

Our school rules

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

Dear Families,

The whole school community has spent a wonderful week celebrating NAIDOC. Our schools special day was on Tuesday where all students in K-6 rotated around the 4 classrooms to participate in a variety of activities. The students painted, baked lemon myrtle cookies, created school sets of dominoes and jenga and used wool to create Australian animals. Everyone was treated to a sample of Bush Tucker food.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome the kindergarten students of 2021 into the school over the last two weeks. Miss Butler has organised a variety of activities to give the new students a taste of a day in the life of kindergarten.

There are some other dates to put in your calendar:

- 19th Nov. – Coraki cooking with WEAVE
- 23rd Nov – Surf Education begins
- 1st December – Kindifarm Visits
- 2nd Dec – Preschool picnic morning
- 8th and 9th Dec- Art Gallery NSW sessions
- 9th – Coraki to Youth Space for Tie Dye session
- 10th – GoGo Healthy Sport Blow up Obstacle Course
- 11th – Year 6 Graduation Assembly from 2-3
- 16th Dec – Last day of school for 2020.

A reminder about visiting the school – please continue to drop their kids off at the school gate in the morning, and wait outside the gates at the afternoon pick up times.

Thank you,
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**Congratulations to
Maddison Adler
our 2020
Deadly Kid Award recipient**

**Playgroup operates from
9:30-11:30
each Thursday.
Entry will be permitted via
the COLA doors on
Dowling St.**



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

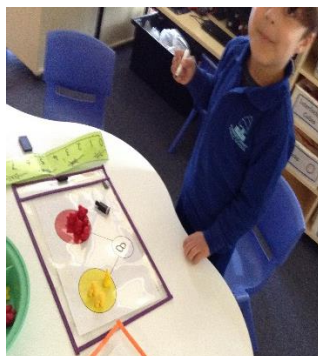
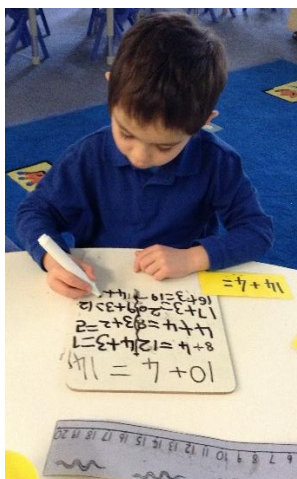
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News from Kakadu Class

Over the last two weeks we have welcomed the new Kindergarten 2021 kids into school...the Kakadu kids have been excellent big buddies showing them around and making sure they had fun.

This week we have celebrated NAIDOC and the children all looked super smart in their shirts. On Tuesday we immersed ourselves in Aboriginal culture and enjoyed cooking and eating with some bush tucker ingredients, used a wood burning technique to draw symbols and animals onto wood and created our own personalized art.

Back in the classroom we have been learning about the length of objects and have been busy measuring and comparing the objects including ourselves. We have been learning the most appropriate vocabulary to use when describing the length of something and have learnt how to measure things accurately using non-standard measures.



News from Uluru Class

This week we have celebrated NAIDOC week at school. On Tuesday we had our whole school celebrations where we separated into mixed class groups to participate in 4 different activities. The kids really enjoyed the day doing a mixture of art, cooking, weaving and wood burning as well as listening to Aboriginal stories.

We were very excited to have Go Go healthy kids back after 2 weeks of rainy Thursdays. The kids really enjoyed the tug of war challenge.

In Science we have been looking at the sky and how the sky changes throughout the day and night. We observed the sky at different times of the day, going outside to draw what we could see each time we went out. We noticed how much the clouds moved during the day and also the position of the sun.



News from Jenolan Class

Wow! We are already half way through Term 4. Only five weeks left until the holidays.

Jenolan was happy to be back outside this week with GoGo Healthy Kids after several weeks of rainy Thursdays. The focus for GoGo has been strength and agility and the students are working hard to improve their skills and coordination.

Story factory sessions have been very imaginative with students preparing to write stories about monsters. This week students considered similarities and differences between their monster and a classmate's monster.

Students had a good time at tennis this week. It is great to see the progress the students have made this year.

The art project that Jenolan has been working on with the State Library of NSW was completed and has been delivered to the Vincentian Home to cheer up their residents.



News from Coraki Class

Happy NAIDOC Week! And just like that we find ourselves at the halfway point of term 4 already. Despite being so close to the end of the year Coraki has been involved in some great learning opportunities recently.

Over the last two weeks WEAVE have lead the students in two amazing cooking lessons. Last week we learnt how to make rice paper rolls while this week we made tacos. The students have loved finding their way around the kitchen as well as eating the fruits of their labour! We will have two more sessions in coming weeks with a special present going home to all families by term's end.

