



Calendar

29 Oct	P&C Meeting 8:15am
30 Oct	Return book club orders
31 Oct	Kindergarten Orientation
5 Nov	School Photos
7 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation

Please note that K-2 will have library tomorrow instead of Wednesday this week.

Grandparents Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who came last Friday morning. It was so lovely to see some new and old faces in the crowd. We hope you enjoyed your morning as much as we did. As a staff, these days are special to us as we get to connect further with our school community. P.S – If you need a good luck charm for bingo – pick Amy!



Kindergarten Orientation- Reminder

Kindergarten Orientation sessions have begun and our students have settled in beautifully! If you have friends or neighbours who may have a child ready to start school next year, please let them know it is time to contact the school for information.

P&C Meeting- Reminder

Our next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow- Tuesday 29 October at 8:15am in the library. Looking forward to seeing some new faces!

School Photo Day- Reminder

A reminder that school photos will be taken on Tuesday 5 November. All students should be in their full summer uniform, including **black school shoes**. Thank you.

Interest Groups – Years 3-6 & K-2 Christmas Craft

We are asking for expressions of interest from parents, grandparents and any community members who have an artistic skill. This could be anything from sewing, painting, drawing, woodwork, collage, fabric design...anything! We are hoping to run 'interest groups' over 3 weeks; Thursday 28 November, 5 & 12 December from 1:45-2:50pm. This is a perfect opportunity for students to learn a new skill AND become familiar with the wider community. Anyone interested must have a current Working with Children check. In the past students had the opportunity to create CD owls, knitted owls, wooden serviette holders, wooden key racks, Minion figurines, fairy gardens and magnets. If you are interested please see Ms Mahony or Mrs Leary.

During this time students in K-2 will be completing Christmas craft activities with Mrs Bird. She too would like any volunteers to help during these days. Please see her if you can offer your support.

Professional Learning

This week Ms Hartigan and Mrs Leary will be attending a Maths PL course on Thursday and Mrs Leary a small schools network meeting on Friday. The following week staff will be attending a Wellbeing PL on Tuesday 5 November afternoon at Tenambit PS. This starts at 3:30pm, so it would be appreciated if all students could be collected by 3:20pm so staff can attend this training.

Remembrance Day-Sale of Poppies

To support Maitland RSL Women's Auxiliary we are selling poppies at school now for \$2 each.



School Improvements

You will notice over the next few weeks some improvement works happening around the school such as painting and fencing. We will have lots of building maintenance people on site so please be aware of areas which may be restricted during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience but it will be worth it!

Class News

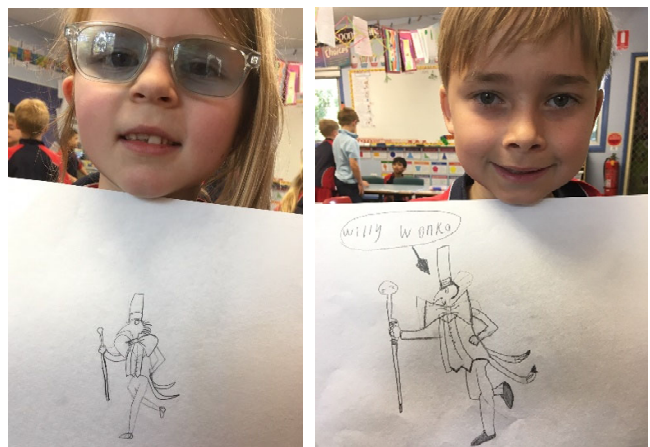
K-1

Kinder orientation is once again on this Thursday. Year 1 will visit Ms Tully while Kindergarten and Year 5 will stay with Mrs Bird.

To consolidate our Personal and Family Histories unit I would like to ask parents, grandparents and family members to share photographs, memories and anecdotes of their childhood with the class. This is a lovely way for students to participate in their own history and that of their family.

