



Principals Message

Dear parents and caregivers,

Semester 1 reports will be sent home through the School Bytes app on Friday. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the new guidelines require teachers to use less educational jargon. As always, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher about their report, please email the school to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Spelling Bee

Samuel Terry's spelling bee finals were held on Wednesday with the following students winning in their grade category:

Hunter R – Years 3 & 4

Ronan M – Years 5 & 6

All children who participated in in the finals should be very proud of their efforts.

Year 5 camp

We are very proud of our Year 5 students who upheld the fine reputation of our school by behaving impeccably during the camp to Bathurst and Hill End. Our teachers were very pleased with their behaviour and received several compliments from the staff of venues attended of how Samuel Terry students are always among the best groups that they get the pleasure of working with. This excellent behaviour reflects well not only on the students, but the entire Samuel Terry PS community.

Debating

Congratulations to our debating team on successfully arguing that 'Board games are better than computer games.' The team travelled to Henry Fulton and have continued their winning streak. The next debating topic is 'Zoos do more harm than good.'

PSSA knockout competitions

Well done to all students who have competed in the PSSA knockout competitions. All teams performed admirably and displayed great sportsmanship. A huge thank to our parents and caregivers for transporting and supporting our children.

Long Service Leave

I will be on long service leave for the first two weeks of Term 3. Mrs Bridges will be relieving principal during Week 1 and Mrs Goulden will relieve as principal in Week 2.

School holidays

End of term holidays are upon us. On behalf of the staff of Samuel Terry Public School, we wish all students and their families a relaxing holiday. Students return on Tuesday, 22 July.

Mr S.Lockley
Principal



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

JULY 2, 2025



JUNIOR COMPETITION

A TOTAL OF 15 STUDENTS FROM YEARS 2-4 COMPETED IN THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR SPELLING BEE FINAL.

THE COMPETITION WAS INTENSE, WITH STUDENTS BATTLING THROUGH 8 CHALLENGING ROUNDS BEFORE A WINNER WAS FINALLY DECLARED!

OUR RUNNERS UP FOR THIS COMPETITION WERE: SKY R AND PENELOPE N.



SENIOR COMPETITION

A TOTAL OF 10 STUDENTS FROM YEARS 5-6 COMPETED IN THIS YEAR'S SENIOR SPELLING BEE FINAL. THE COMPETITION CONCLUDED WITH A CLEAR WINNER AND A THREE-WAY TIE FOR SECOND PLACE. OUR RUNNERS UP FOR THIS COMPETITION WERE SIENNA L, KOBY G AND AKINDU K.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Hunter R from 3/4K and Ronan M from 5/6W will now progress to the Regional Final which will take place in Week 4 or 5 of Term 3.

Look out for upcoming newsletters where we will share the results for both students!

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing

Overdue notices have gone out in the last week and thank you to everyone who has returned those books that were overdue. It is important for the books to be returned on time so that they can be borrowed by others. Some books are quite popular and are flying off the shelves as soon as they are returned. It is fantastic to see so many students interested in reading. I would like to congratulate the following students for obtaining their Library Gold and Diamond Reading Rockstar awards. These are students that have borrowed and read 30 different books (Gold) and 40 different books (Diamond) this year.

Gold Reading Rockstars

2K	2S	3G	3S	3/4K	4OG	4W	5S	6S
Bronte P	Arlo C	Willow H	Adriana C	Yug B	Anthony M	Hazelle P	Sofia T	Erica C
		Cameron L	Xavier G	Arabella G	Jaxon M	Scarlett V		Davina L
		Madison L	Connor M		Sky R			
		Inaaya O	Harper S					
		Arlo S	Nora V					

Diamond Reading Rockstars

3G	3S	3/4K
Cameron L	Ariana C	Arabella G
Madison L	Connor M	
	Nora V	

Book Club



Book Club has arrived and been distributed to all those students who have ordered. Once again, thank you for ordering as a percentage comes back to the school which allows me to buy new books for the students.

