



# Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Thank you for your attendance at our Open Day last week. There was such a great 'vibe' throughout the school, from the Welcome Assembly to the Open Classrooms to the shared Morning Tea and Performance Extravaganza. The event was very well attended and I have heard some very positive feedback from our community.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

I am very pleased to announce that we have finally been granted approval from the Department of Education to establish an Outside of School Hours Care facility (OSHC). It has been a long process until now and there is still an extensive tender process ahead. I anticipate that this will be up and running for the start of the 2017 school year. We will be researching the levels of demand in the near future to ascertain whether it will be before and after school care or whether it will be after school only (depending on demand).

### NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Yesterday we held our NAIDOC celebrations. This is to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal communities. We had an absolutely amazing day! Our Opening Assembly was truly breathtaking and it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to watch an Aboriginal performance so close! I was even impressed that my Director, Anne Ross, joined in for the staff emu dance. The Koomurri group entertained us and taught us many things about Aboriginal culture. All students had an opportunity to throw a boomerang, have their faces painted, contribute to a whole school artwork, learn about Aboriginal artefacts. There was even time to learn some Aboriginal dances too. A huge thanks must go to Mrs Nichols for her exceptional organisation of the day. Mrs Nichols' mum, Auntie Pattie, cooked a delicious spread for us with some traditional 'bush tucker'. Thank you also to Kristen Henderson for helping Auntie Pattie & Mrs Nichols. It was such a memorable and genuine day and I was pleased to hear so many students bragging about the day to their parents at pick up time.

PEOPLE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR PAST HISTORY, ORIGIN AND CULTURE IS LIKE A TREE WITHOUT ROOTS. MARCUS GARVEY

Finally, I will be on leave next week and am leaving the care of the school in the hands of my very capable Assistant Principals. Please see Mr Sanders, Mrs Floratos or Miss Cole if you have any concerns about anything over the following week.

Have a great fortnight!

Tanya Sarafoski



Term 3, Week 4

Friday, 12 August, 2016



<b>Week 5</b>	
<b>Mon 15 Aug</b>	District Athletics—Track
<b>Tues 16 Aug</b>	OLYMPATHON
<b>Thurs 18 Aug</b>	Opera Incursion District Athletics—Field
<b>Week 6</b>	
<b>Tues 23 Aug</b>	K-2 Science Day Yr 5 GRC Transition
<b>Wed 24 Aug</b>	Book Week Parade
<b>Thurs 25 Aug</b>	GRC Yr 6 Testing
<b>Week 7</b>	
<b>Wed 31 Aug</b>	Music Festival
<b>Week 8</b>	
<b>Mon 5 Sept</b>	P&C— 7pm
<b>Thurs 8 Sept</b>	Grandparents Day
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Fri 16 Sept</b>	Kindy Farm Excur. PSSA Rd 1
<b>Week 10</b>	
<b>Wed 21 Sept</b>	Public Speaking Finals
<b>Thurs 22 Sep</b>	Cake Stall
<b>Fri 23 Sept</b>	PSSA Rd 2 Last day for term 3



# NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION K-6

NAIDOC Week was celebrated at our school with a day of ceremonies, performances and workshops for the whole school, K-Year 6, presented by the Koomurri cultural group. The day was opened with the Acknowledgement of Country, read by Jermaine Baxter. Mrs Sarafoski welcomed the Koomurri group and our special guests; Jane Stanley and Aunty Fay Carroll—Aboriginal Education & Engagement Team and Anne Ross—Director, Public Schools Georges River Network. She then presented Aunty Pattie with an arrangement of flowers for her assistance and preparations for the day. Dwayne Baxter raised the flags and Dallas Henderson and Aunty Fay cut the official cake. Before the performances commenced there was a traditional smoke ceremony. A number of ceremonial dances were performed and the children started their workshops in; boomerang throwing, face painting and mural design, dance session and display of artefacts. After lunch everyone gathered under the COLA for the closing ceremony in which the students were able to demonstrate their dance skills. It was a wonderful day and a special thanks must go to the Koomurri group and Mrs Nichols, who organised the entire event.