Last week the teachers came in to our classroom to watch the class during a maths lesson. Our focus was on measurement and students learned about Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man. This historical image outlines the supposed perfect ratios between different parts of the body. All enjoyed seeing how we individually measured up!

After a few weeks of Thursday rains we were able to get back to Gogo Sport yesterday. These sessions are always full of fun and fitness. The students were very pleased with themselves to thrash the teachers in a tug'o'war battle.

This week the class welcomed Ms Lynette who is visiting the school this term as part of her teaching degree practicum. She will be with us for the next four weeks, learning about the students, classroom practices and leading learning opportunities in all key learning areas.

We are very excited to announce that the students in Coraki will be participating in four surfing lessons at Bondi beach in coming weeks. Today families will be receiving a permission note for these sessions. It is vital that families also access the provided website of Let's Go Surfing Bondi to complete the waiver form. Surf's up!!



News from Preschool

During NAIDOC week as we do every week at Plunkett Street Preschool, the jarjums had the opportunity to participate in a range of learning experiences in support of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and to continue to learn more about our country's history. Throughout the week, we asked the jarjums what they thought NAIDOC Week was all about, here are their responses and understanding of the celebration;

Samantha - "Because they share their country with us".

Jessica - "Because they share their land".

Sophia - "They play the didgeridoo".

Adam - "This is Aboriginal land".

Amelia - "I'm Aboriginal".

Yasmin - "Play and learn at Woolloomooloo" (Reciting a sentence from our Acknowledgement of Country).

Charlie E - "Red, black and yellow". Charlie E added that "Jone has brown skin" which led to a conversation about being Aboriginal is not only in your skin colour but it's in your blood and he pointed to his vein.

Samantha & Adam - Helped one another to share the meanings of the colours; "yellow is for the sun" said Samantha and Adam added "red is for the land" and "black for the people and the night sky".

Sophia, Jessica and Samantha created the Aboriginal flag using red, black and yellow cups. Samantha chose the colour yellow which she knew represented the "sun" and she formed a circle using the yellow cups. Jessica chose the colour red which she knew represented the "land". Sophia chose the colour black which she knew represented the "people's skin". The jarjums engaged in learning the technique of boomerang throwing. Charlie J then showed the techniques he had success with to Mimi, Ava, Yuzu and Yasmin. The jarjums then began counting down from 5 to 1 then saying "throw" to allow the other jarjums to move out of the boomerang area for safety. Some of the jarjums painted some Aboriginal symbols onto some capes to create cultural costumes. Oscar described the symbols he had painted as; "This is Aboriginal land and there is a boat, witchetty grubs, an echidna and here is the sun". Ava created a painting she described as "There is the sun and there is an Aboriginal person with a boomerang to hunt for animals because they didn't have shops".

The jarjums also participated in a sensory experience by tasting some bush tucker foods like; Davidsons plum jam, lemon myrtle tea, some kangaroo and lemon myrtle chicken pies and smelled some roasted wattleseed.

After trying these bush tucker foods, educators recorded some of the jarjums responses about what they thought of the taste and what had they learned about bush tucker, these are these ideas;

Yuzu - "I liked the plum jam".

Ava - "The plum jam taste like juice".

Yasmin - "I liked both pies, the kangaroo and the chicken".

Charlie J - "I liked the plum jam, it taste like orange".

Charlie E - "I liked the kangaroo pie, it was hot".

Aria - "I liked the plum jam, it taste like honey".

Jone - "The tea taste like lemonade".

Romulo - "I like the tea, it taste like lemon".

Isabelle - "The jam taste like strawberries".

Oscar - "The tea taste like watermelon".

We also had a visit from some preschool children from local SDN Woolloomooloo Children's Education and Care Centre on Wednesday 11th of November, who acknowledged Gadigal country that our meeting took place on, practiced "Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes" in Awabakal Language, played a game of Bir-ray (March Fly) and read the Dreaming story 'Malu Kangaroo' the story about how surfing came about. At 11:00am we attended a Remembrance Day ceremony at the 'big' school to remember the soldiers who have in the past and those who continue to fight for our country every day.



Community News

Are you interested in After School activities for your kids in 2021?

One parent is very keen to look into the possibility of organising “after school activities” next year, and is interested in hearing from parents whose child/ren may want to participate. If you are interested, please complete this survey by using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/fD2XxxT8ymK5JKRSA>

PLUNKETT STREET COMMUNITY PROJECT **FREE**

Playgroup for children 0-5 and their parent/carer

Facilitated by Plunkett Street Early Learning Educator and Lou's Place.

With free play, story and music time.

Come and Play!



Every Thursday during school term

At Plunkett St School COLA

9:30am - 11:30am

