Week 2: 30/07/2024



Palya Efforts



A note from the Principal:

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome to term 3. It was very pleasing to have 100% attendance for our Junior Primary Class in our first week back at school and 86% attendance for the Upper Primary Class.

Last week we welcomed Ms Ngatina Slyvanius to staff. Ngatina will be the Upper Primary class teacher for the remainder of the year. It is Ngatina's first teaching appointment, however she has a vast array of experience in education as an SSO and Governess to children studying via distance education on pastoral stations.

We are also in the process of finalizing Ms Kara Squires replacement, I hope to have that staff member on site by the start of week 4 Monday 12th of August.

This Friday the Junior Primary students will be taking part in the Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Children's Day at Ngura Yadurirn Children and Family Centre. Students will leave school at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform for the day.

Thursday the 8th of August, Primary Students will travel to the Head Mark of the Bite where they will visit the whale watching boardwalks as they seek inspiration and motivation for their writing tasks. Students will also use the whale watching guides to identify whales based on the callosities, white growths that can be seen around the lips, eyes and blowhole. The Upper Primary students will also be collecting footage for their YASTSA Congress workshop, 'Our place in Space'. Consent forms will come home shortly.

Last term I advised parents that we had been successful in obtaining \$1.4 million dollar schools upgrade funding. To assist the school in planning for the upgrade we are undertaking a Learning Environment Opportunity Study (LEOS). Consultation with staff, students and community forms an important component of the LEOS. I'm currently negotiating with JPE Architecture a date for the community consultation. The consultation will involve a survey for all stake holders. Community survey questions will be:

- 1. What parts of the school have the POTENTIAL for IMPROVEMENT?
- 2. What at the school needs to CHANGE
- 3. What is a NO GO and should NOT CHANGE at the school?
- 4. How is culture reflected across the school campus?
- 5. What is YOUR BIG IDEA to improve the school?

Just a reminder that a school closure day will be held on Monday 19th of August, this has moved forward from the traditional school closure day that followed the football and netball grand finals. The decision was made based on conversations I had last year with parents.

Regards

Upcoming events:

Week 2 - Friday - JP Class ATSI Day

Week 3 - Thursday - Whole school Head of the bight

Week 5 - Monday - School Closure

Week 6 - Wed-Friday - YASTA

Week 10 Tuesday - Dance Workshop Friday - Last Day of School 2pm Dissmisal

Stay in touch:

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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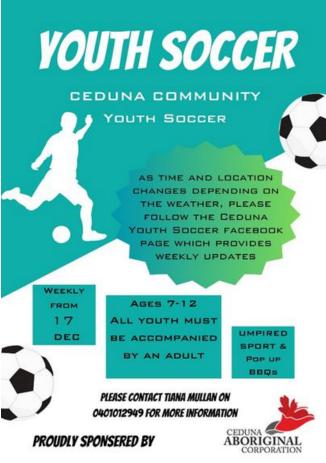


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NAIDOG WEEK

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During the last week of term 2 we celebrated NAIDOC Week. Each day we had something exciting planned for the students and community.

On Monday morning we started the week off with a March around the community with the whole school and preschool involved. We had parents and other community members join us along the way which was amazing to see. Tuesday we went out bush to collect some bush medicine plant with Nanna Hilda, Nanna Desley and Chari-Lee, the students and staff had a great time learning how to identify the plant and listening to Nanna Hilda explain the importance of showing gratitude to the plants.

Wednesday we spent parts of the day shedding the plant leaves from the stems to make the cooking process quicker and some NAIDOC coloring in.

Thursday we had our Bush Day. Poppa Jacko prepared a lovely fire to keep us warm, Nanna Hilda helped the students bake Damper in the camp ovens and also helped prepare a delicius stew for lunch. Nanna Hilda and Nanna Didy then helped make the Bush Medicine while Poppa Jacko and Mr Prince prepared and cooked the Kangaroo tail on the fire. All students, staff and community members had an amazing day!

Friday the students were fortunate enough to have Nanna Sherrie to come into the school to work with the students in weaving baskets.

We would like to thank everyone who came in and got involved with our NAIDOC Week activities and celebrations!





