following students who have received their **Home Reading Awards**:

Kinder Ainslie- 25 nights: Nevaeh, Anmol
50 nights: Alkira, Tyler, Michael, Ariel, Marakai

Kinder Crottey- 25 nights: Audrey, Kyden
50 nights: Jahlarnee, Kaeden

Kinder Wilson- 25 nights: Emilia, Charlee, Andi, Malakhi
50 nights: Colin



A big thumbs up to everyone who received an award at our mini assembly. Keep up the great work.

Stephanie Ainslie, Nicole Crottey and Zoe Burden

Stage 1 News

STAGE ONE MINI ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Mrs McFarlane and the wonderful students of 1M for running our Stage One Mini Assembly last Friday. The children did a brilliant job organising the assembly and all spoke clearly and with confidence. 1M showed us their gorgeous polar bear craft and shared some interesting facts. Did you know that polar bears sometimes eat reindeers? Well done to all of the children who received a class award at our Stage 1 Assembly.



ZOO EXCURSION

Stage One are getting excited about our up and coming zoo excursion on Friday 23rd August 2019 (Term 3, Week 5). We would appreciate all deposits being finalised before the end of term so that we can finalise arrangements.



I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break with your beautiful children. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 23rd July for another fantastic term.

Have a wonderful week and a very happy holiday break!

Ms Andrews, Mrs Canobie, Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Knowles, Miss Cooper, Mrs Kelaher and Mrs Hobson

Stage 2 News

This brings us to the final newsletter for Term 2 and what a busy term it has been. Some wonderful learning opportunities have been participated in and some special memories made. We wish you all a safe and relaxing winter break and look forward to recharging, ready for another busy learning term ahead.



Reports

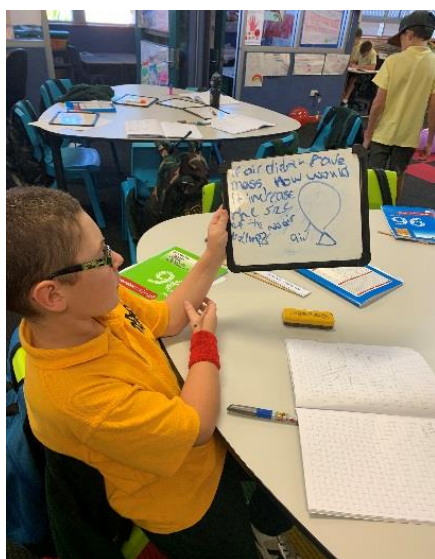
Semester 1 Reports were sent home with all students on Tuesday of this week. These reports outline your child's achievements and areas for development of Stage 2 outcomes in all Key Learning Areas. We are all very proud of the progress our students have made and look forward to focussing on building upon this progress throughout Terms 3 & 4. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss any part of the report, please contact the office to make a suitable time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

TEPS Public Speaking competition is fast approaching.

Stage 2 students have received all relevant information in regards to their speeches and topics. Every student in Stage 2, is required to prepare and present a 3 minute speech to their classmates, during Week 2 of next Term. A reminder that speeches are to be prepared and practised at home prior to this date. Two students from each class will be selected to proceed through to their Stage semi-final. On Friday 9th August - Week 3, the Stage semi-finals will be held and judged by 'The Entrance Lions Club' panel in the school hall. The finalists from each Stage will then proceed through to the Public Speaking Final, this date is to be confirmed.



4/5A have been investigating mathematics! We have been investigating the concept of "Weight and Mass" - which can be a little tricky. The students had the following question to solve: Does air have mass? After discussing this topic the students were asked to plan and design their own experiments, which could either prove or disprove their theory. Here is a sneak peek at some of our ideas. Who knew mathematics could be such fun or so scary?



Stage 2 Teachers

Mrs Haslam 4H, Ms Ambrose 4/5A, Mrs Duncan 4D, Mrs Robinson 3R and Mrs Kirk 3K

Stage 3 News

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

We have made it to the end of Term 2. Semester 1 reports have gone home. If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. Please make an appointment through our school office. On behalf of all Stage 3 teachers, we wish our families a safe and happy mid year break.

Being Kind

Our school captains have continued with the positive message of being kind. In last week's episode of TEPS News, the captains talked about bullying and how to be an Upstander instead of just a Bystander. To view the video which inspired our captains, please watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cJRhF8oHrQ>

This video is part of the NSW Department of Education anti bullying strategy and addresses the power of positivity to drown out bullying.

Year 6 Fete



This year, our Year 6 Fete will be held in Term 3, Friday 13th September (Week 8). This will be Stage 3's major event for the term. We encourage families to please donate any unwanted toys, accessories, games, etc that are in good, clean working order to our White Elephant Stall. The fete raises money for the Year 6 Farewell, Fun Day and a gift to the school. The 2018 Year 6 cohort raised a whopping \$5 700. We hope to beat that amount!

Term 2 Excursion: CARES

Due to the weather, our Term 2 CARES excursion has been pushed back to Term 3 Wednesday 24th July.



A few more things...

- Students are expected to be in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**. Notes will be sent home with students who are consistently out of uniform (this includes hoodies/jumpers, socks and hats).
- If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the school to update this information. We ask that you also provide secondary contact details (family, relatives, friends, neighbours) incase of an emergency.
- Please ensure to notify the school of any absences.
- **No mobile phones in school.** If your child needs to bring a phone it can be left in the office.

Kind regards,

Miss Martinez (Rel. AP Stage 3), Mrs Bayfield, Miss Clarke, Miss Dawson, Mrs Hyslop, Mrs Ambrose and Mr McInnes

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Our school is in the process of gathering information for collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a disability as defined under the Disability Standards for Education and the Disability Discrimination Act.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with a disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>. Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

National website: <https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Sue Densmore
Learning and Support Teacher



School banking is at our school with The Greater. Any student who wishes to bank money can bring their bank book and money to the office on Friday mornings.

Ms Ally Bayfield
Organising Teacher

Canteen News

Emma Brophy – Canteen Manager
4333 5174

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 4 July Judith, Kathy

Friday 5 July Caitlin, Kathy

TERM 3

Monday 22 July Sue, Kathy

Tuesday 23 July Sammi, Alannah

Wednesday 24 July Kathy, Sue

Thursday 25 July Judith, Kathy

Friday 26 July Kathy, Caitlin

Monday 29 July Sue, Kathy

Tuesday 30 July Sammi, Alannah

Wednesday 31 July Kathy, Kristie

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS ADVICE

Students Name _____ Class _____

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Students Name _____ Class _____

New Address _____

Mother/Carer Name _____

(Wk) _____ (M) _____

Father/Carer Name _____

(Wk) _____ (M) _____

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:

Name _____ Relationship to student _____

Phone Nos _____

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Phone Nos _____

OFFICE OF SPORT

July School Holiday Activities

Get the kids active for the winter school holidays with one of our exciting activities on the Central Coast!

Activity / Location	Dates	Time	Cost
Archery (indoor) - Gosford	8 July or 15 July	12pm – 2pm	\$20
Gymnastics (indoor – 2-day) - Tuggerah	8-9 July or 15-16 July	12pm – 2pm	\$30
Parkour (indoor) - Tuggerah	9 July or 16 July	2pm – 4pm	\$20
Tennis (3-day) – Gosford	8, 9 & 10 July or 15, 16 & 17 July	9am – 3pm	\$140

Book online or call the numbers below:

Central Coast Regional Office
C/- Ourimbah Campus,
Brush Road, Ourimbah 2258

02 4348 6700 or 13 13 02

sport.nsw.gov.au/events &
then search by Central
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