2-3

Students will continue our very interesting study of author Roald Dahl this week and we will read a little more of his first classic novel, James and the Giant Peach. We have been looking at the fact that most of Roald Dahl's books are illustrated by Quentin Blake and during our Visual Arts session at the end of last week we did our very best to draw Willy Wonka in Blake's style. The results, as the pictures show, were amazing. Just wait until we add colour and a few little Oompa Loompas too! Our history study this week will have us looking at the life of convicts once they landed on Australian soil with the First Fleet.



4-5-6

Thank you to everyone who came to our Grandparents breakfast, it was lovely to see so many friendly faces. Years 4-6 will be focusing on persuasive writing for the next few weeks. Thursday afternoons will be art activities.



Library News

It is fantastic to see so many students borrowing our books from the library on a regular basis. It would be nice to see however, everyone borrowing from the library, either for reading in the classroom, for home or for research purposes. Students also need to remember their library bags – Year 2-6 on Tuesdays and K-1 on Wednesdays.

Parents, could you please also have a good look at home for any books that need to be returned. Some students are waiting to borrow books which urgently need to be returned and are well overdue. Thank you.

Book Club

Issue 7 from Book Club was sent home last week. Please have your orders into the office by Wednesday 30 October. If any orders are for gifts, please mark the order so we know!

Good for Kids good for life

TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES

Looking for fun activities for the kids?

Why not try some **Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games**

Thiring-Nunna "thir-ring-nun-na" is a hide and seek game that is played by the Aboriginal children in Queensland.



One player is the 'seeker' and the other players hide. Once hidden, the players are not allowed to move from their hiding places.

The seeker searches for the hidden players.

When players are found they can help the 'seeker' to find the other players.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Games - sportaus.gov.au/yulunga



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make no bake cookies

Prep time: 10 mins
Cooking time: 0 mins
Makes: 12

Ingredients

1 cup pitted dates
½ cup raisins
1 cup quick oats
½ cup shredded coconut & ½ cup for rolling
½ cup sunflower seeds



Method

Place the dates, raisins, oats and ½ cup coconut into a food processor. Process until mixture lifts away from the edges of the bowl. Remove from the processor and mix through the sunflower seeds. Roll into a log and slice into 12 even pieces. Shape into cookies and roll in the remaining coconut.

For more recipes and ideas visit our [website](http://www.healthylunchbox.com.au).

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Recent Student Work

School Camp

We got on the bus at 7.00am and started to drive to Sydney, a big 2 hour drive. When we got to Sydney, we went to the Police and Justice Museum on Thursday. It showed us the guns the bushrangers used, including a rifle that held 6 bullets. After that we went into the cells that they got held in.

Then we hopped on the bus again. We slept at Naamaroo Lodge and on the next day we went to Taronga Zoo. After Taronga Zoo we went back to school. On the way Caleb M and I bought monkeys and we were fighting with them. It was a beautiful trip.

By Max

Red back spiders

The red back spider's scientific name is *Latrodectus hasselti*.

They belong to the family called theridiidae. Spiders are called arachnids.

Female red back spiders are up to 1cm, the male is about 3mm to 4mm. They have 8 legs. It is mostly black with a red stripe on its back. Female red back spiders are black (occasionally brownish) with an obvious orange to red longitudinal stripe on the upper with the red stripe abdomen sometimes being broken and an hourglass.

Red back spiders are peridomestic. They are carnivores.

By Zander



Rainforest

Drip, drip, drip as last night's dew shakes off my boots. Then suddenly I feel a rush of hunger flood through me as I see a nearby parrot feeding her young some big, plump red berries from a huge fern.

I slowly moved closer to the bush that has the same berries on it. They look edible enough to eat. I feel a sudden urge to eat one, maybe at least a good serve full will do the trick. I grab a handful, hoping that they are edible. In a trance I bite into one of the delicious fruits. A pop of sweetness bursts in my mouth.

By Lila