Coming Events:

Week 5 - NAIDOC WEEK

Friday 13 November

- Gardening
- Library

Week 6

Monday 16 November

- Linton visiting from West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council

Wednesday 18 November

- Swimming

Thursday 19 November

- Kindergarten Orientation (9am 12 noon)

Friday 20 November

- 2021 School leader speeches and voting
- Gardening
- Library

Week 7

Monday 23 November

- Intensive Swimming

Tuesday 24 November

- Intensive Swimming

Wednesday 25 November

- Swimming

Thursday 26 November

- Kindergarten Orientation (9am 12 noon)
- Intensive Swimming

Friday 27 November

- Gardening
- Library
- Intensive Swimming

Welcome to Week 5

Yesterday, we held our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Well done to all students for their outstanding respectful behaviour during our service and to Ella who read a commemorative poem beautifully.

Our students have been involved in a variety of class NAIDOC activities this week and we are looking forward to Linton's visit on Monday. He has organised a morning of activities highlighting Wiradjuri and Aboriginal land management and cultural practices.

Year 5 students are busily writing their captain speeches which will be held next Friday. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions parents are unable to attend. Following, the school will vote, and the result will be announced later this year.

We were so happy to see our new students at Kindergarten Orientation today. Everyone had a fun time. We are already looking forward to next Thursday when we see our excited new Kindergarten students again.

All the children really enjoyed swimming yesterday. During Sport, the students who will be involved in the Intensive Swim Program are chosen following an initial assessment. This program runs daily during Week 7 and Week 8. If your child is a part of this program you will get an individual permission note next week. Thank you to the P & C for subsidising the School Swimming Program.

High School Orientation will look different this year with key High School staff visiting our school to discuss Year 7 expectations with our Year 6 students. Middle School will also look different next year. Only Year 6 students will be attending for a full day of learning. A note with more detail has been sent home today for those students involved in 2021.

Congratulations to Sam Thompson who is our Citizen of the Week. Sam always tries his best and has a positive attitude towards school. He upholds the school expectations of respect, responsibility and citizenship. Well done, Sam!

Have a great weekend.

Melanie Johnson Principal

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Snapshot from Mrs Green's Class Week 5



What we are learning:

MATHS: This week in the primary class we have been looking at fractions. Students divided different shapes into different fractions, we compared the size of different fractions to determine what is more.

ENGLISH: In English, this week we continued looking at information reports on sharks. Next week they will start their own report where they will be required to create an information report on an animal of their choice and present it to the class.

SCIENCE: This week in Science students looked at the question 'why are characteristic of materials important when designing and producing?' They used milk, detergent and food colouring to solve the question. They put their findings into a science report.

CAPA - Drama: In Drama, we continued learning about improvisation, the class really enjoy playing charades.

NAIDOC Week: The primary class looked at a video that explained what NAIDOC Week is about. We watched a dreamtime story on 'how the kangaroo got it's pouch'. We finished up NAIDOC Week by writing sentences that included Aboriginal symbols.



News from Miss Mointyre's Class

Week 5

What we are learning:

MATHS: This week for maths the students have been learning about length and volume. For length they have been measuring items using formal and informal units of measurement. For volume they have been comparing the contents of different containers.

ENGLISH: This week the student had a great time using the computers to create and publish a story.

READING: This week the students have been discussing visualising techniques and how to use the five senses to make the story come alive. We read the story 'Room on the Broom'.

SCIENCE: This week the students explored the ways that different materials bend and change.

PE: We are looking at dance techniques, how to move our bodies including stretching and yoga.

CAPA - Drama: The students are looking at miming and how to draw the audience in by portraying an action without speaking.



HEALTH: The students have looked at the text 'Sebastian Lives in a Hat'. The students discussed being safe and unsafe and why the character in the book felt safe.

HISTORY: The students looked at their family and relatives and discussed where they were born. The students discussed the value of preserving remains of the past.

NAIDOC Week: This week we have done a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week including discussing what NAIDOC week stands for and the significance. We have made some artwork and looked at the symbols and their meaning. We have also watched some dreamtime stories on the SMART board.

REMEBRANCE DAY: This week we also made some poppies to celebrate Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, 11th November we held a Remembrance Day Service at school. On the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month, a minutes silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Ella, as School Captain laid the wreath and read a poem as part of the service.





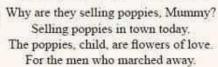






A Poem for Remembrance Day

"The inquisitive mind of a child"



But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?

Why not a beautiful rose?

Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?

Why are the poppies so red?

Red is the colour of blood, my child.

The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so? Your tears are giving you pain. My tears are my fears for you my child. For the world is forgetting again.

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(Author Unknown)
(http://www.anzacday.org.au/anzacservices/poetry/inquisitive.htm)





Infants class with their Poppy art

Swimming for Sport











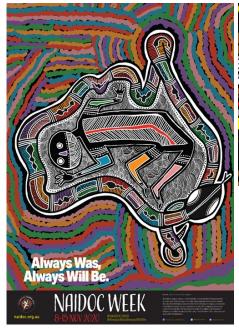


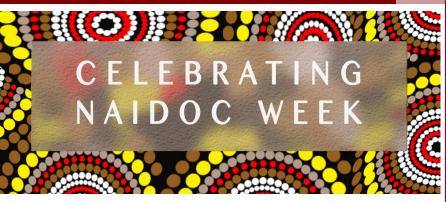






























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Kindergarten Orientation Day























Swimming for sport is on next **Wednesday 18th November 2020.** The students will depart from school by bus for West Wyalong Swimming Pool after lunch, at 12:15 pm and return to school at 2.55pm in time to catch school buses home.

Students will need: Swimmers, towel, sunscreen, goggles, hat, warm clothes if a cold day, water bottle, plastic or reusable bag for wet items.

We will be adhering the Holland Park Pool COVID-19 risk treatment and action plan along with the Department of Education guidelines. Please note due to COVID-19 restrictions, students will not be able to share equipment or utilise the change rooms. Toilets will be available for use. Students will change for swimming at school before they leave and we will have pop up change rooms for the students to change back into dry clothes before heading back to school on the bus. Thongs can be worn to, from and while at the pool. School shoes should be worn to school.



Dates are:

Thursday 19 November (1/2 day) 9am - 12 noon Thursday 26 November (1/2 day) 9am - 12 noon Thursday 3 December (whole day)

New Kinders will need their lunch, drink bottle and hat on half days. On the full day the students will require their lunch, recess, drink bottle and hat.

Please contact the school for more information.

Please ensure all students bring their own drink bottle to school, as we are unable to use the bubblers. Students will be able to refill their own

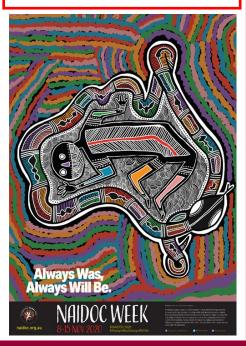
drink bottles as required.



Visit from the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council

On Monday 16th November we will be having a visit from Linton, the CEO of the West Wyalong

Local Aboriginal Land Council. Linton will be doing a presentation on Wiradjuri and Aboriginal land management and cultural practices in the local region and the aim is to help students develop a degree of understanding of the similarities between traditional Aboriginal societies and non-Aboriginal society. The session will allow some of the children to taste some of the local bush foods and handle artefacts and tools utilised by Wiradjuri and Aboriginal people.



Community News



Bland Shire Library is supporting the Australian Reading Hour on Thursday, November 12 2020

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Please place your unwrapped Christmas gifts for children aged under 10 beneath our Christmas tree before 16th December





