



This week is NAIDOC Week

The 2020 National NAIDOC Poster, Shape of Land, was designed by Tyrown Waigana, a Noongar and Saibai Islander man.

Tyrown's artwork tells the story of how the Rainbow Serpent came out of the Dreamtime to create this land. It is represented by the snake and it forms the shape of Australia, which symbolises how it created our lands. The colour from the Rainbow Serpent is reflected on to the figure to display our connection to the Rainbow Serpent, thus our connection to country. The overlapping colours on the outside is the Dreamtime. The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country - since the dawn of time - Always Was, Always Will Be Aboriginal Land.

NAIDOC Week is normally held in the first week of July, but due to Covid19, it was moved to November. This Friday we will finish the week with many activities around NAIDOC week. Students may wear the colours of the Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander flags for the day.

Remembrance Day

Last Friday, during library time, Mrs Luce talked to the students about Remembrance Day and the significance of poppies. The students then made a wreath of poppies with rosemary from our garden for our service tomorrow. They also made lapels of poppies and rosemary for all the staff and students to wear.

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations.

In accordance with flag protocol, at 10:30 am (local time), our flags will be adjusted to the half-mast position. At 11:02 am they will be moved back to the peak for the remainder of the day following the conclusion of our Remembrance Service.

Upcoming Events

Intensive Swimming Program

Week 6 (16-20 November)

Kindergarten Orientation Days

Fridays from November 6



Richmond Bird Wing Butterfly vine with a flower



(Photos on the right are from our exploration in the garden)

Updated Guidelines for Term 4

Please take the time to read these new updates regarding our School Operations from the Department of Education.

In accordance with [advice from NSW Health External link](#), parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition

From 12 November:

- Year 7 transition to high school in Term 4
- school planned end of year events can proceed in a COVID-safe way while adhering to relevant COVID-19 Safety Plans
- P&C meetings may occur on the school sites with executives and invited guests. These meetings must occur outside of school hours and are limited to a maximum of 20 people. Physical distancing and hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times. All attendees must sign the visitor acknowledgement form upon arrival. P&C or other community social events or functions, fundraisers, fetes and barbecues **are not permitted** in Term 4.

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives
 - parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
 - parents and carers who need to be on-site for canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms
 - parent or carer volunteers required as educational support roles for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups, music and kitchen garden areas. Schools are required
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to have scheduled programs in place and remind parents and carers that they must not attend school unless it has been previously arranged

Activities on hold

The following events will continue to be reconsidered in Term 4. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Interstate excursions to VIC, QLD and SA
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- School activities that involve gathering of parent and community members such as parent functions, working bees, school barbecues, parent information evenings and on-site cultural events
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school activities unless it's an end of year school event as specified above and the venue can cater for the 4 square metre distancing rule

In regards to the final point, we will be unable to hold our end of year school Christmas function due to the 4 square metre distancing rule and we also have to keep 1.5 metres between families. Our event is also restricted to 30 people including staff, students and parents.

We will hold a special day for our students with all the presentations as per normal and send home photos from this day.

I will talk further with the P and C about this at our next meeting.

Alison Bath

