

## *Our school rules*

- *Be Safe*
- *Be Respectful*
- *Be an Active Learner*

Dear Families,

This week our school semester one reports will be sent home. The purpose of these reports are to inform families of their students' achievements in each subject area covered in the first two terms of the year. All teachers are holding parent teacher interviews during the last week of school. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss the progress of your child and to ask any questions about their report.

Over the last few weeks of term, the classes have focused on teaching and learning activities around Aboriginal history and culture, in preparation for our whole school NAIDOC celebration on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 2-3pm. During the celebration, the students will be sharing what they have learned with the school community. Please join us for this special celebration.

As we are nearing the school holidays we have been reminding all of the children about making sure they are safe and that an adult knows where they are at all times. In class, the students have been reminded about stranger danger and in this newsletter I have published some ideas from the Department of Education's Safe People Safe Places initiative. Please spend some time reinforcing them at home.

The last week of school is proving to be very busy, so if I don't get a chance to see each and every one of you, please have a safe and happy holiday.

See you all on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July!

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## Dates for the Calendar

### Term 2, 2017

#### June

23rd	Semester 1 School Reports out. PSSA Sport
29th	Last Day for Preschool Books In Homes Assembly
30th	Last Day Yrs K-6

#### July

8th	Community NAIDOC Event
18th	Students return to school
21st	PSSA Sport
27th	STEPS Eye testing for Preschool

#### August

14th	Bondi Showcase - performance Rehearsal Uluru 9:30am
15th	Bondi Showcase - Performance 6pm-8:30pm
17th	School Photos
22nd	Kindergarten 2018 Information Session
30th	Musica Viva

**Next Community BBQ is Tuesday  
June 27<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm. All free!**

**Community NAIDOC event will  
take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.  
Our kids will be dancing!!**

# News from Kakadu Class

What a busy term! Sydney Story Factory concludes next week and the children have all created a travel journal for Kakadu. We will be using these to record our very own travel videos. The drama program is also coming to an end and the children will get to end their anticipation about Herb and his (and their!) adventures through the 'Big Bad Book'.

In Literacy this week we have been sharing Dreamtime stories and practising our song and dance piece for next weeks NAIDOC celebrations. In numeracy we have been learning about mass and the words used to describe the mass of objects.



## Safety Message

Over the next few weeks, class teachers will be reinforcing the Stranger Danger message with all students. This is a good time for parents to reinforce safety with their kids. The Department of Education *Safe People Safe Places* initiative has some recommended messages for parents to share with their kids.

Make sure your parents, or another adult you know, is aware of where you are at all times.

Know where safe places are – school, shop, police station, service station. If you are frightened go in and ask them to call the police

Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – teachers, police, adults you know and trust.

Do not talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops near you on the side of the road, keep walking.

If you are scared call **Triple Zero 000** and tell them you are scared.

If someone tries to grab you, yell out:  
**"Go Away, I don't know you!"**  
This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't

# News from Uluru Class



**REMINDER:** please hand in Royal Botanic Garden permission notes by Monday

Next week Uluru will be concluding work with the Sydney Story Factory by visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art where each student will have an example of their writing shown in a special display. The students have been working hard with the volunteers of S.S.F. to develop a greater sense of abstract thought and to express themselves with increasingly creative ways.

In art the class has been learning to use an 'upsidedown drawing' technique which is a great way to develop skills by focusing on detail rather than whole composition while also promoting individuality and a fun approach to art. Here are some of our results.

## Sports Report

In our last game of PSSA soccer we continued to show improvements in our technical and tactical skills, going down to Bellevue Hill PS in a close 2-0 result.

This week we were fortunate to meet Bruno who is a highly trained junior soccer coach from Portugal. Through games and structured training activities he is helping us to develop a greater understanding of correct positional play as well as how to maintain control of the ball and make effective passing decisions.

A reminder for students to be tracking their physical activities each day at school





# News from Preschool

## Preschool prepares for NAIDOC Week

In the lead up to NAIDOC Week, we have read and looked at Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, such as *The Rainbow Serpent*, *How the Birds Got Their Colours* and *Dunbi the Owl*. We looked at Australian history as we discussed the meaning of the first verse of 'I am Australian', a song that we are learning. We read the book *The Rabbits* by Shaun Tan to better understand what happened when the European people came to Australia. William commented: 'All rabbits came. The first people were angry and sad. They couldn't do anything.' We used our clapping sticks for most of our music sessions and looked at Aboriginal dance, specifically at Djuki Mala's combination of traditional and contemporary dance. 'Aboriginal people wobble their knees when they dance', says Jade.

We now know that many Aboriginal stories do not have an author, as the stories were created thousands of years ago, when there was no pen or paper. However, there is a story teller: the First Australians told their stories to their children and grandchildren and they keep on telling these. In some stories, animals and people are turned into stone because they did something wrong or they needed protection. The rocks are still part of the Australian landscape. We have also looked at the Aboriginal flag and discussed the colours. 'It's important,' says Ralphie, 'black, red and yellow.' To express our ideas we have made a range of paintings representing the flag or the stories. 'We have to make Aboriginal stuff because it's NAIDOC Week,' says Kayne, 'I like it. I like Aboriginal.'



