



### **Calendar**

31 Mar	Crazy Sock Day – Yr 6 Fundraiser
1 April	Easter Hat Parade & Last Day of Term
19 April	SDD
20 April	Students return
21 April	School Cross Country
6 May	Zone Cross Country
11-13 May	NAPLAN
14 May	Pirate Day Fundraiser
24 May	Life Education Van visit

### **COVID Guidelines**

Please follow the link below to find out the latest advice and guidelines for our return to school:  
<https://bit.ly/3sA4a4k> #FirstDay2021

### **Volunteers**

If you are volunteering in or for Iona PS please make sure you have filled in the Appendix 5 – Declaration for volunteers, provided a copy of your Driver's Licence. You will also need to sign in and COVID check in.

### **Athletics Carnival**

The Smalls School Athletics carnival has been postponed until Term 2 due to the wet weather. Keep an eye on future newsletters for further information.

### **School Facebook Page**

A reminder to parents who have questions about school policies, changes and events are advised that the Facebook page is not monitored on a regular basis and they should not rely on a response, especially after school hours. Parents are asked to call the office if they have a question or enquiry in regards to school business.

### **Canberra Camp – Years 3-6 – Expression of Interest**

Planning is well underway for our Year 3-6 excursion to Canberra which will be held from Wednesday 6-Friday 8 October 2021 (Term 4, Week 1). Sid Foggs are in the process of finalising bookings with the venues in Canberra. Due to COVID-19, many venues have only just started to open up their bookings for this year.

At this stage we do not have a final cost, however we expect the excursion cost to be approximately around \$450. As this is a large amount we strongly encourage parents to begin making payments as soon as possible. Regular payments are encouraged so that you do not have a large payment on the due date. Final payment must be paid by Friday 10 September 2021. If this has not been paid your child will not be able to attend.

A non-refundable deposit of \$60 per child is due with the return of your expression of interest which is due by Friday 23 April 2021. It is extremely important that we have accurate number of students who will be attending. Please complete the EOI at the bottom of this newsletter and return by Friday 23 April with your deposit or without your deposit, if you are not attending.

### **Easter Raffle- Reminder**

A reminder that donations of prizes and raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Tuesday 31 March.

## Easter Hat Parade

All students will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 1 April at 2:20pm. As we can only have 50 parents on site we ask that you register your family's interest in attending on this day by completing the following RSVP attached to this newsletter by Wednesday morning 31 March. We also ask that parents attending bring their own fold up chair to sit on during the parade. We will try and accommodate everyone the best we can!

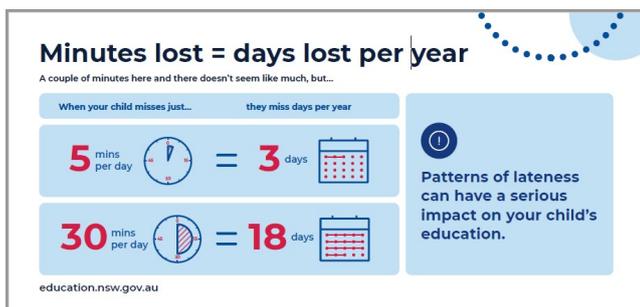
## Daily Attendance

We know regular attendance at school can have a meaningful impact on student wellbeing and academic achievement, as well as creating a foundation for future success.

Our target this year is to have our daily attendance above 95%. As a community, our whole weekly attendance data, which is shown below, is fantastic and we are achieving this most weeks. Our current focus area, which we need your support with, is increasing our partial absences. The impact of being late, as stated in the diagram below can have serious impacts on your child's education. If your child is not here by 9am they are missing daily vital communication and literacy time. Let's work together to get all students here by bell time!

Week 8 – 96.3%

Week 9– 66.3% (Not much we could have done about this!)



