

## IMPORTANT DATES

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 2 | 22/7/2021

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

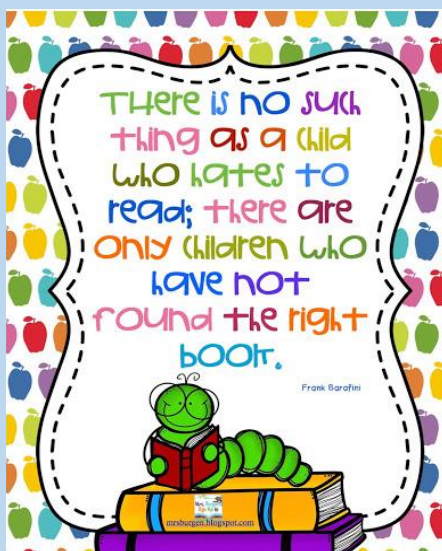
It has been lovely to see and hear teachers connecting with children via the daily zoom chats. The teachers have really enjoyed seeing children and I know each class has enjoyed seeing their friends. If your child misses a zoom chat, please don't worry. They can join the next one the following day.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing over 330 students at our first Zoom- Home Learning Assembly. During assembly we sang the School Song and our National Anthem. Students were very respectful just like when they are at school. I was able to share resources children can access for support such as Kids helpline and Mrs Cairn shared some information about NAIDOC week. We also danced together and had fun.

Congratulations to our School Captains- Tess and Ben- who capably led the assembly from their homes. They also shared their 'Top tips' for staying healthy when learning from home. We are fortunate to have such strong student leaders. I look forward to hosting with the rest of the student leadership team across the coming weeks.

Thank you to those families who used one link to join. We hope this will mean next week some teachers can join us too.

Congratulations to Murray from 6S who guessed the exact number of lollies in the jar (117). Congratulations to our K-2 closest guess winner Declan from 1/2M and to the runners up Ryan 4S, Leah 6B and Leo from K/1H. I hope to hold a fun activity each week in assembly.





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## Top tips for a healthy body and mind when learning from home

By Tess and Ben

### Tip 1



- Make time to go outside

To stay healthy you must exercise and when we are in lockdown this can seem difficult. While following the covid-19 guidelines and rules you might like to go for walk with your family or maybe play in your backyard or at a local park. You might want to bring a ball to kick with or if you have a dog you could take your dog for a walk. But whatever you decide to do make sure you enjoy it.



### Tip 2

Healthy foods



- Eating healthy



Eating healthy is really important for your body because it helps you stay fit. Unhealthy foods are called sometimes foods. This means that they are ok to eat sometimes but if you eat them too often it is unhealthy for you. Make sure that when you are learning from home or at school that you eat lots of fruit and veggies.



Some times foods

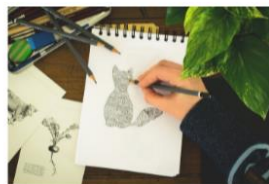




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## Tip 3

- Take time to do something you enjoy.



Whether it's talking to friends online or drawing a picture, it is important to take time away from your day to do something you enjoy. This has been proven to help your mental health and give you a bigger opportunity to live a happy and healthy life. Especially during challenging times it is important to take a break and enjoy doing something you enjoy.



## Zoom Meetings

Last week we started our zoom live sessions for students. Information was sent on enews on 15 July. Instructions for accessing zooms are also on enews.

## Live chats with teachers DAILY

Stage 3 - 8:35a.m

Stage 2- (including 2/3Q)- 8:50a.m

Stage 1- 9:15a.m

Kinder (including K/1H) - 9:30a.m

Class teachers will greet students for the day and outline the Learning Plan. Teachers will be able to give general information and feedback to the class as a whole. This will not be the time for individual student feedback.

*Please note the zoom sessions are for students only. It is not the time for parents to ask questions of the teacher. Parents are able to request contact with teachers by emailing the school.*

## K-6 Assembly -Tuesdays at 10a.m

Students can join our online assemblies. The session will include our School Song, National Anthem, messages from our Principal, a song or dance together and an exciting competition (details to come). No awards will be given.

The link for this session will be posted into your child's Google classroom on Tuesday morning. **Please note only 1 zoom link should be used per family.** Siblings can watch and participate together. This will enable all families to access this session.

### K-2 Story time with our Teacher Librarian- Tuesdays at 1:30p.m

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will be able to access a live story time and chat with Miss Rapson every Tuesday before their scheduled Library lesson. The link for this session will be posted in your child's **Library Google Classroom**.