**Above:** (L-R) Jane Stanley, Aunty Fay, Anne Ross with Mrs Sarafoski



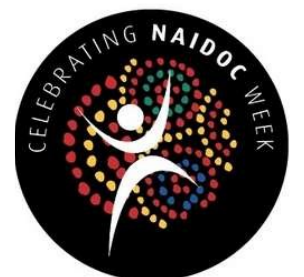
**Above:** Mrs Sarafoski & Aunty Pattie







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# Sport Cavalcade

## Competition Position—Season Two



# Pennant Winner

Congratulations to the pennant winners for this fortnight!

Jaafar El Ammar & Eric Broekhuis

Keep up the great work!

T3 Week 3	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Netball	Cancelled	Cancelled
Girls Soccer	Cancelled	Cancelled
Boys Soccer	Cancelled	Cancelled
Mixed Newcombe	Cancelled	Cancelled
Boys Rugby League	Cancelled	Cancelled



T3 Week 4	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Netball	V Oatley West Lost 0-11	V Oatley West Won 24-7
Girls Soccer	V Oatley Lost 0-1	V Oatley Drew 1-1
Boys Soccer	BYE	BYE
Mixed Newcombe	V Hurstville Sth Won 42-31	V Hurstville Sth Won 44-36
Boys Rugby League	V Oatley West Lost 38-8	V Oatley West Won 24-22

## Clay Modelling with 6F



Diesel Poskus



Johnson Li

The bowling squad played pairs which gave everyone the opportunity to hone their skills.



**This is the last week of season 2 sport—Gala Day details will be announced next week.**

## OLYMPATHON

Just a reminder that our Olympathon will be held on Tuesday, 16th August. It will start after recess. All students should wear sports uniform on Tuesday.

Remember to keep filling out your sponsorship cards!

A note has gone home about this. Please see the office if further information is needed.



# Athletics Carnival K-Yr6 @ Barden Ridge



After our first carnival was postponed, due to rain, we had a cracking day for the event. It started with the 800m events followed by the age races and finals. All students from K-6 had the opportunity of running in their grade races before lunch. Long jump, discus and shot putt were run throughout the day. High jump was run as a final at school during our athletics workshop day. After lunch we had the house march past and aerobic routine and then the K-2 students enjoyed some novelty events while the 3-6 students held the traditional tug-o-war. The day concluded with the K-6 shuttle relay and last of all the Junior and Senior 4X100 circular relays. During the day an astonishing seven records were broken; Erin Seymour in the 7yr Girls 70m, Eloise Carey in the 11yr Girls 200m and long jump, Joshua Hewitt in the 11yr Boys 200m, 800m & long jump and Livai Saukuru in the Junior Boys shot putt. It was a wonderful day and a special thanks must go to Miss Cole, Mr Brown and Mrs Solo, Mrs Power & Mrs Klicek for their organisation and for the parents and group of Yr12 students from GRC who helped out as officials.

Congratulations **Kookas** Champion House



# National Tree Day @ PWPS

**National Tree Day** was marked at Peakhurst West PS with the planting of four Lilly Pilly trees supplied by **Fergusons Toyota, Hurstville**. Our gardening group was delighted to be able to mark this special day on the same day the school celebrated NAIDOC week. Fergusons also supplied the students with special t-shirts and gardening gloves. A special thanks must go to the management and staff of Fergusons for supporting this important day.





# Stage 3 Field Trip @ Wattamolla

Stage Three started Term 3 with a field trip to Wattamolla, in the Royal National Park as a culmination of their History unit on Australia's Colonies. We met the rangers at the car park, overlooking the stunning lagoon, and learnt about the area and the difference between the native and introduced fauna found in the park. During the day we used compasses and maps of the area, studied some of the rocks, learnt about how the indigenous people once used the flora, tried our hand at gold panning in the Curracurrang Creek, built survival shelters and had lunch beside a stunning waterfall. It was a 5km round trip bush walk and by the end of the day we all realised how much we can learn in Mother Nature's classroom and have fun at the same time.



