

For your diary

Week 9

Monday 14 June
Queen's Birthday—No School!
Friday 18 June
Parent Assembly, 9am
Nit Busters

Week 10

Friday 25 June
NAIDOC Day
Last Day of Term 2

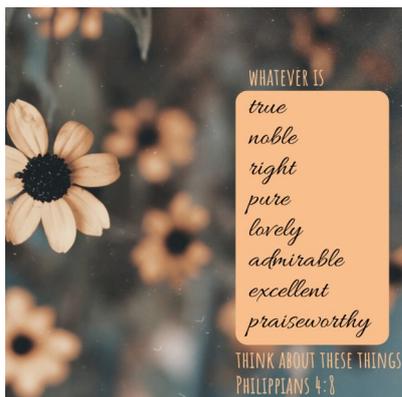
School Holidays - 3 WEEKS
26 June — 18 July

Term 3 Week 1

Tuesday 20 July
3-6 Zone Athletics

Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 27 July
School Choir—Eisteddfod
Wednesday 28 July
School Percussion—Eisteddfod
Thursday 29 July
Verse Speaking—Eisteddfod



Principal's Perspective

"Ping!"

A notification interrupts my morning rush.

...so sorry Jo. I'm not well. I won't make it to school today

Rest well. Thanks for letting me know. All will be well

This has been the beginning of most mornings for me and for many Principals and Deputies around NSW for the last few weeks. Next ensues another flurry of pinging notifications as the exec team and I work out a plan for the day.

This week it's also been me messaging Mr Kinscher to say I'll be home, coughing, waiting for my latest COVID test result to come through.

Schools need people to operate. Teachers in particular. Teachers carry a huge amount of responsibility and when they're sick it weighs so heavily on their shoulders. Teacher guilt is worse than mother guilt. When you are committed to the learning and wellbeing of a group of your favourite little humans it can be really hard to let them down and stay home when you're unwell. There's something built into us that says we should soldier on and not let anyone down.

As Principal it's my job to encourage the staff to rest when they need it. The added pressure of COVID advice to keep the community safe actually makes it a little easier for teachers and support staff to be kind to themselves. We know it's right, but we feel bad about it.

Our good God, our loving Father, knows that we operate best in the world when we take time to rest. He led by example and showed us in the story of creation that when He had finished his good work, He rested. This pattern for life, this rhythm of work and rest, is good for us and for those we love and serve.

So, these last two weeks at school have looked a little different. We've shared the load and different staff members have taken on the opportunity to work with students in out-of-the-ordinary ways. Today I have the privilege of teaching writing to Year 1/2. I love to write and there's nothing more rewarding than sharing that love with children. Not surprisingly though, they have taught me something instead. They've been learning how to use Sizzling Starts at the beginning of their narrative writing to hook in the reader. So, I have used my new skill in this very article today. They were impressed anyway!

What else have I learned during this patchwork of a week? I've learned that our teachers work incredibly hard. They are phenomenally knowledgeable about each one of their students and what they might need. I've learned that a community that cares for one another and steps in to support is a beautiful place to be. I've learned to rest and to give grace to those who find resting hard to do.

I've learned that it's fun to break with routine and do something outside of your comfort zone. That's where God does his best work in us- stretching our capacity, growing us and building into us the things of His Kingdom. This week we have all experienced a deeper appreciation for one another, a next-level understanding of our colleagues' daily experience and the growth of empathy.



Enjoy your long weekend with your family. Rest well! All will be well!

Blessings!

Jo Blatch, Principal.

3/4 Science went to the Maurice Farm and learnt all about eggs! Mr Maurice shared with us how the egg makes its way from the chicken to the shop where we buy them.

Things we learnt:

- Declan: There was a machine that sorted the eggs into different sizes.
- Angela: We were able to see inside the egg using special lights to see if the egg was good or bad.
- Blake: How the egg gets to the supermarket
- Grace: I found out how many people like chickens! Everyone loved the chooks so much!
- Lilli: The chickens lay one egg a day.
- Eli: They put the chickens in different groups depending on their age.
- Matilda: The dogs are used to protect the chickens and all the chickens are called chook-chook.

Our favourite part of the day:

- Evie- I loved collecting the eggs with Brydie and Chelsea. It was so fun.
 - Toa: I picked up 200 chickens at least! I picked up two at once.
 - Chelsea: I liked the dogs. Their names were Jack and Charlie.
 - Carter: Mr Maurice showed us how to hold a chicken and I got to hold one.
- We ALL loved picking up the chickens!!



Community Notices

ORTHODONTIC CARE FOR KIDS

evolution orthodontics

SPECIALIST ORTHODONTIC CARE FOR KIDS, TEENS AND ADULTS - DR ANDREW MCNAUGHT

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD BE SEEN FOR THEIR FIRST ORTHODONTIC CONSULTATION!

