



Term 2 Week 10, 2025

Upcoming Dates	
30 June - 4 July	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
1 July	Healthy Harold Hearing Talk PS Group A
3 July	Healthy Harold Hearing Talk PS Group B
4 July	Last day Term 2
21 July	Staff Development Day No Students
22 July	Term 3 Commences
23 July	Athletics Carnival
28 July	100 Days of Kindy

See School Bytes calendar for further dates

Principal's Report

Dear Mascot Families,

I've recently had the privilege of holidaying in the Philippines, where I visited four incredible islands and experienced many amazing adventures in the jungle. It is truly a beautiful country with warm, welcoming people. A huge thank you to Mr. Ninyo for relieving me in my absence - I'm very grateful for his support.

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the year! I'm currently reading through all student reports and am so impressed with the learning and growth across the school. Reports will be emailed to families on Friday afternoon.

A big thank you to our P&C for organising the Krispy Kreme donut day last week — it was truly enjoyed by all!

Yesterday we began our week of NAIDOC celebrations with a delicious BBQ breakfast with our Aboriginal families and local Elders. This was followed by a wonderful assembly, opened by Eric Brown (father of Khaden, Dean, Jace and Djayarla), and his son Khaden who performed a smoking ceremony. We're very grateful to be part of this special ceremony.

NAIDOC Week serves as a reminder of the ongoing journey toward reconciliation and understanding between all Australians. It is a time to reflect on the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to promote respect and recognition.

Principal's Report

This year's theme for NAIDOC Week is particularly significant as it highlights The next generation - strength, vision & legacy. This theme celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors.

With every story shared, every act of resilience remembered, and every cultural practice celebrated, we honour a legacy that reaches far into the past and extends into the future. As we celebrate this milestone, we look toward the next 50 years with excitement and confidence, while everyday ensuring that NAIDOC remains a movement grounded in community-led vision and integrity. A huge thank you to our RAP Team for their organisation of this week.

And of course, thank you to our wonderful staff for a fantastic semester, to our families for your ongoing support, and to our beautiful children who bring us so much joy every day. I really did miss them while I was away.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break with your children. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for a new term.

Warm regards, Helen







Lost Property- please check near 5/6T classroom and Kindy Annexure for your child lost items by end of the week.

School News - Attendance

As the school term comes to an end, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing you on the very first day back at school. A reminder students return for term 3 on Tuesday 22nd July.

Set your child up for a successful term 3. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.
- Information for parents provides further information about compulsory school attendance.

Kind Regards

Sharon Rosen **Assistant Principal**



School News - Premier's Spelling Bee

Spelling Success!

We are thrilled to congratulate two of our talented students who have progressed to the next round of the Premier's Spelling Bee!

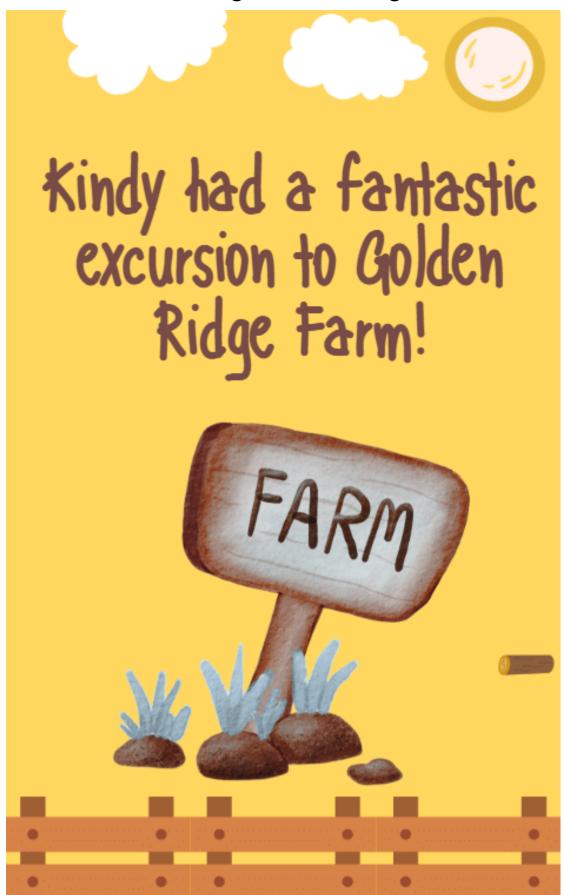
Henry and Dibbo's dedication, focus, and impressive spelling skills have earned them a well-deserved place in the next stage of the competition.

