



The Entrance Public School

TERM 4 Week 1 2020

A Safe,
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Community

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 2

Thursday 22 October

- School Virtual Assembly

Friday 23 October

- School Captain Nominations Due
- Jersey Day

WEEK 3

Tuesday 27 October

- P&C Zoom Meeting 9:30am

Wednesday 28 October – 2 December

- Kindergarten 2021 Headstart

Friday 30 October

- Cross Country

WEEK 5

Friday 13 November

- School Captain Speeches (Virtual)
- School Captain Voting

WEEK 6

Wednesday 18 November

- Year 6 Orientation Day, Tumby Umbi

WEEK 7

Tuesday 24 November

- Preschool Information Evening

WEEK 9

Wednesday 9 December

- Preschool Graduation

Thursday 10 December

- K-2 Presentation

Friday 11 December

- Years 3-6 Presentation
- Preschool Graduation

WEEK 10

Monday 14 December

- Year 6 Graduation & Farewell

Kindergarten

2021

Kindergarten
2021 Headstart



The NSW Government has released an update on Kindergarten 2021 Headstart. It can resume for students, but with strict guidelines. Some of these include:

- Ensure all students attending the orientation have completed enrolment forms.
- Allow parents and carers a designated drop-off and collection zone.
- Parents and carers should not remain for longer than 10 minutes.
- Confirm with parents and carers that all attendees are free of any flu-like symptoms.
- Reduce crowding where possible and promote physical distancing.

Headstart will be on Wednesday's and will commence on

Wednesday 28th October from 1.45pm - 2.45pm and run for 6 weeks.

Students from Garawa Preschool will come up to the Kinder area with their teachers and will be back in the preschool for their normal pick up routine. For Garawa students not at preschool that day, and other students attending, the drop off and pick up will be at the **View Street (red) gate**. We ask that the **2.45pm pick up** from the View St gate be prompt to reduce crowding and avoid interactions between other students and parents who will be lining up at 3pm for the end of our school day pick up.

Information sessions and tours for parents will continue to be run virtually on The Entrance Public School Kindergarten 2021 Facebook page.

NOTES YOU SHOULD HAVE:

- Preschool fees refund form to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

Cross Country

Our school cross country is on Friday 30th October at school. Students need to wear their sports uniform, bring a water bottle and wear running shoes.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 4. We are heading down the main straight to the finish line now in what has been a most incredible year. Despite all of the obstacles it is amazing how we as a school community have managed to support, grow and keep our focus on the important things.

As a school we have had a significant reduction in negative behaviour, a significant growth in student outcomes and many wonderful success stories.

As I like to put it – ‘we are in a really good spot at the moment’.

COVID-19 continues to plague our airways at the moment and as a result the ever-shifting sand of guidelines means a few changes to our end of year activities.

Attached to this newsletter is a calendar of events for this term.

Changes to End of Year Activities

TEPS HeadStart

This can now go ahead at the school with many restrictions and guidelines. Mrs Ainslie is working around the clock to coordinate the final look of the program. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend the sessions.

Parents can find information about our school on The Entrance Public School Kindergarten 2021 Facebook page which has an ever-growing bank of information.

Year 6 Activities

It has been a sad year for Year 6 in missing out on many activities which would normally be run for them.

As a result, we are looking at running some in school events to attempt to make up for them missing out.

1. Canberra Virtual Excursion Day

The Year 6 teachers are currently organising a fun day and night to cover some of the activities the Year 6 students may have undertaken at Canberra. More information and exact date to follow.

2. Jersey Day

Year 6 will be doing some minor fundraising for end of year activities and the first one is next Friday, 23 October. The students are running a Jersey Day where students can wear their team Jersey for a gold coin donation.





3. Crazy Sock Day

Another minor fundraising day where students can where 'Crazy Socks' for a Gold Coin donation.



4. Lolly Guessing Competition

The name says it all.

5. Year 6 Graduation

This will be held in Week 10, **Monday 14th December at 9:30am**. Depending on guidelines we may be able to have parents attend. It will be a short 45 min assembly to wish our Year 6 students well. Students may then leave to prepare for the Farewell later that night.

6. Year 6 Farewell

This event will be held on the night of **Monday 14th December**. This will be an occasion for our Year 6 Students to let their hair down and celebrate their schooling at TEPS.

The school is covering the cost of this event for our students so there will be **no cost** to students for this event. Restrictions will apply.

7. Year 6 Beach Day

A tradition for the end of the year. Normally at Mingara, however the Year 6 teachers are working on an alternative. More information to follow.

School Leaders 2021

All Year 6 students are expected to set a good example for the other students in the school. They should take a responsible leadership role in the playground and when travelling to and from school, modelling and helping younger students to follow our values of being Safe, Respectful and Engaged.

Each year, 2 School Captains and 2 School Vice-captains will be elected as student leaders in the school. The selection process is outlined below.

A nominated student must:

- Be advancing into Year 6 the following year.
- Display responsible behaviour and co-operate with other students and all staff. (Students who have received a suspension during Year 5 will not be eligible).