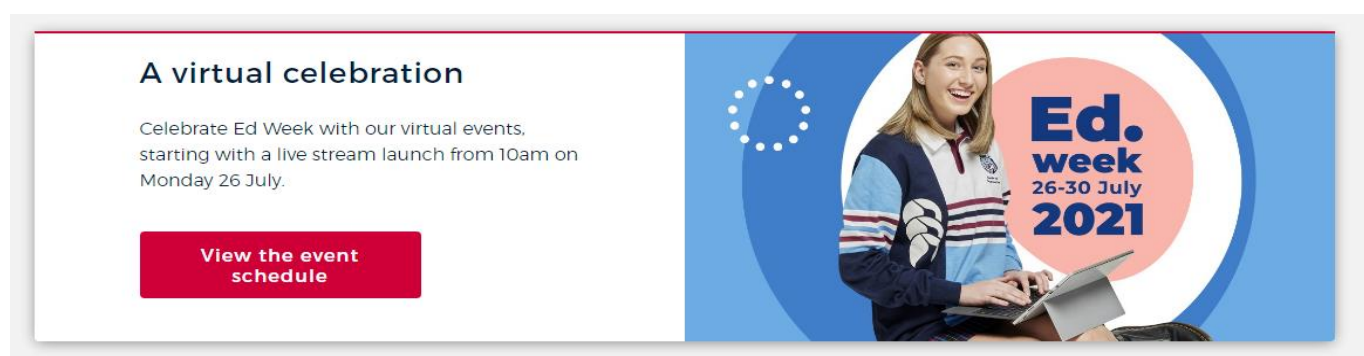
*In week 3 (next week) we are also adding...*

### Sing-a-long time with our music teacher- Miss Gravas- Mondays Years 3-6 at 1:45p.m and Thursdays Years K-2 at 1:45p.m

The link for these sessions will be in your child's Google classroom that morning.

We hope these zoom sessions enable your child to stay connected to school during these unusual times. We look forward to seeing your child.

### Education Week



**A virtual celebration**

Celebrate Ed Week with our virtual events, starting with a live stream launch from 10am on Monday 26 July.

[View the event schedule](#)

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students and education system. This year Ed week runs from 26- 30 July. The theme for Education Week 2021 is Lifelong learners. We had hoped to be able to welcome parents into our school for Open classrooms and a concert but due to health restrictions we are unable to celebrate in this way.

The Department of Education has organised a live event each day next week to help us have a virtual celebration. [Virtual events \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

Monday - Education Week launch live stream	→
Tuesday - Short film showcase and parent and carers webinar	→
Wednesday - Learning through Country	→
Thursday - Arts and wellbeing webinar	→
Friday - Virtual art exhibition	→
Sign up for updates	→

In addition we will be sharing some lovely presentations about our school. More information will be sent home next week.



Thank you again for your ongoing support and understanding.

Take care. Stay healthy.

Ms Megan Bridekirk

Principal

**NAIDOC Week July 4-11, 2021**



NAIDOC week was held in the last week of the school holidays. It is a celebration of the rich and diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture of our country. This year's theme is *Heal Country*. The beautiful artwork you see above explains how Country has cared for and healed First Nations people spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, culturally and continuously for 60 000 years.

Next week students will have an opportunity to engage with tasks in their Learning Plans to learn more about NAIDOC week and the language of the Darug people on whose land we live, work and learn.

Mrs Cairn  
Deputy Principal

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>).

[For the Fact Sheet for Parents, Guardians and Carers, click here](#)

For translations in Arabic, Chinese, Dinka, Greek, Japanese, Persian and Vietnamese, click here

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers>

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

Kind regards

**Melissa Cairn**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Learning Support Coordinator**

### Update on SRE/SEE/VSA during Term 3

As per the [COVID-19 advice for school-based staff](#), Special Religious Education (SRE)/Special Education in Ethics (SEE) is not permitted in Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour while schools are operating at level 4 or level 3.

We are currently operating at level 4.

Approved providers will deliver their authorised curriculum with modifications to enable students to learn from home.

If you would like your child to still participate in a weekly Scripture or Ethics lesson please visit the portal links below.

There are 3 portal entry points to lesson content:

- [Approved providers for All Faiths SRE](#) (Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, Bahai, Hindu)
- [Approved providers for Christian based faith SRE](#)
- [Primary Ethics for SEE](#)

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