Look out for Issue 5 early next term.

Premier's Reading Challenge



Premier's Reading Challenge will finish next term on Friday 19th September. Therefore, there is still plenty of time for students to join this wonderful challenge. A majority of the books held here in the library that are part of the Premier's Reading Challenge have now had a sticker placed on them to indicate which grades they are a part of. I have started to validate some of the students that have completed the challenge and would like to congratulate them on finishing. Those students are:

KF	1B	1V	2RB	2S	3G	3S	3/4K	4W	6S
Riley F	Ace S	Blake L	Nate A	Zachary A	Savindu K	Nora V	Manuia T	Oliver M	Davina L
Huia T		Blake P		Teddy J	Cameron L				
				Francis Junior L	Arlo S				
				Finn M					
				Vivaan P					

Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair next term between Friday 1st August until Wednesday 6th August. The Book Fair is another opportunity for you to purchase books. Just like Book Club, the Book Fair will give us a percentage of the sales as credit to use over the next 12 months to buy books for the library. There will be a variety of books on offer ranging from \$5 to around \$30 as well as stationery items such as pens, erasers etc and posters.

A flyer has been distributed this week to promote this event.

Things Coming Up

Book Week - Book an Adventure

This event will be running between 16th August and the 23rd August. More information will come out about this week early in Term 3.

Miss Hodgson
Teacher Librarian

Upcoming events

Term 3



**July 4
Friday**

**Last Day of Term 2
Happy Holidays!**



**Term 3
Tuesday
22nd July**

**Students return
Tuesday for Term 3**



**Monday
28th July**
K-2 - 12.30 - 1pm
3-6 - 2.10pm-3pm

Assembly Term 3 Week 2

**Principal Award
Gold Award**



**Friday
1st August**

**Year 3 and 4
Science Excursion
Wollongong**



**Thursday
7th August**

**Athletics Carnival
Harold Corr Oval**



**Tues-Wed
26th -27th
August**

**Year 3 Zoosnooze
Camp - Taronga Zoo**



**Friday
5th September**

**Nepean Shield
Winter Gala Day**





THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

Western Sydney NAIDOC Calendar

This calendar was created by **Kimberwalli** to showcase the events and programs across Western Sydney for community to celebrate NAIDOC *together*.