Orthodontics Australia recommend children between the ages of 7-10 years visit a specialist orthodontist for an assessment, no referral from a dentist is needed.

COMMON ORTHODONTIC PROBLEMS

Call Evolution Orthodontics to schedule your consultation appointment

www.evolutionorthodontics.com.au
Blacktown: 02 9676 3400 Dubbo: 02 6885 2110

RIDGECREST PRESENTS

PRIMARY KIDS CAMP

Come along for a jam packed 4 days / 3 nights of activities, talks and outdoor fun. Enjoy craft, giant jumping pillow, bushwalks, games, puppets, singing, lots of yummy food, friends and some fresh air!

DATE: 14-17 July, 2020
GROUP: year 3 - year 6
VENUE: Ridgcrest Christian Camp & Convention centre
COACH: Leaders & House parents
EVENT FEE: \$260
REGISTER AT: www.ridgcrest.org.au (or) www.facebook.com/ridgcrest.org.au/

Ridgcrest, a mountain top experience

FREE TRACE OF MAGIC SHOW

THURSDAY 1ST JULY

AMAZING SHOW

SHOW + WORKSHOP 2 SESSIONS

BOOKINGS: Maree Jones PH: 0427 636 023

Workshop numbers are limited.

2 SESSIONS

MAGIC SHOW & WORKSHOP

10.30 AM - 12.30 PM & 2.30 PM - 4.30 PM

WELLINGTON SOLDIERS MEMORIAL CLUB

SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT

WELLINGTON ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG)

If you are the parent or guardian of an Aboriginal student, or a community member who is interested in Aboriginal education and what is happening in this space in our schools, please come along to the next meeting. Meetings are held monthly, commencing at 1pm, with the dates and venues listed below.

JULY 14 – TAFE, Maughan St.
AUGUST 11 – Wellington Public School, Percy St.
SEPTEMBER 8 – Nanima Pre School, Nanima Village.
OCTOBER 13 – Wellington High School, Whiteley St.
NOVEMBER 10 – WINS, Swift St.
DECEMBER 8 – TAFE, Maughan St.

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Above: Family Fun Night was very entertaining with many Minute-to-Win-it games and a hot dog to finish the evening off.

Right: State Cross Country, Horsley Park, Sydney - Well done Desi, Grace & Lucius!

Below: 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Barden Park, Dubbo last week.



PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

Praise Points:

- Praise God for the wonderful learning opportunities this term.
- Praise God for Christian Education and the freedom of choice that we have here in Australia.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Victoria as they come out of Lockdown, for the schools, that students and teachers will be able to pick up where they left off beforehand.
- Pray for the health of our staff & students, as the cold weather sets in.
- Pray for our teachers and students for good & efficient practises as they start to prepare for the Wellington Eisteddfod.

FOR PARENTS



COVID-19 Update: In accordance with advice from NSW Health, Parents & Carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest

flu-like symptoms.

If your child has flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of taste or smell), parents/carers are still advised keep them at home and arrange for a COVID-19 test.

Students & Staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result prior to returning to school.

Continue to practice good hygiene—wash your hands often & thoroughly.



Parent Assembly: Friday 18 June, 9am—All welcome, come and see what our students have been up to. If you are able to, please stay after assembly to be part of our **Nit Busters program**.



Nit Busters: Friday 18 June, 10am, please get your child/ren's consent form in. Students can wear dark coloured old clothes to school next Friday instead of School Uniform. Each family will receive a Nit Comb pack, donations are most welcome.



Red Threadz: We raised \$60.50 for Hear Our Hearts Hearing Bus from our Red mufti day.

Revive Livingroom

For: Parents & carers with children not yet at school.

When: Each Thursday 9.15am—11.30am

Cost: Gold coin. Donations for Coffee.

Where: The Café: please sign-in with QR code & paper sign-in sheet.



STUDENT CORNER



Name: Eden Pandey
Age: 9
Year: 3
Favourite book: The Storey

Treehouse books by Andy Griffiths.

Favourite game: Roblox.

What do you want to do when you grow up? I want to be a doctor.

What makes a good friend? Be kind to each other.



Name: Brittney Stewart
Age: 8
Year: 2
Favourite book:

Babysitters club by Ann M Martin

Favourite game: Just Dance

What do you want to do when you grow up? A good teacher & funny like Mrs Ansted.

What makes a good friend? Sharing and making people happy.

Sprouts

School readiness program for 4-year-olds starting Kindergarten in 2022 to help children grow and flourish as they prepare for big school

Starting Term 3 2021

Contact us to find out more

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

Try this at home: If we are not intentional, we can miss the amazing gifts that each member of our family has. In an effort to connect what students are learning at school and incorporate it into home life, set some time when you are all together to affirm each family member for the unique gifts they bring. Celebrate each other!