*Wishing everyone a relaxing and exciting holiday. We look forward to hearing all of the holiday adventure stories when students return on Tuesday 20 April.*

## **Nutrition Snippet**

### EASTER TREATS.



**Our banana pikelets make a healthy breakfast or snack without the sugar load!**

**Try these healthy ideas for Easter:**

- Shape apple and date bliss balls into Easter Eggs
- Carrot cake oat biscuits the Easter Bunny's fav!
- Green smoothies for thirsty bunnies

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



## Could you become a foster carer?

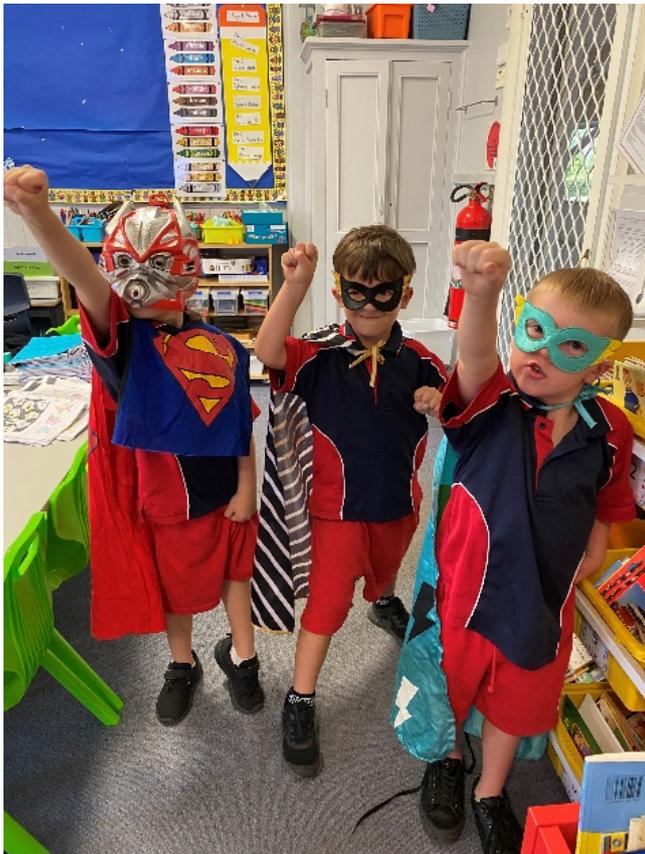
Right now, many children across the Hunter and Central Coast region are urgently waiting for a safe place to call home. Wesley Dalmar will provide the training, support, and confidence you need to provide a welcome home for children in need.

Please contact our team on 1300 325 627 for a confidential conversation, or visit [wesleymission.org.au](http://wesleymission.org.au)

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Kindergarten

I hope everyone managed to stay dry and safe in this wet and wild week! In Week 10, 'The Buddies' are revising the Golden Rule: I treat others how I would like to be treated. They are exploring ways to communicate to be caring, inclusive and respectful of others through the PDHPE program with Mrs Leary, games and imaginative play.



*The Buddies are **superheros** at playing together!*

This term's reading program has focused on learning reading strategies to assist with early reader behaviours whilst developing a love of reading through regular opportunities to read aloud and listen to reading. This week's reading strategy is:



- Don't know a word? Skippy the Frog says to skip over it and come back later!
- Read to the end of the sentence and think about it... what makes sense?

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted with the making of our wonderful Easter hats! Enjoy your break and see you Term 2.

*Melissa Bird*

### **1-3**

What a crazy rainy week! Most students missed their news day last week, so we will have the same news topic this week: How is it made? Choose your favourite breakfast food item and explain to the class how it was made (from its raw state to what it is when you consume it).

Last week some of The Rollers shared some of their favourite recipes and explained how the raw food ingredient became something they eat for breakfast. Here are three.... they WILL make you hungry...

### **Edison's Pancakes**

Ingredients

- 1 cup of self raising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg

### **Method**

1. Heat pan
2. Put all ingredients in a bowl
3. Mix together using a whisk
4. Scoop a big spoonful of batter into the heated pan
5. When bubbles go to the top of the pancake, it is ready to flip.
6. Serve with maple syrup and strawberries
7. EaaaaaatTTTT!