SAT 5TH JULY

Canterbury Bankstown NAIDOC Family Fun Day

📍 Paul Keating Park,
Bankstown

🕒 10AM - 3PM

SUN 6TH JULY

Hawkesbury NAIDOC Concert

📍 Richmond Park, Richmond

🕒 10AM - 3PM

Yenu Allowah NAIDOC Curry Cook Off

📍 1 Luxford Road, Mount Druitt

🕒 11AM - 3PM

MON 7TH JULY

Deerubbin Land Council & Marrin Weejali NAIDOC

📍 79-81 Jersey Road, Blackett

🕒 1PM - 4PM

Campbelltown NAIDOC

📍 Billabong Parklands,
Bradbury

🕒 11AM - 3PM

TUE 8TH JULY

Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service NAIDOC

📍 87 Mount Druitt Road,
Mount Druitt

🕒 10AM - 2PM

TUE 8TH JULY

Camden Council NAIDOC

📍 70 Central Ave, Oran Park

🕒 10AM - 2PM

Riverstone NAIDOC

📍 9 Park Street, Riverstone

🕒 11AM - 2PM

WED 9TH JULY

Doonside NAIDOC

📍 Bert Saunders Reserve,
Doonside

🕒 10AM - 2PM

Liverpool NAIDOC

📍 Edwin Wheeler Reserve,
Sadleir

🕒 10AM - 3PM

THU 10TH JULY

Baabayn NAIDOC

📍 Whalan Reserve, Whalan

🕒 10AM - 3PM

NAIDOC Yarn at the Farm

📍 Bella Vista Farm,
Bella Vista

🕒 10AM - 2PM

FRI 11TH JULY

Penrith NAIDOC

📍 Jamison Park, Penrith

🕒 9AM - 2PM

SAT 12TH JULY

Burramatta NAIDOC

📍 Parramatta Park

🕒 11AM - 3PM

SUN 13TH JULY

Blacktown City NAIDOC Concert

📍 Blacktown Showgrounds

🕒 11AM - 2PM

WED 16TH JULY

Villawood NAIDOC Day

📍 Villawood Hub - Urana
Street, Villawood

🕒 11AM - 2PM

THU 17TH JULY

Tharawal NAIDOC

📍 Campbelltown Sports
Stadium

🕒 10AM - 2PM

FRI 18TH JULY

Willmot NAIDOC

📍 Willmot Hub, Willmot

🕒 10:30AM - 2PM



BAYALA DHARUG APP

Bayala Dharug means 'talk Dharug together'. The Bayala Dharug App is designed to help everybody in the Dharug community and their fellow Sydney sider allies do this. The App has been developed by the Bayala Aboriginal Corporation to promote Dharug language learning and revival.

Dharug is the Aboriginal language of the Sydney region, spoken by the First Peoples of the Sydney area since long before colonisation. Today, reviving Dharug is an act of cultural strength and continuity for Dharug people. Learning Dharug with us is a mark of active reconciliation.

Bayala Aboriginal Corporation undertakes Dharug language revival as a profound cultural responsibility. We are dedicated to language research, knowledge sharing, and creating opportunities for teaching and learning. The App reflects this work and these values. We seek not only to document and preserve the Dharug language but to speak it again in our community, in schools and in public places.

Everyone who learns Dharug helps our Dharug language community grow. Through the Bayala Dharug App, we invite you to walk with us on this journey of language revival.

Search Functions

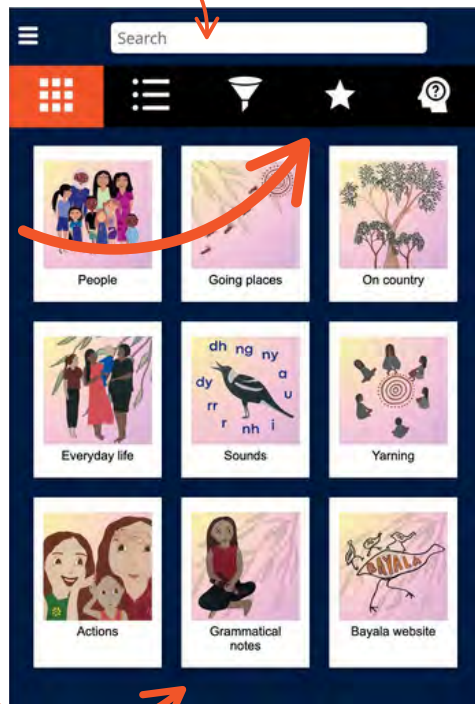
Type in an English or Dharug word to find translations, meanings, and example sentences.

Favourites

Save words and phrases to your personal word list for easy revision.

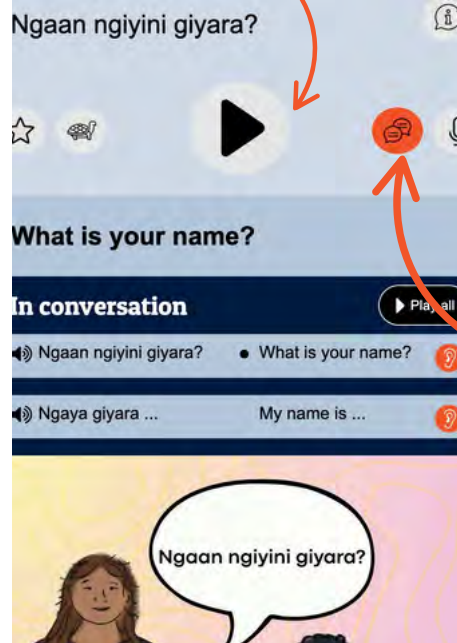
Grammar Tips

Checkout the Tips on Grammar with easy to understand overviews and examples.



