



Neville Bonner Primary School

2 July 2020
Newsletter-
Term 2 Week 10



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Tomorrow, Friday 3 July is the last day of Term 2

Term 3 begins Monday 20 July

Dear Parents and Carers

After a very busy and unusual term, we have arrived at the term break! Staff and children alike are tired, but there is a great sense of accomplishment and satisfaction about the many achievements of the term. We are very proud of the way the children have managed the changes of the last ten weeks, and this is due in no small part to the support of all our families and the community of Neville Bonner Primary. We are so grateful to you all.

The children in Monday/Tuesday Preschool received their Semester One Reports on Tuesday this week, and all other Learning Groups will receive their Reports on Friday this week. As previously advised, the Semester One Reports in 2020 are a modified version of the regular ones, due to COVID-19 implications.

We are planning *Three Way Yarns* for week four in term 3 (week beginning 10 August). We will provide further advice next term on how these Yarns will take place under COVID -19 conditions. *Three Way Yarns* provide the opportunity for children to lead a discussion, with parents/carers and teacher, about their learning so far and their next set of learning goals.

Yesterday's Virtual Assembly for Kindergarten to Year 6 was led by some of our Year 5 Singing Group. As part of the Assembly, our Year 6 Leaders presented certificates to all the children in our school. This special certificate acknowledges and celebrates each child's contribution to, participation in Neville Bonner Primary Virtual School 2020. We hope this certificate can be one for the 'Keep Forever Box' as a memento of this historic period in the children's lives.



Dates to remember

JULY

- 3/7 Th/F Pre & K-6 Students Reports go home
- 3/7 Last day of term 2
- 20/7 First day of term 3
- 24/7 100 days of Kindy

AUGUST

- 1/8 Hats on day

Notes home

- ⇒ M/T Pre Student Reports
- ⇒ Email to advise of Emergency Evacuation and Lock Down Procedures

SMS texts home

- ◆ Absences
- ◆

School contacts

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SCHOOL BOARD

Neville Bonner Primary School
Vacant Positions 2020

The following positions will become vacant in 2020:

- One Parent & Citizens member positions for 24 months
- One staff member position

Nominations open 11am Monday
20 July 2020 and close Monday
3 August 2020

Voting opens 11am Monday
10 August 2020

Voting closes 11am on Monday
17 August 2020

Nomination forms are available at Reception.



Certificate for all children



Valentina shares her certificate with her teacher, Madeeha

Reminders:

Requests to complete questionnaires for professionals such as therapists, psychologists, doctors etc: all such requests are to be made through the relevant form at Reception, including full name of professional, organisation, phone contact, mailing and emailing addresses. Such requests involve a 10–15 working days turn around time. If you have an urgent request, please contact Fran via Reception.

Please put your **children’s names** on all their belongings, including jackets, jumpers, drink bottles, lunch boxes

Sun hats: early reminder that children will need their sun hats from 1 August

School Board election: see elsewhere in Newsletter

Enrolments: please ensure you have enrolled children for **Preschool 2021** (eligible if child turns 4 by 30 April 2021) and **Year 7 2021**

Term 3 arrangements

All families received the Education Directorates’ COVID-19 Road Map last week. As a school, we are considering if there will be any adjustments to our current arrangements. We will notify by email, in the second week of the school holidays, to update you on any changes.

I hope you are able to have some relaxing family time during the break. We look forward to seeing you for the first day of Term 3, Monday 20 July.

Fran

NAIDOC WEEK is usually celebrated in July, but this year, due to COVID-19, it will now be celebrated later in the year.

Here is some important information from the NAIDOC Week website, for your interest:



Always Was, Always Will Be.

Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australian's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientist, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures—structures on Earth—predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land—the biggest estate on earth—to sustainably provide for their future.

Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606—with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula.

The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines—of our lands and our waters.

For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country—a history which dates back thousands of generations .

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country—which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

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Birthday Catering for the Classroom

As of Term 3, our wonderful canteen team will be offering catering for birthdays (including cupcakes, cookies and fruit cups), to be handed out by your child's teacher.

Canteen Lunch Orders

Just a reminder that orders close at 9am each day (including cancellations), and must be placed via Flexischools or cash. We cannot take phone orders.

Entertainment Book

If you haven't already, head to <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/2787i1> to purchase yours today!

Picture Plates

We are looking to hold a picture plate fundraiser next term, stay tuned for more details! What a great way to commemorate the year of 2020!

School Banking

Back for Term 3!



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™

The Holiday Happenings Winter Edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

The block features a row of seven colorful icons: a blue musical note, a green paint palette, an orange theater mask, a pink Instagram icon, a purple camera, a green calendar, and a blue soccer ball. The background is a faded image of a group of smiling children.