### **Anaston's Scrambled Egg Wrap**

Ingredients

2 eggs

1 pita wrap

A handful of chopped ham

A handful of mozzarella and tasty cheese

Salt and Pepper

#### **Method**

Toast one side of the pita bread in the frying pan and take it out and pour the whisked eggs in the frying pan then take the pita bread and put the toasted side on the egg mixture and let the egg cook, then flip it over to toast the other side of the pita bread so the egg mixture is facing up. Sprinkle the ham, cheese and salt and pepper on top of the scrambled egg. Wrap into a burrito and eat it all up.

### **Tom's Vegemite Toast**

From Paddock to Plate

The farmer grows the wheat.

The farmer cuts the wheat and sends it to the mill.

The wheat gets made into flour.

It gets sent to the bakery.

The baker adds water and yeast to the flour to make a dough.

The dough gets cooked in the oven and then you have bread.

We then buy the bread (it has been cut up)

I put 2 pieces in the toaster and press the button down.

Finally the toast pops up. I put butter and vegemite on the toast.

I eat it!

Students will be creating their Easter hats on Wednesday afternoon, if you would like to help out you are more than welcome to help with the beautiful hat creations. Students have made some Easter baskets which they will decorate and bring home with a few goodies in next week.

Year 3 completed their practice Naplan test on Wednesday, this all ran very smoothly. Please make sure that your child has a working set of headphones for the actual Naplan test next term. Notes went home with your child last week explaining the testing process.

We wish you a safe and happy Easter break. Looking forward to seeing you all next term.

*Jade Hoitink and Alysha Tully*

### **4-6**

It has been a very crazy week! The Crunchies have been working hard to finish off the term.

We have been exploring the mathematical strategy of backtracking. It looks at using subtraction to solve addition problems. Even though students have found this concept challenging to understand, they should be proud of their efforts this week.

We have continued our class novel *Peter Pan*, and as we read, students are creating folders that show their understanding of the plot and themes of this classic novel. Students continue to develop their persuasive writing skills and have been practising writing persuasive arguments in a "show don't tell" format. Students had a lot of fun re-creating a food fight with arguments written on paper which were tossed around the room

*Simon Tarry*

### **From Ms H**

Hello everyone. A big thank you to you all for your kind thoughts and well wishes over the past couple of weeks. My treatment is in full swing and while it has definitely been a shock to the system, I am tolerating it reasonably well. My biggest news is that I have a new hairdo - very low maintenance! I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break with your families. I look forward to seeing you all when I pop in for a visit early in Term 2. Lots of love, Ms H.