Listen, look and learn

Hear Dharug language spoken by Dharug educators and community speakers.



How Dharug sentences work

Go beyond basic vocabulary and learn how Dharug language works. Try the info button to reveal a colourful view of sentence components plus a sentence hint.

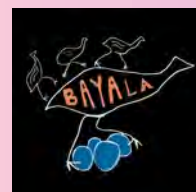
Useful Words, Phrases and Conversation Starters

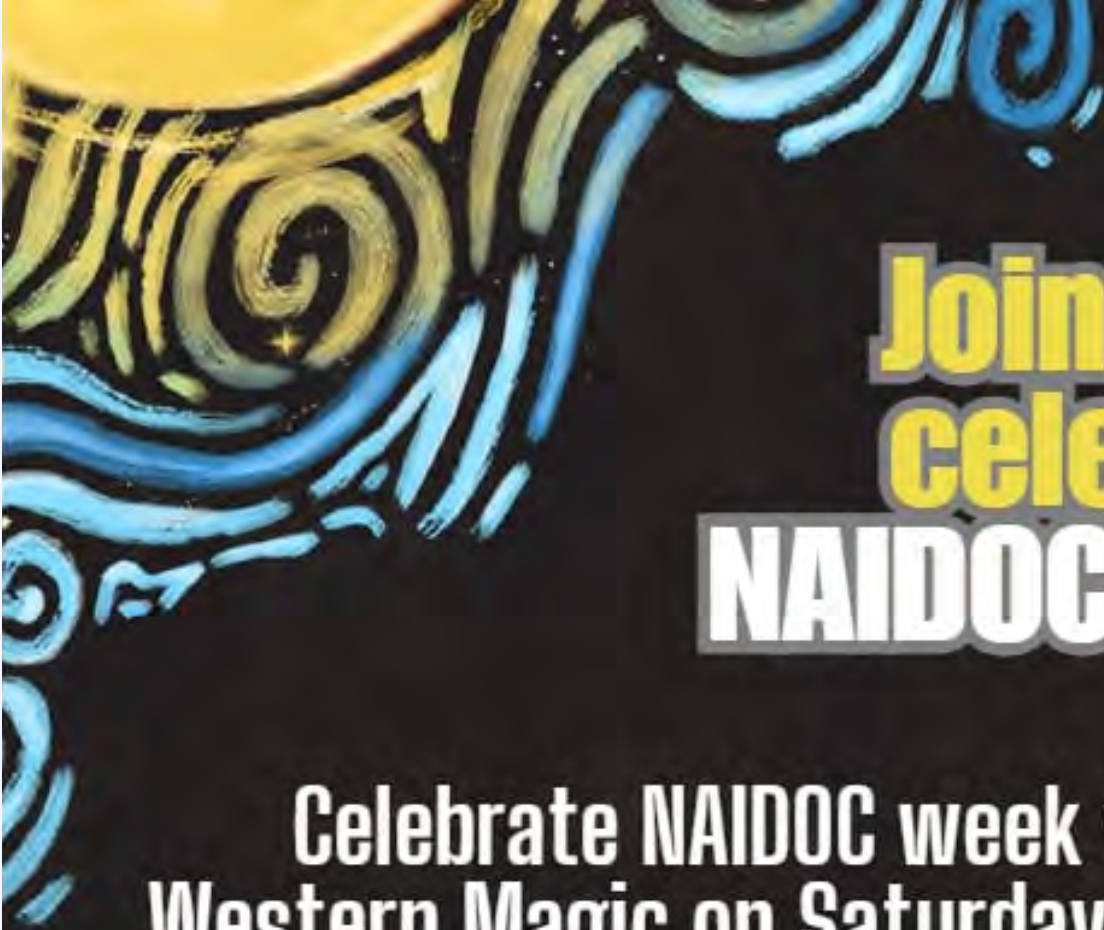
Learn language for greetings, questions and answers, yarning about events, naming animals...