## Free Circus Quirkus Tickets

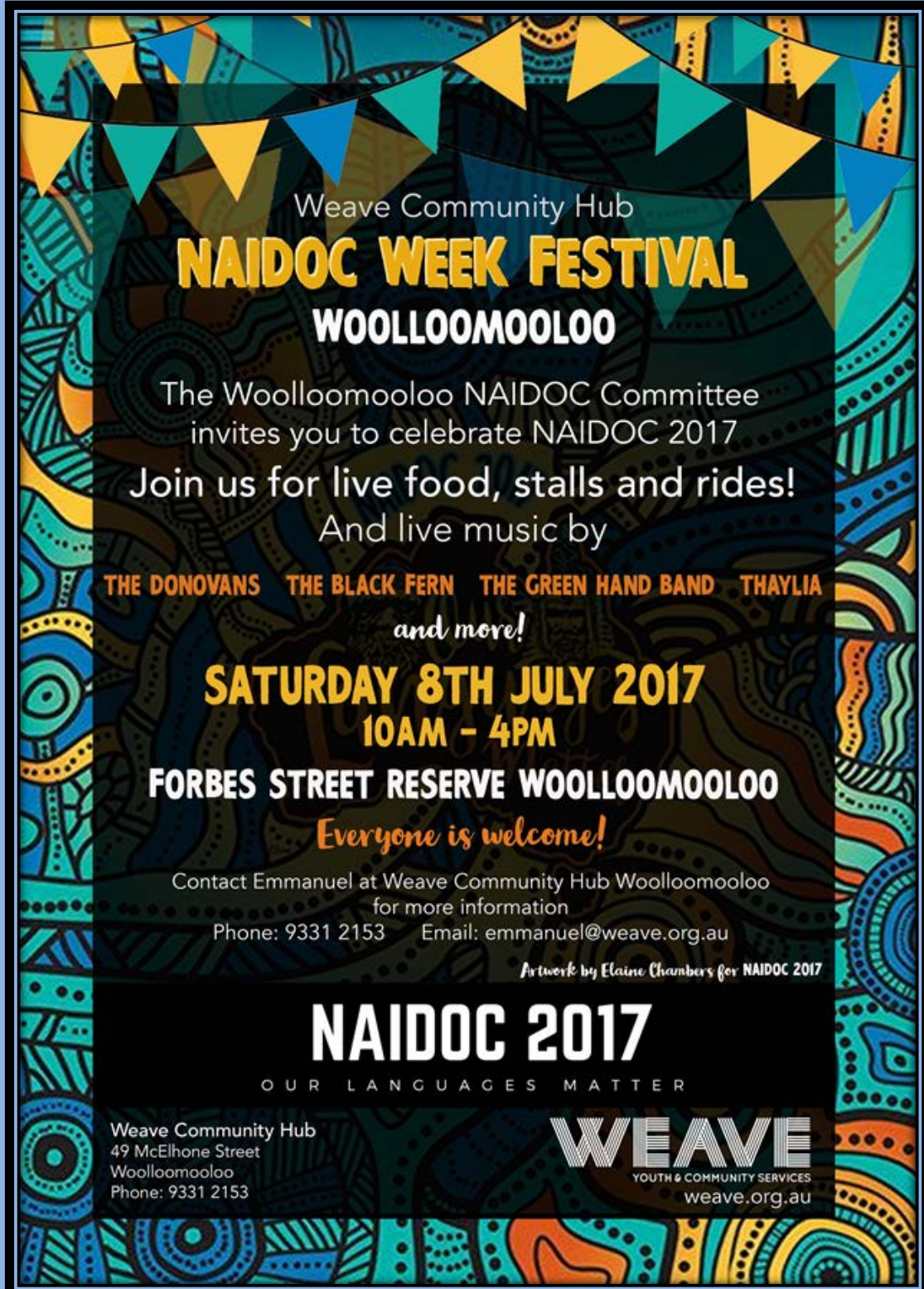
Please see Alli if you are interested in free tickets to the circus. The available dates are:

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 11am and 2pm
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2pm and 5pm
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 11am



# NAIDOC Community Event

Please remember our kids are dancing at this event. Can parents make sure the kids are ready to meet Helen and Mrs Sonter at the stage at 11am, ready to perform.



Weave Community Hub  
**NAIDOC WEEK FESTIVAL**  
**WOOLLOOMOOLOO**

The Woolloomooloo NAIDOC Committee  
invites you to celebrate NAIDOC 2017  
Join us for live food, stalls and rides!  
And live music by

**THE DONOVANS THE BLACK FERN THE GREEN HAND BAND THAYLIA**  
*and more!*

**SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2017**  
**10AM - 4PM**  
**FORBES STREET RESERVE WOOLLOOMOOLOO**  
*Everyone is welcome!*

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OUR LANGUAGES MATTER

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