Selection Process

1. Year 5 students can nominate themselves or other students. Teachers can also nominate students. Nominations are made on a nomination form. Another student or a teacher must second each nomination. Only 1 nomination is needed for any individual student.
2. If there are more than 8 girls and/or 8 boys nominated, all nominees will give a short speech supporting their nomination to Year 5 students and teachers. A secret ballot will be held with each Year 5 student and teacher being entitled to 1 vote. The Principal will hold a 'casting vote'. The 8 boys and/or 8 girls with the highest number of votes will become the candidates for selection.

3. Each candidate will speak at a Virtual assembly of Year 2-6 students outlining the reasons why they should be elected as a captain or prefect. Each speech will be no longer than 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
4. A secret ballot will be held with each Year 2-5 student being entitled to 1 vote. Each teacher in the school will also be entitled to one vote. The Principal will hold a 'casting vote'. Students and staff will vote straight after the candidates give their speeches.
5. Voting will be organised as a preferential voting system with each Year 2-5 student choosing their preferred 3 candidates by writing 1, 2 and 3 against the names.
6. The boy with the highest number of votes will become a School Captain. The girl with the highest number of votes will also become School Captain. The girl and boy who poll the next highest numbers will become Vice-Captains.
7. The Principal, in consultation with Year 5 teachers will be responsible for the final selection of Captains and Prefects. Regardless of the number of votes polled, a student who does not consistently display responsible behaviour may be disregarded for selection.
8. Students will be informed of their leadership position (but not specific role) before the end of year Presentation days. This will allow unsuccessful candidates to nominate for Sports Captain roles.
9. The School Captains will be invested into their positions at a special assembly held early in Term 1, 2021.

Timeline for Voting Process

Week 1 – 14/10	Deputy Principal discusses with Year 5 the roles and responsibilities of being a school leader. Nomination letters are handed out.
Week 2 - 23/10	Nomination forms are due back to Ms Martinez.
Week 3 – 26/10	Candidates receive nomination confirmation letter and outline of Speech expectations.
Week 5 – 9/11	Student nominations are reduced to 8 boys and 8 girls (if needed).
13/11	Student Speeches (via video conferencing) are given and student voting occurs in Years 2-5.
Week 6 – 16/11	Student leaders are informed (not specific roles) and the process will begin for Sports House Captain nominations and Aboriginal Leader nominations.
Week 9 – 11/12	School Captain positions are announced at the Year 3-6 Presentation Day.

Enrolments 2021

The school is accepting enrolments for 2021. If you know of families intending to enrol can you please gently remind them to do so.

If you are looking at moving away from the school in 2021 could you also please contact the office to let them know.

Any specific class requests for 2021 should be directed to the Principal in either a letter or email.

School Calendar

The school calendar is attached to this Newsletter. There may be a few additions but this will be advertised as we go ahead.

Dave Stitt

Dave Stitt
Principal



Did you know....

The Entrance Public School has a preschool called Garawa Preschool. It caters for children the year before they start Kindergarten.

Enrolments are now open for Garawa Preschool for 2021. Please contact the office for more information and an application.



CANTEEN'S MESSAGE



Volunteers – Help needed

We are currently in need of volunteers in the canteen.

If you can help out for a couple of hours in the morning, a day weekly or fortnightly, it would be greatly appreciated. Any time you have to offer will help. Please see Emma in the canteen.



Second hand uniforms

We are running low on second hand uniforms. If you have any uniforms that no longer fit or are no longer needed, we would love them in the canteen for our second hand clothing pool.

Emma Brophy
Canteen Manager

NEW School App

Our FREE SCHOOL APP is here! Access school news, alerts, digital permission notes and more quickly and easily.