The Bayala Dharug App has been developed in partnership with Western Sydney University, eLearn Australia and the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Download the Bayala Dharug app for free from

- ✓ Apple app store
- ✓ Google play
- the Bayala website:
- ✓ <https://bayala.net.au/bayala-dharug-app/>





Join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week

**Celebrate NAIDOC week with
Western Magic on Saturday 5 July at
Wright Reserve, Quakers Hill**

**Proudly supporting
NAIDOC 2025**



**THE NEXT
GENERATION:
STRENGTH,
VISION &
LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

MAY, 2025

PARENT INFO

REGULAR ATTENDANCE HAS COUNTLESS BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

PARENTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENSURING STUDENTS GET TO SCHOOL AND STAY IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

LIMITING PARTIAL ATTENDANCE HELPS YOUR CHILD REMAIN FULLY ENGAGED IN LEARNING, BUILD STRONG ROUTINES, AND FORM STRONG FRIENDSHIPS & CONNECTIONS WITH PEERS.

GETTING HELP

IF YOUR CHILD ASKS TO STAY HOME OFTEN AND SEEMS UPSET OR WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL, IT COULD BE A SIGN OF A BIGGER PROBLEM.

WORK WITH THE SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD TO GIVE THEM THE BEST CHANCE OF OVERCOMING THEIR ANXIETIES ABOUT SCHOOL.

FOCUS ON TRYING TO MAKE SCHOOL A STRUCTURED AND PREDICTABLE PART OF YOUR CHILD'S LIFE.

YOU COULD TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OR, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF ROUTINE**
- **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD ARRIVES TO SCHOOL ON TIME FROM THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**
- **LIMIT DISRUPTION TO LEARNING WHERE YOU CAN, BY PLANNING ANY NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TIME**
- **CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO EXPLAIN ANY ABSENCES**
- **MAKE SURE ANY HOLIDAYS OR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS ARE TAKEN OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS**
- **WORK WITH THE SCHOOL TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT REGULAR ATTENDANCE.**

DAYS MISSED = YEARS LOST

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

2026

Kindergarten Transition dates

Thursday 30th October
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 27th November
Thursday 4th December

10am to 11.40am

Samuel Terry Public School

93-107 Grays Lane, Cranebrook NSW 2749 ☎ 02 4730 2888

✉ samuelterr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au 🌐 samuelterr-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

School Bytes Portal: <https://schoolbytes.education>

School Bytes app: download from the Apple Store or Google Play



Preparing students for Lifelong Learning

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

Samuel Terry Public School is
accepting online enrolments for
Kindergarten 2026!

Orientation and Transition

Orientation - 23rd October 2025 - 10am - 11am

**The STPS Transition program will run in 2 week sessions
from 30th October 2025 until 4th December 2025**





NEWSLETTER

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

WOWSERS! It's Week 10!!

This week, you will receive your child's Semester 1 Report. These reports offer a valuable overview of your child's progress and accomplishments to date this year. They also showcase the dedication, resilience, and eagerness of our students as they approach learning with curiosity and commitment. We would like to express our gratitude to our dedicated teachers for their care and professionalism in supporting each student's development. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. School resumes on Tuesday, 22nd July.

DALMARRI

What an amazing day was had last Tuesday!

Please enjoy some pictures of this wonderful day



UPCOMING EVENTS

Assembly ; The next assembly will be held on **Monday, 28th July**. This is Week 2 Term 3.

The start time for assembly is 12:20pm. Our friends in 1H will be running the assembly. We hope to see you there!

Gold Awards; Please ensure Gold Awards are presented to the office the Wednesday prior to assembly. This date is Wednesday 23rd July

Term 3

Staff Development Day (students do not attend) – Monday 21st July.

