

Newry News

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TERM 1 WEEKS 7-8

17th March 2021

Term 1	
Week 8	
15th March	Swimming Years 3-6
Tuesday 16th March	Byron Bay High School Information Night for parents
Wednesday 17th March	Year 6 students attend Taster Lessons at Byron Bay High School
Friday 19th March	Harmony Week Celebrations – Students wear Orange
Friday 19th March	Book Club orders due, please order online
Week 9	Parent Teacher Meetings Monday—Thursday
22nd March	Swimming Years 3-6
Thursday 25th March	P and C meeting—all parents welcome 5:30pm—Change of date
Friday 26th March	Small Schools Cross Country for all students -Depending on COVID regulations
Week 10	
29th March	Swimming Years 3-6
Thursday 1st April	Easter Hat Parade and presentation-this will be dependent on COVID regulations at the time. Last Day of Term 1
Week 1 Term 2	Students return Tuesday 20th April



Attendance

It is a legal requirement that children between the ages of six and fifteen attend a registered place of instruction on each day it is provided. While sickness or family leave can be unavoidable, it is important to encourage regular attendance as this has a positive effect on learning.

When your child is absent, it is a requirement that the parent/caregiver provide an explanation for the absence within 7 days. This explanation can be by way of a note, email, telephone call or in person to a teacher. The explanation must give a justifiable reason for the absence.

Home School Liaison Officers often come to schools to monitor class rolls and identify students who are having problems with school attendance. It is their role to support families, children and schools where there are issues of poor attendance.

As a school, we wish to provide a sound education for all our students. Regular school attendance allows us to give continuous and uninterrupted learning that your child requires.

ARRIVING LATE AND LEAVING EARLY

If your child is late to school, an adult must accompany them to the office to complete a late note. This is an audit requirement for the safety and protection of your child. This note is then taken to the teacher. If you need to collect your child before the end of the school day the same process applies.

CHANGES TO AFTERNOON ROUTINES

If parents need to make a permanent or daily change to the way or place your children are going home, please send a note to advise teachers. If your child does not have a note, we will send them home via their usual route. When your child is travelling home on the bus with another child, the note is given to the bus drivers so they are sure where to drop your child/children.

VoSS Cross Country



The VoSS Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 26th March, 2021 at Durrumbul Public School.

Races will commence at 10am. Please bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen and a packed lunch.

Appropriate footwear **MUST** be worn. Students should also wear sun-safe clothing.

The anticipated order of events for Cross Country are as follows:

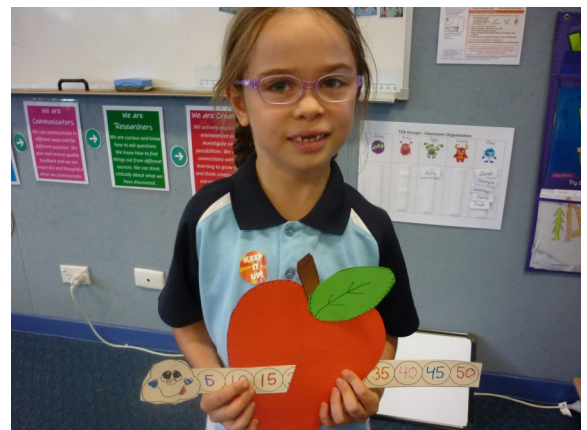
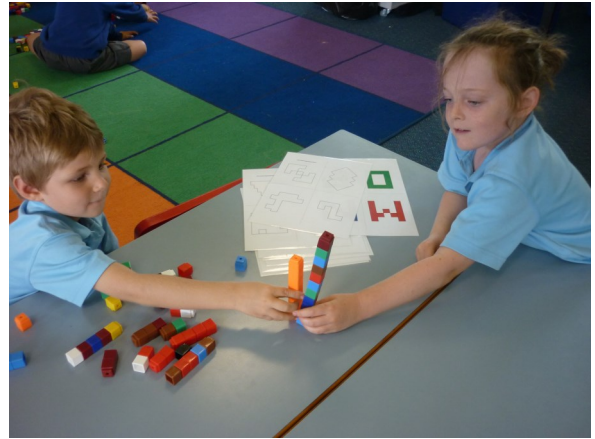
- ⇒ 8-9 year old boys and girls 2km
- ⇒ 10 years boys and girls 2km
- ⇒ Kindergarten 500m
- ⇒ 6-7 year old boys and girls 1km
- ⇒ 11 year old boys and girls 3km
- ⇒ 12 years and over 3km