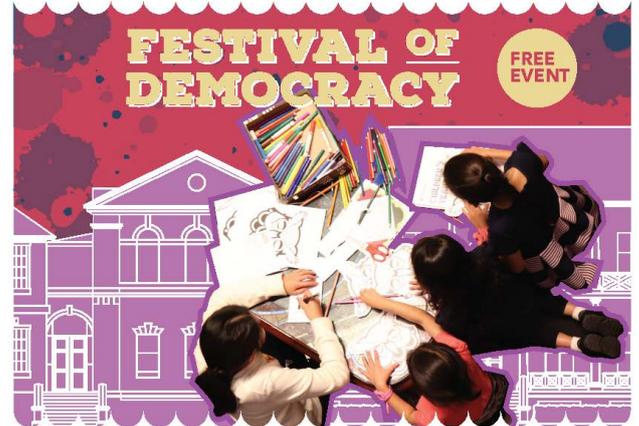


# Awards Week 9



Lainey turned 10 on 24 March  
Sophie V turned 5 on 25 March

<b>Merit Awards</b> were presented in:-
Kindergarten
<b>Keziah</b> for always using beautiful manners
<b>Jack</b> for working hard to achieve learning goals
1 - 3
<b>Eleanor</b> for persistence in mathematics
<b>Sarah</b> for working hard to achieve her classroom goals
4 - 6
<b>Zac</b> for working hard to improve his reading
<b>Scarlett</b> for consistent hard work in maths lessons
<b>Library Award</b>
<b>Stella</b> for always showing a love of reading
<b>Max B</b> for positive library behaviours
<b>Harry H</b> for positive library behaviours
<b>Peer Nominated Award</b>
<b>Maisie</b> for being kind to everyone
<b>Teacher Nominated Award</b>
<b>Maisie</b> for being a caring and friendly classmate
<b>Environmental Award</b>
<b>Ava</b> for helping others in the playground
<b>Health and Safety</b>
<b>Layla</b> for cleaning up rubbish that isn't hers
<b>Sports Award</b>
<b>Zoe</b> for cleaning up the sport shed



**Festival of Democracy** at the Parliament of NSW these April school holidays

**Friday 16 April**

9 am - 10.20 am  
10.30 am - 11.50 am  
12 pm - 1.20 pm  
1.30 pm - 3 pm  
(book for an 80 minute session)

Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote in an election
  - Make a speech in the historic Parliamentary chamber
  - Play democracy hopscotch
  - Listen to storytellers
  - Make craft animals and objects
  - Enter the mystery object competition
  - Visit the historic rooms
  - Chat with Henry Parkes
- This is a COVID-safe event.



**FREE ENTRY** (timed)  
Activities 9 am to 3 pm

**LOCATION**  
Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street  
Opposite Marion Place  
\*The public cafe will be open.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



9239 2947 or  
E: [communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

# Paterson Gallery Art Space

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April - 11am-2pm**

**"Festival of Place"**



Welcome to our Open Day with free art activities and displays, part of the NSW government movement to bring people back to local business in our post pandemic phase.

For more information: [facebook.com/PatersonGallery](https://facebook.com/PatersonGallery) 0447 584 595



#TheFestivalOfPlace #LoveThePlaceYouLive #SummerFund  
[www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/festivalofplace](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/festivalofplace)

# Canberra Excursion

Name:- .....

Is attending the Canberra Excursion, enclosed is my deposit or  
My online receipt number is .....

Is NOT attending the Canberra Excursion

# Easter Hat Parade

Family Name:- .....

Is attending the Easter Hat Parade (one adult per family)

Is NOT attending the Easter Hat Parade

Would like an additional adult to attend

# Canteen News

There will be no canteen Week 1 Term 2, canteen will resume in Week two, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
If you would like to assist Katy in the canteen please fill in your preferred day below.

Name:- \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:- \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Week 2	27/04/21	
Week 3	04/05/21	
Week 4	11/05/21	
Week 5	18/05/21	
Week 6	25/05/21	
Week 7	01/06/21	
Week 8	08/06/21	
Week 9	15/06/21	
Week 10	22/06/21	

# Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2022**

Once you complete and submit your application you must change details receive messages and record decisions through your application portal.

## Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022?

You must apply online at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



### Key dates

Application site opens:  
**Tuesday 20 April 2021**

Application site closes:  
**5pm, Friday 7 May 2021**

You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:  
**Wednesday 7 July 2021**

Opportunity Class Placement Test:  
**Wednesday 21 July 2021**

Placement outcome information released overnight on:  
**Friday 1 October 2021**

**Please read this booklet carefully before applying.**

Parents\* should check the Department's website at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team\*.

#### Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450  
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

#### Please Note:

\*In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

\*'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

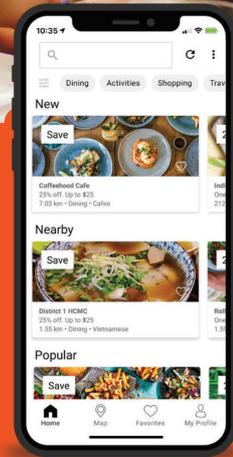
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