Principal’s Message

NAIDOC Day
NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’.

The theme for this year was Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond honouring all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country. From our warriors in the Frontier Wars to our warriors who have served with honour and pride in Australia’s military conflicts and engagements across the globe. We proudly highlight and recognise the role they have played in shaping our identity and pause to reflect on their sacrifice. We celebrate and honour their priceless contribution to our nation.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. It is an event that brings various cultures together in order to celebrate identity. This event is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. This year Bonnyrigg Public School hosted the community event which was not only a huge success but very well received. Local schools and community members were invited to participate in the day which incorporated painting, weaving, dance, tool talks and boomerang throwing. Aboriginal Elders also participated in the day making it even more special. It was nice to see the positive spirit and interactions that happened on the day. The school also hosted an art competition which saw over 300 entries. The art that was represented was of a high level and it made it very difficult for the judges to choose what they thought would be the winners. It was a day so very rich in culture and the value we place on creating pathways for ongoing reconciliation. I would like to recognise the work of the Aboriginal Committee who worked hard to ensure the day was a huge success. I would like to acknowledge the work of Colleen Grace our Aboriginal Education Officer, Karen Sor and Mariana Hererra as their commitment to this event was huge. You don’t often get to see what happens behind the scenes to make an event like this run smoothly and we thank them for their time and effort.

Education Week
2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work that happens within our school. The theme for this year is "Lighting the way to a better world". We would like to invite you to share in the celebrations. Classrooms will be open on Thursday the 31st of July from 10am-11.20am and this is a great opportunity for you to visit and see the great work in progress. All members of the family are most welcome as your children get a great thrill from being able to show off their wonderful work. If you can not make it on the day try to get another member of the family to attend. We welcome grandparents, aunts, uncles or any member of the family that is interested.

School Calendar

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Kindergarten and Preschool enrolments for 2015 are now being taken at the office
Family members will then be invited to have lunch with their children in the playground. We hope to see you there on the day as the best outcomes are achieved when we share the journey.

**Athletics Carnival**
The Athletics Carnival will take place on Wednesday the 6th of August at Dwyer Oval, Liverpool. This is a K-6 event and the expectation is that as it is a school event that all children will attend. The day has been set up so that all children can participate in a variety of fun activities as well as there being competitive events. A note has been sent home recently with cost being $7.00. Please ensure that this note and money is returned as soon as possible. Canteen orders will be taken up until Monday the 4th of August. Please remember that no orders will be taken on the day. This year we are also providing a bus to the event as it has been brought to our attention that some families may find it difficult to get to the venue. A note was also sent out regarding this with the cost of the bus also $7.00. Children return these notes to the front office. We value family/parent input and we hope that many of you will take this great opportunity to come and support your children on the day. We are also looking for some parent helpers to assist on the day. If you are able to help please leave your name with the front office and this will be handed onto the sport co-ordinators. We are aiming to have 100% attendance by our students and we hope to see many family members on the day.

**Feedback from Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Parent/teacher interviews were both well attended and a huge success. I had positive feedback from both teachers and parents. It was a great time to find out about your child’s progress. I would like to thank staff members who so willingly gave their time to share information with parents in such a productive way. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Khan Nguyen as she was involved in many of the interviews and did a wonderful job of interpreting for many of our families.

**P & C Meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday the 30th of July at 9.15 am in the staffroom. We would like to see you all there as we value your input into school directions. It is also a great time to make sure your views are represented.

Regards

Narelle Nies Acting Principal

**Honour Awards**

Congratulations to the students who have earned an Honour Award:

- Ciara L K Blue
- Myllie S K Red
- Alexander D K Red
- Jessica S K/1G
- Talyn F K/1G
- Anita E K/1G
- Thomas H 1S
- Cooper M 1S
- Tyrell M 1S
- Brian L 1/2O
- Henry H 1/2O
- Violet P 1/2O
- Christopher K 1/2O
- Lina H 2C
- Sandy N 2C
- Sharron T 2C
- Tjulburra O 3/4K
- Shemyah H 3/4K
- Michelle N 3/4W
- Shayla S 3/4W
- Joshua V 3/4W
- Reece T 4/5M
- Sophie B 4/5M
- Sandra S 4/5M
- Dylan J 4/5M
- Gina D 5/6B
- Natalie V 5/6F

Congratulations to our debating team on their third WIN against St Johns Park
**Flu season is here!**
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Kindergarten had a pirate fun at the end of Term 2. The followed maps to get to the treasure. This was part of their Mathematics program and helped them learn about position and direction

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**Science Kids - Term 2**

In term 2, all classes were busy observing, investigating and reporting. The children in Kindergarten became weather watchers, where they learnt about the air, sun and wind through hands-on activities. Year 1 and 2 were very busy mixing it up! Students learnt about materials that don’t mix well, and others that are difficult to separate. They had a fantastic time.

The children in 3/4W, 3/4K and 4/5M explored the various stages of the lifecycle in plants. They participated in many hands on investigations and studied the various features of the plants. They represented their understandings through scientific diagrams and they developed a factual text for their classroom libraries.

Year 5 and 6 students explored earthquake magnitude data from Australia and neighbouring countries. In groups they created a power point presentation where they drew conclusions about patterns in their data. In hands on activities they created their own tectonic plates to represent how tectonic plates move using clay.

I look forward to more Science this Term.

Mrs Hayton

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**On NAIDOC day our students made Johnny Cakes. Mrs Fonsecca would like to share the recipe**

**Johnny Cakes**

- 6 teaspoons of self raising flour
- 3 teaspoons of melted butter
- 3 teaspoons of milk.

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl to make a ball. Place the ball into the frying pan and flatten out. Put the ball into a creased frying pan and cook for a minute each side. You may need to add some extra milk or butter if it does not form.