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Increases self esteem



Improves social wellbeing



Improves attention



Improves decision making



Improves personal growth



Reduces risk of depression



Reduces anxiety



Can help children feel as though they are in charge of situation



Improves sleep



Increases autonomy



Can provide children with a more positive view of themselves

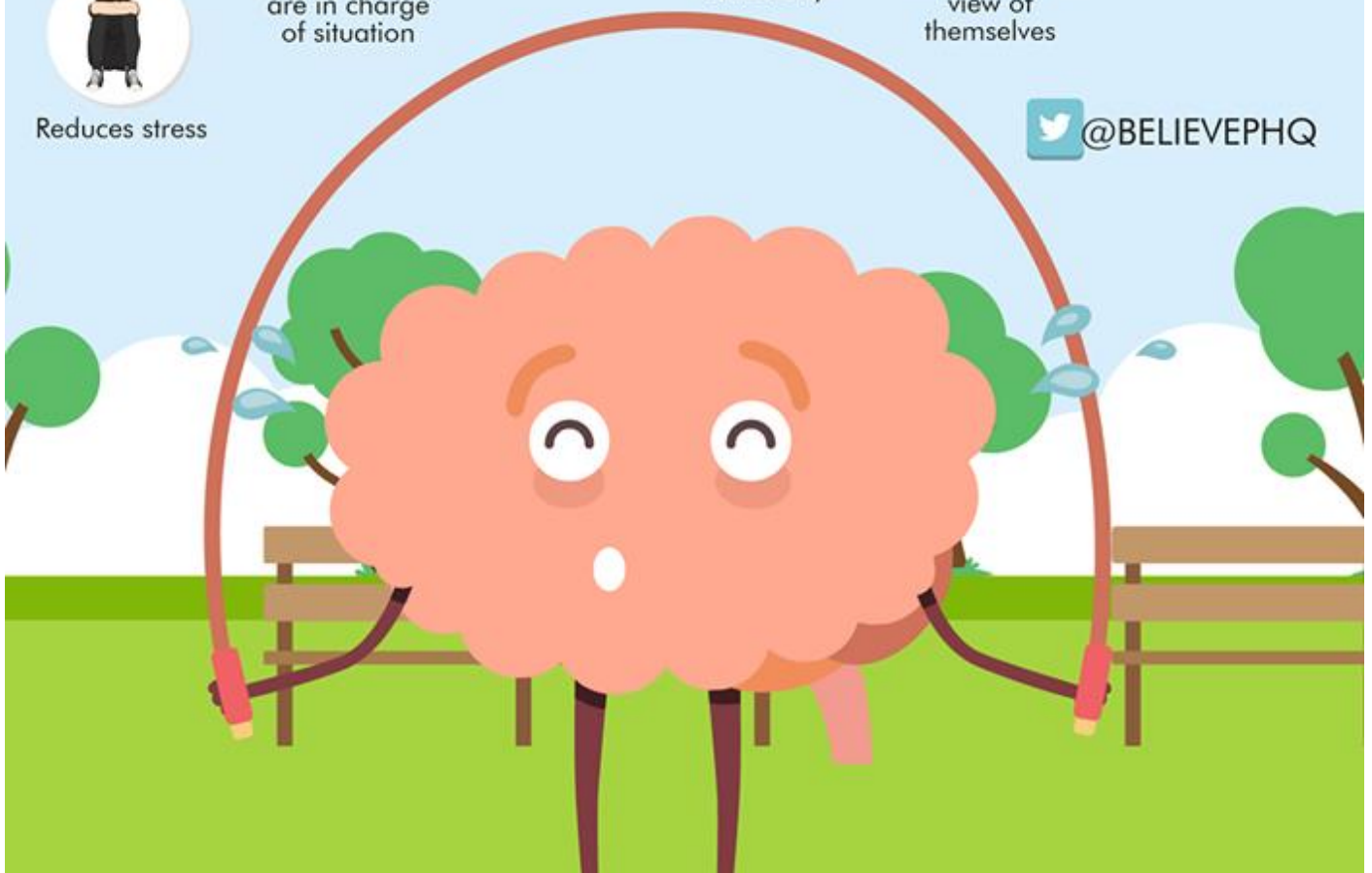


Increases confidence



Reduces stress

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	12/Oct Students Return	13/Oct	14/Oct	15/Oct <i>Scripture</i>	16/Oct	17/Oct	18/Oct
2	19/Oct	20/Oct	21/Oct	22/Oct <i>Scripture</i> Virtual Assembly	23/Oct Leader Nominations Due Jersey Day Yr 6	24/Oct	25/Oct
3	26/Oct	27/Oct P & C Meeting Zoom 9:30	28/Oct HeadStart – Kindy Orientation	29/Oct FTLOR Choosing SRC	30/Oct Cross Country	31/Oct	1/Nov
4	2/Nov PAT Testing	3/Nov	4/Nov HeadStart – Kindy Orientation	5/Nov <i>Scripture</i> Virtual Assembly	6/Nov LOCKDOWN Drill	7/Nov	8/Nov
5	9/Nov	10/Nov	11/Nov HeadStart – Kindy Orientation	12/Nov FTLOR Giving <i>Scripture</i>	13/Nov Leadership Speeches (Virtual) Leadership Elections	14/Nov	15/Nov
6	16/Nov	17/Nov	18/Nov Year 6 Orientation Day HeadStart – Kindy Orientation	19/Nov Virtual Assembly <i>Scripture</i> SRC	20/Nov	21/Nov	22/Nov
7	23/Nov Review/Transition Meetings	24/Nov Preschool Info Evening	25/Nov HeadStart – Kindy Orientation	26/Nov <i>Scripture</i>	27/Nov Crazy Sock Day	28/Nov	29/Nov
8	30/Nov OoHC Meetings	1/Dec P & C Meeting	2/Dec Year 6 Gala Day HeadStart – Kindy Orientation	3/Dec <i>Scripture</i> Virtual Assembly	4/Dec	5/Dec	6/Dec
9	7/Dec	8/Dec	9/Dec Preschool Grad	10/Dec K-2 Presentation PBL Meeting <i>Scripture</i> SRC	11/Dec 3-6 Presentation Pre-School Graduation	12/Dec	13/Dec
	Data/Planning/Handover/Celebration Days						
10	14/Dec Reports Home Year 6 Graduation Year 6 Farewell	15/Dec Moving Day Step up Day	16/Dec Yr 6 Beach Day	17/Dec SDD Day	18/Dec SDD Day	19/Dec	20/Dec