

Dear Parents/Carers



Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Now more than ever, we all have a crucial role to play in reconciliation. In playing our part, we collectively build respectful relationships and communities free of racism that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' histories, cultures, and futures.

Classroom teaching and learning programs have recently focused on the value and benefits of moving towards reconciliation in our communities. The students in each class have collaborated to create their own **Acknowledgement of Country**, and these were presented at yesterday's assembly. The students showed great pride in sharing their beautiful and inspiring words and messages.

As a school, we also registered for the *Voices for Reconciliation* initiative. This involved learning and performing parts of the song *Blackfella/Whitefella* by the Warumpi band. Our 3/4 and 5/6 classes each learned a verse, and every class learned the chorus. I commend our students for their enthusiasm in joining together to perform our rendition of *Blackfella/Whitefella* at yesterday's assembly. It was a truly special and moving moment, leaving us all inspired and touched!

Kind regards
Darryl Williams
Principal

Huon & Channel Cross Country

On Wednesday, May 22nd, a team of 24 students participated at the annual Huon and Channel Cross Country Carnival at the Huonville Oval. It was a fantastic day, with all participants showing great determination during their event.

Our Grade 3/4 students ran a 2.1km course, and the Grade 5/6's tackled the 3km course. Everyone gave their best effort and each student showed terrific sportsmanship and courage. Cygnet Primary School achieved some outstanding individual and team results, and we wish to congratulate all students for their efforts at the event! Presentations for grade winners from the event will be happening in the coming weeks.





PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARDS

Nelson Chen and Frankie Crosbee

Congratulations also to the following students who received virtue certificates at our assembly yesterday:

Nathan MacLachlan for **Purpose** by learning from his mistakes & always giving his best.

Logen Blizzard for **Empathy** by always showing care towards others & wanting to help them learn.

Obi Wedd for **Purpose & Respect** by always giving his best when completing his work & listening very respectfully during mat time.

Annie Purvis for **Empathy** by showing kindness to others & very thoughtfully including her peers.

Gabriel Mrosek for **Empathy** by always making sure everyone is included & has someone to play with.

Callie Robinson for **Perseverance** by asking for help when she needs it & making an excellent effort.

Emily Fitzpatrick for **Empathy** by demonstrating consideration & support for her classmates.

Ashton Borzak-Bell for **Purposefulness** for approaching his learning tasks with focus & enthusiasm.

Kaleb Barrett for **Courage** by settling into the school & class routine & forming friendships with his classmates.

Charlotte Newman for **Empathy** by inviting someone who was alone at recess to join her game.

Maddie Bishop for **Empathy**, Maddie noticed another student who was upset in the playground & helped her to get back to the green zone. Thanks for being a caring member of our school community.

Luca Nielsen for **Focus**, Luca is a focused learner who always puts in her best effort with her class work. Keep up the great work Luca.

Neiva Lucani for **Respect & Care** by Speaking & acting in a courteous way.

Sam Gill for **Empathy** for being a friend to everyone & helping everyone feel included.

Lantern Parade Choir Workshops

This year will feature a massed choir performance at the lantern parade, and everyone is invited to be a part of it! Local choir leader, Rose Wilson, will be running two community workshops where everyone can come along (to one or both) to learn a few simple songs we will sing together on the night. Rose is also coming to Cygnet Primary School to run two lunchtime workshops for any students and staff who want to come along! The choir is for all ages. All you need to do is come along to a workshop and then be at the Lantern Parade and enjoy the magic we'll make. At school, Rose will be running two short lunchtime workshops in the music room. Everyone is welcome. Wednesday the 12th for 20 mins at lunch time (still time to play and eat after!) And Wednesday the 19th for 20 mins. Parents are also welcome to join these school workshops. If planning to attend, you will need to sign in at the office and show your WWVP card. Come along, meet Rose, learn the songs, have fun, then be at the Lantern Parade on June 22 and sing with a hundred people with lanterns and fire all around you! (Parents, if you're going to be at the Lantern Parade anyways you should totally come to a workshop and sing with us! Sunday the 9th and 16th, 4-5pm at the Cygnet Town Hall - it's all free and everyone is welcome! No bookings, just turn up, all ages).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 7 June

Student free day – Moderation

Monday 10 June

Public Holiday - King's Birthday

Tuesday 18 June

Symons Plains Cross Country

Thursday 20 June

10:00 am TSO Concert at Huonville Primary School
Prep – Yr 6

Mon 24 – Fri 28th

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 26th June

Grade 1 excursion - Marine Discovery Centre

Friday 28 June

1:45pm Performance Terrapin Puppets "Feathers"
GP Room

Wednesday 3rd July

NAIDOC Assembly GP Room 1:45pm

Friday 5 July

Last day of term 2