Little Athletics Sprint Clinic –
Wednesday, 30th July– Years 1 and 2,
Thursday 31st July– Kindergarten

Open Day – Friday, 8th August

Kindergarten Excursion / Year 1 SYDNEY

ZOO Excursion – Thursday 25th

September

Year 2 LIZARD LOG Excursion – Friday
26th September



NEWSLETTER

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

GOLD AWARDS

Once your child receives five merit awards (with the school emblem printed on them), they are eligible for a Gold Award!

Children can bring their most recent five merit awards in a folder, clearly labelled with their name and class, to the front office. Their Gold Award will be presented at the next K-2 assembly. This should be done before the Monday prior to the assembly.

To help families track which awards have been counted towards a Gold Award, all Stage Supervisors will place a small inconspicuous stamp or signature on the back of each award that has already been counted

Thank you!!

As we reach the end of the term, we would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and involvement throughout the school year.

Your dedication to your child's education and our school community has made a significant difference.

Thank you for your collaboration, encouragement, and the trust you place in us.

We look forward to continuing to work together to support our students in the term ahead.

Term 3 is a busy one and we are all so very excited about the upcoming festivities!

Mrs Lowe, Mrs Bridges and Mrs Goulden



['ie' decodable reader and support activities](#)



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SIMPLIFIED LOGIN

During the winter school holidays, the usernames of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be set to the department's new shortened format (student initials and the last four digits of their student reference number, such as JS1234 for example).

Your child's teacher will be able to print off a login card if you need it.

Year 1 Holiday Reading

Throughout Term 2, Year 1 have looked at the LONG I sound - i as in pie, igh as in night, i as in kind.

To consolidate learning and revise concepts you can find 3 QR codes that will lead you to stories and activities based on these sounds.





Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling

category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional

level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools

consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools

develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

3-6 NEWS

Holiday Time

What an incredible term we have experienced! Our students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting events, including sports days, spelling bees, writing festivals, knockout competitions, Indigenous celebrations, cake stalls, debates, lolly jars, and drumming fun!

As we take a moment to reflect and recharge, we look forward to embarking on another busy and enriching term.

Please remember that our students will return on Tuesday, 22nd July.

NAIDOC Week

Our students had a fantastic time celebrating NAIDOC Week this year, embracing the theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy." This theme was beautifully embodied by all participants during our Dalmarri Incursion, where students engaged in games, solved puzzles, created artworks and story poles, threw boomerangs, learned new words in Dharug Delang, and explored traditional ways of life.

Additionally, our Aboriginal students attended the NAIDOC Cup, where they participated in various sports and activities, fostering a sense of community. They had an incredible day and represented our school with great pride.



Spelling Bee Final



The final of the Premier's Spelling Bee took place on Wednesday this week, and we are incredibly proud of all the outstanding spellers who represented their classes.

A special congratulations to Hunter R. and Ronan M., who will be representing Samuel Terry at the Regional Final, which will be held online next term. Well done to everyone involved!

Thank You for Supporting Our Year 6 Fundraiser!

Our Lolly Jar Guessing Competition was a huge success, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their coins and participated. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Here are the final numbers and results:

Smarties Jar Total: 998

Winner: Oscar from I/2G with a guess of 1,000.

Jellybean Jar Total: 1,164

Winner: Camii from IB with a guess of 1,200.

Chuppa Chupp Jar Total: 385

Winner: Roxanna from IH with a guess of 390.



3-6 NEWS

Year 5 Camp

Year Five have returned from our exciting winter adventure to Bathurst and the Hill End Goldfields. Their time away was filled with a wide array of fantastic activities. The jam-packed schedule included gold panning, exploring and climbing a mineshaft, visiting a cemetery, enjoying a movie, making damper, watching Panthers Vs Bulldogs and, of course, the ever-popular stop at Maccas on the way home.

Amidst all the fun, students also took part in a guided tour of several fascinating historical sites, gaining insight into what life was like for our ancestors in earlier days. We are proud to report that every single student represented our school with exemplary behaviour.