We wish them all the best as they continue to represent our school with pride and determination.

Well done, boys!



School News- Golden Ridge Farm Kindergarten



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We milked a cow







We fed baby goats (kids!) with milk









We got to pat and hold rabbits, ducklings and chicks













School News- Golden Ridge Farm Kindergarten

We fed goats, calves, a llama and an alpaca









We petted goats and calves











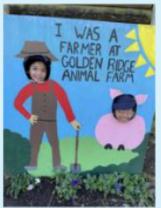






We had fun with our friends!

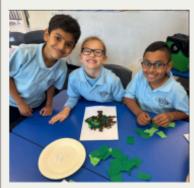






School News- Class 2K





2K students have had a fantastic start to the year! They have been learning to write simple, compound, and complex sentences, and building their number skills through engaging activities. We have also been working on independence, with each student looking after their own pencil







Students have also enjoyed incorporating geography through art by creating seasonal tree artworks to show how weather changes throughout the year.



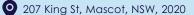












School News- Gold Award AP Surprise

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TERM 2

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Grow Your Mind Awards

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WEEK 8 (TERM 2):



Preschool A

- Liam
- Joylynn

Early Stage 1

- Ivoree Reign & Yesui (KD)
- Arigun & Aydin (KN)
- Cat & Molly (KP)
- Ava & Liam (KW)

Preschool B

- Mia
- Ilyas

Stage 1

- Deen & Saima (1G)
- Destiny & Julianne (1R)
- Liam & Adam (1Y)
- Sid & Sakura (2A)
- Enzo & Mason (2B)
- Theo & Airlie (2K)

Stage 2

- Indira & Naranbat (3/4A)
- Parker & Eva (3/4F)
- Richie & Yavuz (3/4G)
- (3/4T)

Stage 3

- Martin & Miron (5/6M)
- Jasmine & Mahalia (5/6R)
- Alicia & Eli (5/6S)
- (5/6T)



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WEEK 9 (TERM 2):



Preschool A

- Jensen
- Liam

Early Stage 1

- Elena & Aegon (KD)
- Mabel & Ilmira (KN)
- Aaliya-Rose (KP)
- Arlo & Arshiya (KW)

Preschool B

- Otis
- Itgel

Stage 1

- Iyan & Charles (1G)
- Sarang & Kristina (1R)
- George & Kemal (1Y)
- Tara & Leo (2A)
- Aysha & Quade (2B)
- Allana & Koray (2K)

Stage 2

- Kate Ashley & Robin (3/4A)
- Sanaz & Madina (3/4F)
- Breanna & Vania (3/4G)
- Arabella & Dante (3/4T)

Stage 3

- Peter & Dibbo (5/6M)
- Flynn & Marley (5/6R)
- Manaia & Atilla (5/6S)
- Sami & Uilst (5/6T)



etics Carniva

We are excited to announce that our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 23 July (Term 3, Week 1) at Hensley Oval.

- Students eligible for PSSA will be participating in a range of events including long jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m races.
- Students in the infants years will take part in a variety of novelty events.

All parents and families are welcome to come along and cheer on the students. We look forward to a fantastic day of fun and sportsmanship!







