

Fernleigh Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 8

A big thank you to Honey and Fox for helping design our new look for our newsletter, we hope you like it.

It's Harmony Day this coming Monday the 21st March. To celebrate this we have planned the following activities for the day.

- Student mufti day! Please bring a gold coin donation for a charity to be chosen by the students. When choosing mufti clothes please ensure that shoulders are covered and that closed in shoes and a wide brim hat are worn.
- Parents, teachers and students shared morning tea and working bee. Please come for morning tea and / or working bee and bring a multicultural plate to share if possible. Morning tea will start at 11 and then we'll break into groups with the students to work together in the garden from 11.30 to 12.30. Please bring your gloves and any small gardening tools.
- Harmony day student activities are planned for the afternoon.

Playground Update - It is great to see students using their imaginations to create new and exciting games in the playground. At the request of some parents we are also planning 'toy' days.

Thank you to parents for being vigilant when signing students in for late arrivals and early departures. We had a visit from the Departments School Liaison Officer last week to view student absences and have been ask to remind parents that all student absences have to documented with a note explaining why.

School hats can be purchased from Best and Less - thanks to Mrs Gillespie for doing the ground work.

Next week I will be attending a course for 3 days entitled 'How 2 Learn'. During this time Jonas Widjiya will be taking the Year 3-6 class.

The Small Schools General Knowledge Day is on Thursday 31st March in Ballina. We can only take 4 students from Stage 2 and 4 students from Stage 3, so we will be putting names in a hat for those who want to participate. Parents will be asked to help with transport.

What's Coming Up?

Week 9

Monday - Harmony Day
Tuesday -
Wednesday -
Thursday -
Friday - Good Friday

Week 10

Monday - Easter Monday
Tuesday -
Wednesday - School Photos
Thursday - General Knowledge Day
Friday - Small Schools Cross Country
Carnival Day

Reminders

Our newsletters and notes etc can be found on School Stream.



Ice-blocks are for sale on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Wednesday is School Banking day.

P&C

At the AGM the following people were nominated and voted into the executive:

President: Vince Iaconis
Vice President: Nicole Serafin
Secretary: Eliza Iaconis
Treasurer: Sarah Vaughan

Respect

Integrity

Responsibility

Student Achievement

The Dolphin Dreaming excursion was a wonderful experience. Thank you to all the drivers and to Aunty Delta for an informative and fun day. The students also did some fantastic writing and we have attached a couple of examples for you.



We have a new **2 Thumbs Up Wall** in the K-2 class. When students are particularly proud of a piece of their learning they can choose to put it on the wall. Please feel welcome to come in and have a look.

Bamboo pot planting! As you can see it was a fun experience.



Bell Times

9.30am - Class
11.30am-12pm-Break 1
1.30pm-2.15pm-Break 2
3.30pm - Home

Community News

New High School Update

Year 6 parents, if you wish to have a say in the uniform for the new school please complete the survey attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return to your school by Friday the 18th of March. Extra surveys are in the foyer for anyone else who would like to complete one.

School Excellence Survey

Our 2015 Annual School Report is currently being completed. As part of this, the school is seeking your feedback on how we went in 2015.

Only parents and staff who had students at Fernleigh PS in 2015 should complete the surveys. All questions relate to the school's progress up until the end of 2015. There's a total of 15 questions over 2 surveys (each survey only allows 10 free questions). Your responses will help the school determine our progress against the School Excellence Framework and will inform our Annual School Report. The links to the surveys are:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9XDCHJ>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCN7JYV>

It is likely to only take 5-10 mins in total and the surveys close on Tuesday 22nd March. Your completion of the surveys is greatly appreciated.



DOLPHIN DREAMING

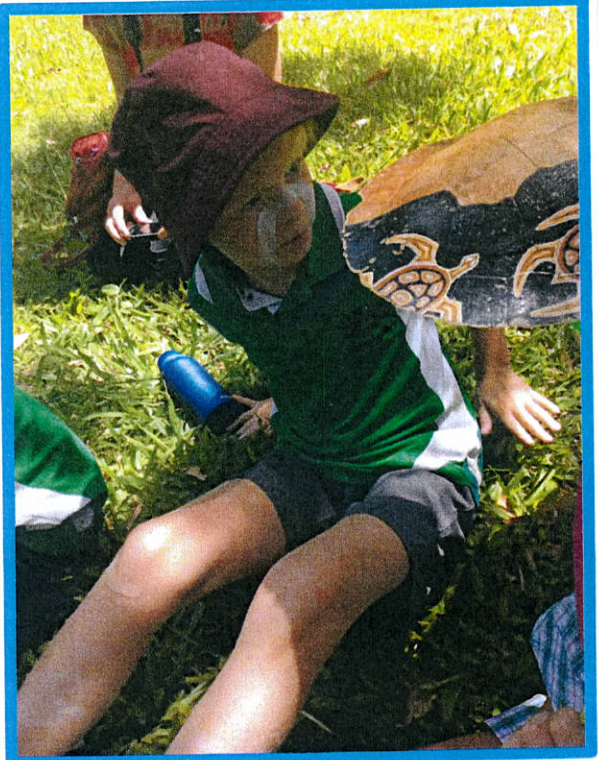
On Thursday the whole school went to The pass in Byron bay. We saw an Aboriginal dance.

Fist we went to The Pass and had our crunch and sip.

Next we put Aboriginal war paint on. It was called orche.

Then we did an animal dance. We danced as emus, kangaroos, eagles, dolphins, snakes and goanna.

After that we listened to a story about how Aboriginal people hunted and lived.



Eventually we went on a bush walk and we listened to the birds.



Finally we ate a plant and played a game called Sassaa. It was lots of fun my favourite part was seeing all the Aboriginal weapons.

By Jude



First Honey, Lilly, India and I had the privilege of going in the car with my mum. It was pretty loud but we survived.

Next we hopped out of the car, we did cross the road together. Our whole group needed to wait for the other group.

Then after we had Munch and Sip the program started. We pretended we were Aboriginal animals. It was exciting.

After that we heard a Dolphin story. I liked it all. We went on an Aboriginal National Park walk. It was called Palm Valley, the colours were incredible.

Finally we felt some things like spears and shells. We played a confusing game called Sissaa. By Lilliana