We had an incredible time together, building close friendships and super resilience as we travelled away from home. We are so proud of each and every one of you for your participation and growth during this wonderful experience!

Super Spacey Stage 2 Excursion – Very Soon!

The Stage 2 excursion to Wollongong is scheduled for Week 2 of next term.

Please ensure that payment is completed before the end of Week 1.

After all the enriching learning we have undertaken in the classroom about the Solar System, we are excited to visit the University of Wollongong's Science Space Centre.

Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a Planetarium

Show, a dynamic Science Show, and explore over 100 hands-on exhibits throughout the centre.

A permission note and further details have been sent to all parents and carers via the School Bytes App. Thank you for your cooperation!



Zoo Snooze – Final Payment

We can't wait to go to the Zoo! And we are sleeping the night, how cool is that! The final payment for those attending is due by 28th July.

Please check School Bytes for all the details.



3-6 NEWS

Year 6 Students – “Moving into the Teen Years”

Payment and permission notes for the Interrelate “Moving into the Teen Years” program have been sent out via the School Bytes App to all Year 6 families. The cost of the program is \$38.



This is a very valuable program, and students are encouraged to take part in preparation for High School. The program will take place on 3 consecutive Tuesday's; 13th August, 20th August and 27th August.

The “Moving into the Teen Years” program explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Osborne.

Limelight Showcase

The Limelight Showcase is an exciting opportunity for our creative students to shine. Our choir, dancers, and drummers are eagerly looking forward to participating. The event is scheduled for **Term 3, Week 5**, with the final date yet to be confirmed.

Please stay tuned for further information regarding ticket sales!



Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 overnight excursion to Canberra is scheduled for Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th September. Permission notes, outlining the excursion details such as dates, cost, and planned activities, have been sent to all Year 6 families via School Bytes.

Payments can be made in smaller instalments as suggested, but please ensure the deposit and final balance are paid by the due dates. The itinerary and packing list will be shared closer to the event, once all tours are confirmed.

All deposits and final numbers are required by **Thursday 24th July**.

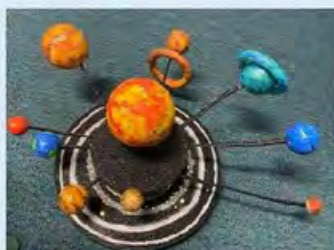
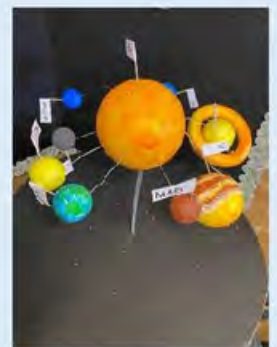
If you have any questions about the Year 6 camp, please contact Mrs. Osborne or your child's classroom teacher.



3-6 NEWS

Stage 2 Solar System Projects

These are some of our AMAZING projects that have been handed in. Feel free to visit our Stage 2 classrooms on Open Day to see ALL the incredible creations!



3-6 NEWS

Important Upcoming Dates

- 22nd July - Students return to school for term 3
- 31st July - Girls Knockout Basketball
- 1st August - Stage 2 Excursion to Wollongong
- 7th August - Athletics Carnival New Date
- 8th August - Education Week Open Day
- 18th August - Primary Assembly
- 20th August - Penrith Zone Athletics Carnival
- 26th /27th August - Year 3 "Zoosnooze" Camp
- 4th September - Blue Mountains / Nepean Dance
- 5th September - Nepean Shield Winter Gala Day #2
- 8th September - Primary Assembly
- 8th September to 12th September - Swim School
- 10th/11th/12th September - Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- 25th September - Sydney West Athletics
- 26th September - Last Day Term 3

Mrs Giroud

S2 Assistant Principal
(APCI)

Mrs Osborne

S3 Assistant Principal

Mrs Wootton

S2 / S3 Assistant Principal