

COMO WEST CONNECTION POINT

by Felicity Preston, Principal

Last week there were so many things we couldn't fit it all in! Pics from last week's Footy Shoot Out follow.

This Week

Aboriginal education is embedded throughout the NSW curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 10 as a learning across the curriculum priority. Students learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, including archaeological evidence, oral traditions, and the impacts of colonisation. During National Reconciliation Week, age appropriate classroom activities focus on learning about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and the concept of reconciliation. Inside the hall we have a display of decorated footprints with words, symbols or messages that reflect their commitment to reconciliation, respect, and unity. Next week the Student Leadership Team, along with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, will be working with Aunty Calita from our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to create a contextualised Acknowledgement of Country for our school. An incursion for NAIDOC week has also been planned which you will receive information for next week.

Cookie Chaos was held again yesterday. Thanks again to Kieran and the Hinton family. YUM!!!! All of them sold out and lots of kids missed out so Kieran said he is happy to sell them again in 2 weeks for those students.

Influenza A and Scarlet Fever are impacting our school right now. It is a timely reminder that the DoE requests children stay at home if they have cold or flu symptoms to prevent the spread of infection. Our staff have been impacted heavily. Whilst we try every day to book casual teachers to replace teachers who are sick, we are still in the midst of a teacher crisis and there are often no casuals available to book. In these circumstances, we still endeavour to avoid splitting classes by collapsing our Learning and Support program and Mrs Oldfield will then take the class. If I have capacity, I will also help cover classes. When those options are not available and when multiple teachers are away, we have to split classes.

The takeaways: 1. Please keep your children home when they are not well. 2. If you are considering a career change, we need more teachers! It really is a rewarding occupation (but perhaps not ask one to confirm this during report writing time!)

Congratulations to Oliver B for participating in the NSW PSSA Primary Rugby League Championship this week. Oliver represented the Sydney East region at the event held in Blacktown from Monday to Wednesday. The team achieved several convincing wins and secured an impressive 5th place overall. A great achievement, well done Oliver!



Year 6 parents - SAVE THE DATE REMINDER - Year 6 Parents Rites of Passage meeting

Monday 23 June 6:00-7:30pm in the Library. Details next week. Please [register](#) for catering



Next Week

- ❖ Monday - Public Holiday
- ❖ Friday - Coffee Chat- opportunity for an informal chat & cuppa with the Principal. 2:15-3:15 pm. All welcome!

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Footy Shoot Out

Last week some of our amazing Year 6 leaders hosted Footy Shoot Out! Students from K-6 joined in the fun as they tried to get as many footy passes through the target in under a minute.