**GOLD!**



**Lunch Break**





# Zoo Art with Stage Three



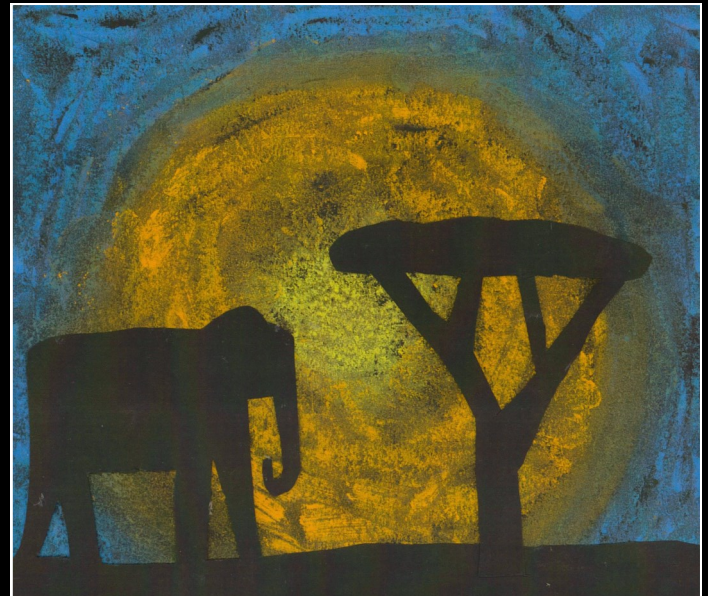
***Gorilla and Baby***—Emily Cliff—Watercolour



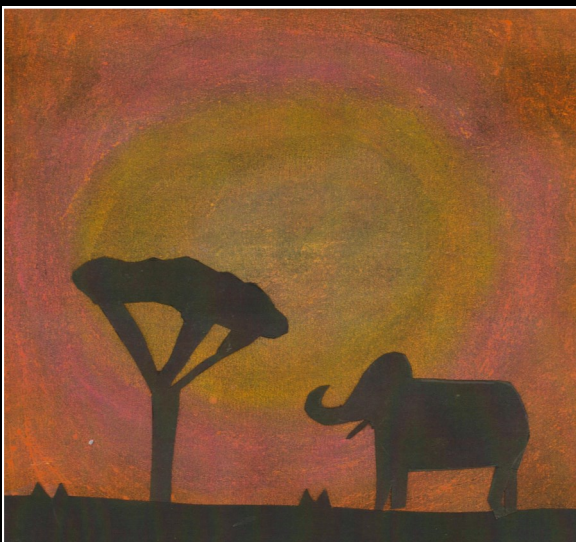
***Silverback***—Emilia Paino—Watercolour



***Savannah Sunset***—Olivia Singh—silhouette on chalk



***Savannah Sunset***—Roland Wu—silhouette on chalk



***Savannah Sunset***—Amy Sakr—silhouette on chalk



***Savannah Sunset***—Collin Fu—silhouette on chalk





# Upcoming EVENTS

Term 3, 2016

TERM 3	Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July	1	<b>18</b> Staff Return	<b>19</b> Students Return	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Stage 2 Excursion	<b>22</b> PSSA Rd 6
July	2	<b>25</b> Dentistry Week 4/5B & 5L - Wattamolla	<b>26</b> 5/6B & 6F - Wattamolla	<b>27</b> K-6 Athletics Carnival	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> PSSA Rd 7
August	3	<b>1</b> P&C - 7pm	<b>2</b> Stage 1 Powerhouse Excursion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Education Week Open day	<b>5</b> PSSA Rd 8
August	4	<b>8</b> Stage 3 Milo Cup Cricket	<b>9</b> Yr 5 GRC Transition	<b>10</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> NAIDOC Day	<b>12</b> PSSA Rd 9
August	5	<b>15</b> District Athletics - Track	<b>16</b> K-6 Olympathon	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> K-6 Opera District Athletics - Field	<b>19</b> PSSA Finals
August	6	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> K-2 Science Day Yr 5 GRC Transition	<b>24</b> Book Week Parade	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Aug/Sept	7	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Combined Music Festival	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
September	8	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Grandparents Day	<b>9</b>
September	9	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> PSSA Rd 1 Kindy Farm Excursion
September	10	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Cake Stall & Mufti Day	<b>23</b> PSSA Rd 2 Last day, term 3





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