

Dear Parents/Carers

Celebrating Growth and Achievement

We are thrilled to share the remarkable progress our students have made through our school-wide collaborative reading inquiries this term. Our commitment to completing at least three reading inquiries per class aligns with the Department's Lifting Literacy reading priority, and the results have truly been inspiring. Through these inquiry cycles, teachers analysed data from PAT, NAPLAN, and reading assessments to select focus areas of need for their cohorts. They then had a five-week period to lift results in the identified areas.

Kinder focused on Phonemic Awareness, specifically hearing the first sound in words. Their class average scores grew by an impressive **31%**. The **Prep** class concentrated on learning single letter sounds and blending them to read two and three-letter words. Their class average scores increased by **37%**. Reading Fluency (accuracy and rate) is a school-wide focus this year, so **Year 1 and 2** put fluency under the microscope for this inquiry. **Every** Year 1/2 student experienced growth in their fluency! Remember, regular reading practice at home is essential for continuing to build this skill. **Year 3 and 4** had a comprehension focus, where students were supported to identify key words in questions and locate the answers in a text. Their class average scores grew by **38%**. **Year 5 and 6** aligned their inquiry to a persuasive text unit, and students worked on identifying persuasive devices in texts and their purpose. Their class average scores grew by an outstanding **52%**.

Congratulations to all students and teachers for the enormous growth across all grade levels. Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we look forward to continuing this journey of learning and achieving together. Keep up the fantastic work!

NAIDOC Assembly

Students, teachers, parents and community members celebrated Aboriginal culture at our annual NAIDOC Assembly today. This is one of our most important and anticipated assemblies each year.

Well done to Ivy Page and Mani Gardner for enthusiastically leading their respective group of students in culture. We enjoyed the Prep and 3/4 classes who courageously shared their new Aboriginal learnings this term. Kate and others from SETAC have connected with all of our students this month to deepen their understanding of Aboriginal culture. The banners and artwork on display were two examples of that important work. It was an honour to have Auntie Libby take us on a journey with her engaging storytelling. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Mrs Gill for organising this special celebration of Aboriginal culture.

On behalf of the staff, I wish our students and families a wonderful winter school break. Term 3 begins on Monday 21 July. Keep warm!

Kind regards

Darryl Williams
Principal

Please remember to name uniform items so they can be returned. As of late we have had a huge number of unnamed items.

Polo Shirt	\$30.00
Polar Jacket	\$30.00
Soft Shell Jacket	\$65.00
Hoodie	\$65.00
Broad brimmed Hat	\$10.00

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY PHOTO'S



The Resilience Project

Students have continued to learn about the concepts of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Regulation in both Health and Classroom lessons this year. They are enjoying the lessons and building an understanding of strategies they can use. It is lovely to see assembly certificates being awarded to acknowledge students who demonstrate these attributes. If parents and carers would like to understand more about the program and discover strategies and activities that can be used at home, please explore the parent/carers hub using this link:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2025-parent-carer-hub-inspire-3/>

There is significant evidence that building the school-home connection is crucial to improving educational achievement and student wellbeing outcomes. There is a correlation between parent involvement and a variety of wellbeing metrics including:

- School attendance.
- Social skills and behaviours.
- Further education.



CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC 2025 PROGRAM
TUESDAY 8 JULY

The Next Generation
Strength - Vision - Legacy

9:00 AM **Flag Lowering Ceremony.** We'll lower the flag one last time at Nearipah, then walk it to the Cannery, honouring our journey and looking ahead with hope.

9:15 AM **Walk to the Cannery.** A peaceful walk to our new home, united in purpose and pride.

9:30 AM **Smoking Ceremony.** Cleanse and connect with Country, with pure hearts celebrating our people, culture, and growth.

9:45 AM **Welcome to Country.** Acknowledging our ancestors, we are warmly welcomed.

9:50 AM **Community Voices.** Hear powerful excerpts from *We Who Are Not Here*, a moving tribute to identity and resilience.

10:15 AM **Brunch.** Enjoy a delicious brunch and connect with community.

10:45 AM **Storytelling with Aunty Rosemary Ransom.** Gather round for stories that carry wisdom, history, and heart, for young and old.

11:10 AM **Cultural Activities & Art Exhibition.** Explore, create, and celebrate the richness of Aboriginal culture.

12:00 PM **Fireside Yarn: Treaty & Truth Telling.** Join the conversation around truth, healing, and the journey toward Treaty.

1:00 PM **Closing.** A heartfelt end to a morning of meaning and connection.

Part of this National NAIDOC Week Activity is funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

COMMUNITY BURN
FIRESTICK MAKING

WED 9 JULY | BURTONS RESERVE, CYGNET

Come for the flames, stay for the fun, BBQ and culture all rolled into one!

9:30 AM Make your own Fire Stick + learn the lore
10:45 AM Watch the fire roar!
11:45 AM BBQ's sizzling, grab a bite
1:00 PM We wrap it up tight.

Bring your crew, your good vibes, and your appetite. Let's celebrate Country, culture, and community just right!

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 4th July
End of Term 2

Monday 21st July
Start of term 3

Tuesday 22nd July
1:45pm Virtues Reward Party

Tuesday 29th – Thursday 31st
Fissure Sealant and Fluoride Varnish Program
(K, P, 1, 2 & 6)

Monday 4th August
12:30pm
Selected students speak on Huon FM (95.3)

Monday 11th August
1:45-2:30
NED'S Resilience Show
All classes

Tuesday 12 August
1:45 - 2:55pm
Young Tassie Scientists visit
Grade 5/6

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August
BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 19th August
9:15am
Book Week Parade
Whole School

Winter Sports Carnival
Selected Gr 6 Students

Tuesday 26th August
H&C Volleyball Carnival
Kingborough Sports Centre
Selected Grade 6s

Friday 5 September
2pm
Prep Fathers/Special People Day

Friday 12th September
2:15pm
Cygnet Area Concert Band Performance

Tuesday 16th September
9:10am
Musica Viva Performance "Life is an Echo"
Whole School