Announcing their April School Holiday Program, see the attached flyer for all the details

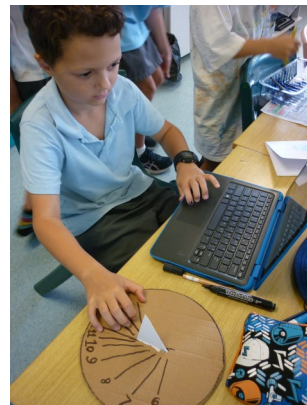
Junior Maths

We have continued to work on our number skills, skip-counting and our addition and subtraction facts. We also use movement and dance on a daily basis to develop our patterning skills.



Senior Inquiry and Science

We have used our research skills to investigate the key features of the sun, Earth and the moon. We have used this information to create our own factual texts to share with the junior class. We used the movement of the Earth to measure time and we have created our own sundials and other devices used to measure time. We also created Papier Mache models of Earth to consolidate our understanding that the Earth is round.



Junior Visual Arts

We were excited to find a bird's nest in our playground last week. The Junior class had many wonderings about nests and birds. After studying the nest closely, we were able to use our knowledge of line to draw our own nests and baby magpies. We added jute to our artwork to give the nest texture. We also created trees and painted these using our hands and brushes.



Senior Art

The Senior class have been using their knowledge of line and shape to create African masks. We observed authentic masks from Ghana and used this as inspiration to design our own masks. Students used geometric and organic shapes and ensured masks were symmetrical. We will continue to work on these over the coming weeks.



Senior English

We have started reading '**Little Lion, A Long way home**', an inspiring true story behind the award winning film 'Lion'. Before reading we spent time investigating India in order to make connections and better understand the main character Saroo.

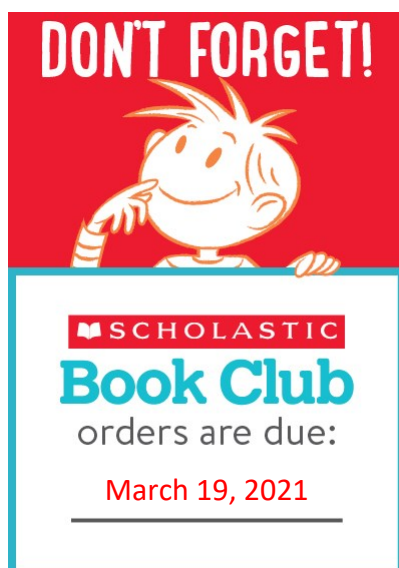


Junior PDHPE

K-Yr2 are learning about the topic '**How Do We Get Along With Others?**' in Personal Development and Health lessons. To assist with their learning Mrs Leeson would like parents to email or send in a baby photo of their child/ren. The photos will be copied for use in class lessons and displayed within the classroom. All original photos will be returned. Thank you for your assistance.

Headphones have arrived

Headphones for seniors with a microphone and a USB connection for multimedia activities have arrived for purchase at \$25 each. Junior headphones are smaller and have noise control elements built in and are \$10 each.



P & C News

P&C Fundraiser—Help Needed

Dear Parents,

As you know each year we have a few fundraising activities to raise money for various projects at the school for our kids.

Our first fundraiser is a CAKE STALL at Newrybar town (on the vege stall) on SATURDAY 3rd April. It should be fun but we need your help.

What do we need?

- **BAKED GOODS** –cooking, muffins, cakes, scones, whatever your speciality is! We need these Friday 2nd April delivered at the school between 4-5pm or delivered directly to the stall at 7:30-8:30am on 3rd April
- **VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF THE STALL** - thinking 2 people every hour. The stall will be open 8am to 2pm so we need 12 volunteers please.
- **ANY MUSICALLY TALENTED KIDS** - we are also going to have a few rising stars amongst the students who are playing musical instruments to perform some songs on the day - we would love any kids who are keen to join in!
- **ANY PRETTY SERVING PLATES/CAKE STANDS** - presentation is almost more important than how it tastes!

Kanako & Shanti will also be there doing some amazing face-painting.

And the other great news is not only will it be busy due to being Easter Saturday, the Newrybar Hall is also booked for a ceramics fair that day so it will be busy in Newrybar town.

We are targeting \$2,500 from this even to pay for new playground equipment. As we are such a small school we are hoping every family can contribute to this fundraiser. Any questions, please call Aoife or Rachel.

Thanks everyone!
The NPS P&C