School News - Sports News



Football

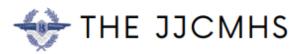
Congratulations to Isabella (5/6R) and Anouk (5/6R) who represented South Sydney Zone Girls Football Team at the Sydney East Primary Football Girls Trials on Thursday, 26th June at Kareela Oval. You both did a fantastic job and should be proud of your efforts and sportsmanship.







School News - JJ Cahill Memorial High School



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EAM UPDATE

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS AND MATHEMATICS



The Great STEAM Challenge III

Over the past three years, J.J. Cahill Memorial High School has been providing an enriching opportunity for high potential and gifted students from local primary schools. This initiative has brought together students from Botany Public School, Eastlakes Public School, Gardeners Road Public School, and Mascot Public School to participate in a four-week STEAM project. In this interdisciplinary program, students collaborated in mixed groups to design and build solarpowered cars, culminating in an exciting competition that highlighted the power of collaboration and innovation.

Last year, the program expanded to include a Year 7 team from J.J. Cahill Memorial High School as an extension program. The project was facilitated by expert staff from the Science, HSIE, Visual Arts, and Industrial Arts faculties, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience that integrated various disciplines.

Under the guidance of Mr. Greg Lucas and Ms. Sian Batista De Mello, the program has become a cornerstone of the school's commitment to fostering high potential and gifted education. Ms. Batista De Mello expressed her enthusiasm for the project, noting, "It's been a privilege to work with such a diverse and engaged group of students. The program not only enhances their technical skills but also promotes teamwork and resilience."

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School News - JJ Cahill Memorial High School

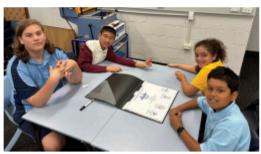
Mr. Greg Lucas, an experienced TAS/Engineering teacher and Deputy Principal, played a pivotal role in the program's success. His dedication to student development was evident as he led the design and construction phases, dedicating extra time outside school hours to ensure the program's success. The event also benefited from the support of Mr. Steve Smith, Head Teacher of Science, who delivered an engaging STEAM lesson; Mr. Robert McClean, who provided invaluable assistance each week; and Ms. Cecileigh Patten, who managed the administrative aspects seamlessly.

Participants in the challenge not only gained technical knowledge in areas such as aerodynamics and solar energy but also developed essential skills in collaboration and problem-solving. The culmination of their efforts was a series of solar car races, which brought the project to a thrilling conclusion. Despite challenges, including time constraints that led to working through lunch breaks, every student can proudly say they learned something new and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The success of this year's challenge underscores the importance of hands-on learning experiences in shaping the innovators of tomorrow.

A heartfelt thank you to all the participating primary schools, their students, and our own students who contributed to making this project a resounding success.



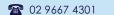












School News - Cultural Events

27th June Al Hijri (Islamic New Year)

According to the lunar or Islamic Calendar, Al Hijri (Al Hijrah in Arabic) is the Islamic New Year observed on the first day of Muharram. Muharram is the Islamic Calendar's first month of the year and is the second holiest month after Ramadan.



1st July Coming of the Light Festival

The Coming of the Light is celebrated by Torres Strait Islanders. It commemorates the arrival of the London Missionary Society on Erub Island in the Torres Strait in 1871. It led to the adoption of Christianity through island communities during the late 19th century.



6th -13th July NAIDOC Week

National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is held annually in early July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. It is an opportunity to recognise Indigenous Australians' contributions to our country and society.

This year's theme is 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud'.



10th July Asalha Puja (Dhamma Day)

Asalha Puja Day or the Dhamma Day celebrates the first teaching of the Buddha. This Buddhist event commemorates the first sermon delivered by the Buddha after his enlightenment. This event is one of the most important festivals for Theravada Buddhists.

General News



It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

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- Perry Park Rec Centre, Alexandria -14, 15, 16 July 2025
- Heffron Park, Maroubra 14, 15, 16 **July 2025**
- Concord Recreation Centre, Concord - 9, 10, 11 July 2025

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