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On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 11

School Vision Statement 2021 – 2024

We believe that tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it. Our journey to excellence will provide an environment that is challenging, inclusive and inspirational, that ensures each student shines, now and in the future.

Principal's Message

Welcome to the final week of Term 1. We're excited to welcome you to our end of term assembly on Thursday. Please join us at 2pm for a look at some of our learning this team and our Easter hat creations.

Thank you for your support last Wednesday when our school needed to be non-operational due to the flooding. Many of our staff were unable to get to school following a night of persistent heavy rain on already saturated roads.

A busy week this week! Hearing tests tomorrow and our gymnastics excursion on Wednesday. Be sure to get your Easter raffle tickets back to school by Thursday. We'll draw the winning tickets on Thursday at assembly.

We have a new school mobile phone: I hope you found the text messaging an easy method of communication last week during the floods. If you didn't receive text messages about the school being non-operational please let us know. The new school mobile phone number is 0411 939 188.

The school landline should be the main phone used throughout the school day. The mobile phone will be used for attendance check-ins (commencing next term), excursions, power outages and emergencies.

Attendance Check-ins: As of next term, we will be sending text messages to parents when a student is absent from school and no explanation has been provided. All absences from school must be explained. The process is quite simple and already effective in many schools.

1. School rolls are marked each morning.
2. Where a student is absent without explanation, a text message will be sent to parents before the end of the school day.
3. Parents can either reply to the text message or phone the school with an explanation.

Have a great week and enjoy the Easter holidays.
 School resumes for students on Wednesday 27 April.

Leah Keough– Principal

WHAT'S ON FOR TERM 1

WEEK 11

Tuesday, April 5	Hearing Tests
Wednesday, April 6	Gymnastics Excursion—Armidale
Thursday, April 7	Term 1 Assembly & Easter Hat Parade-2pm
Friday, April 8	Last Day of Term for Students

Term 1 School Holidays

Saturday 9 April – Tuesday 26 April

EASTER WEEKEND (Friday 15 April — Monday 19 April)

ANZAC Day — Monday 25 April

WHAT'S ON FOR TERM 2

WEEK 1

Tuesday, April 26	School Development Day
Wednesday, April 27	Students Return for Term 2

WEEK 2

Wednesday, May 4	Finlayson Cup Sports Carnival — Chandler PS
Friday, May 6	Cross Country—Bowraville

WEEK 3

NAPLAN ONLINE (Tuesday to Friday)

Friday, May 13	Walk to School Day
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WEEK 4

NAPLAN ONLINE (All Week)

WEEK 5

YEARS 5 & 6 LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP

Monday, May 23 to Friday, May 27	Year 5 & 6 Lake Ainsworth Camp
Wednesday, May 25	Simultaneous Storytime — 11am



Harmony Day Celebrations

On Friday we celebrated Harmony Day with a wonderful Turkish feast. Our menu consisted of gozlemes, revani syrup semolina cake, Turkish lentil soup and simit (bread). We hope you enjoyed tasting the semolina cake sent home.



NAPLAN Online 2022 – Years 3 and 5 - Monday 9 May to Friday 20 May

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy) testing for all students in Years 3 and 5 will be held at school during weeks 3 and 4 next term. The online platform allows a flexible timetable in completing the four tests. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please speak with Mrs Keough.

Dorrigo RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day 2022

ANZAC Day is Monday 25 April, which falls at the end of the school holidays. Students are invited to attend the 11:00am March and Wreath Laying Service. **We will assemble at the front of Dorrigo RSL Club at 10.40am, ready for step off at 11.00am.** Mrs Keough will march with our students. Young marchers are encouraged to wear their families' medals and decorations. Parental transport and supervision before and after marching is required. To look our best, full school uniform (school sports shirt) and navy hat must be worn. **Please return the consent note to indicate if your child/ren will be attending.**



Excursion - Armidale Gym Centre - This Wednesday 6 April

Students, K-6 will visit the Armidale Gym Centre this Wednesday 6 April for a gymnastics session with gymnastics coaches followed by a trampolining / Ninja Warrior style activity. **The bus will depart the school by 9am** and return to school in time for normal home routines at 3.15pm. Students must wear full sports school uniform and pack their lunchbox and water bottles.

Big Veggie Crunch

We crunched and munched for the Big Veggie Crunch last Friday. Students enjoyed a bowl of veggie delights including, capsicum, carrot, parsnip, sweet potato, celery, daikon, kale, cucumber, radish and beetroot.



Ride 2 School Day

A glorious afternoon last week to scoot and pedal our way around the school yard. We looked at current road safety rules for bikes and scooters, helmet safety and even 'wheelie' and 'stoppie' tricks!

