



# HAPPENINGS

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## Year 4 Jindabyne Camp

From Wednesday September 11 to Friday September 13, we will see Mrs Osgood, Miss Jones and students of Year 4 embark on their three day camp to Jindabyne.

Being an excellent year for snow, it is wonderful that the children will experience this on their camp.

The weather still may be cold and it is possible it still may snow further, however this is perfect for the children to experience the Snowy Mountains at their finest. Please ensure you pack clothing appropriate for this area.

## Teacher Professional Learning

On Tuesday September 10 & Wednesday September 11, our staff will be sending a team of teachers to a professional learning opportunity in Canberra/Queanbeyan.

Mr Sweeney, Mr Neich, Mrs Muir, Mrs Phelps & Mrs Barry will be away from school during this time. Mrs Owens-Stewart will be taking the Dolphins class; Mrs Thornton will be taking the Seahorses and Miss Gresty will be taking the Platypus class. All teachers are familiar faces in the school and they will be following the programs left by the teachers during this time.

## Regional Athletics

Good luck to the students from our school who have qualified to represent the Eurobodalla Zone at the South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival, which will take place on Friday September 13.

These children are: **Jade Wilson, Bray Constable, Joel Constable, Rogue Constable, James Kay, Mitch Lavis, Dhardyan Hill, Meah Beecham, Dakota Baker, Daniel Betts, Jett Cook, Ruben Smithers and Phoebe Davies.**

## Mr Sweeney at the Primary Principal's Conference

I will be away from school on Thursday September 12 & Friday September 13, as I will be attending the Primary Principal's conference.

During this time, if you need to contact the school, please contact one of the Assistant Principals, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Hodge, Mrs Osgood or Mrs Muir.

## Satisfaction Surveys

I would like to thank the community for the time people took in completing the recent 'Satisfaction Surveys' which were published in our previous newsletters. These surveys will assist the school in forward planning.

Here is the Parent & Community Survey

We received 53 responses from our community with surveys being a part of our weekly newsletter for a month. Here are the results:

- 37 strongly agree, 4 somewhat agree, 10 agree, 1 disagree and 1 no answer that the school is an attractive and well-resourced school. e.g. classrooms, library and grounds;

- 38 strongly agree, 6 somewhat agree, 5 agree, 3 somewhat disagree and 1 disagree that the school is connected to its community and parental involvement;
  - 39 strongly agree, 4 somewhat agree, 7 agree, 1 somewhat disagree and 2 disagree that the school encourages parents to contact the school to discuss concerns relating to their child;
  - 38 strongly agree, 7 somewhat agree, 6 agree, 2 somewhat disagree and 0 disagree that the school is a friendly school that is tolerant and accepting of all students;
  - 38 strongly agree, 5 somewhat agree, 4 agree, 2 somewhat disagree and 2 disagree that the students are the school's main concerns;
  - 33 strongly agree, 6 somewhat agree, 6 agree, 3 somewhat disagree, 0 disagree and 5 no answer that the school has supportive welfare programs;
  - 32 strongly agree, 7 somewhat agree, 10 agree, 3 somewhat disagree and 1 disagree that the school offers challenging programs for its students;
  - 37 strongly agree, 4 somewhat agree, 9 agree, 2 somewhat disagree and 1 disagree that the school maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy;
  - 36 strongly agree, 9 somewhat agree, 4 agree, 4 somewhat disagree and 0 disagree that the school teaches and promotes core values;
  - 38 strongly agree, 5 somewhat agree, 8 agree, 2 somewhat disagree and 0 disagree that the school has competent teachers who set high standards of achievement;
  - 34 strongly agree, 7 somewhat agree, 8 agree, 2 somewhat disagree and 2 disagree that the school offers a wide range of extracurricular programs e.g. sport, music, drama, debating are offered;
  - 33 strongly agree, 9 somewhat agree, 8 agree, 3 somewhat disagree and 0 disagree that there is good student access to computers and strong technology programs and resources;
  - 37 strongly agree, 7 somewhat agree, 8 agree, 1 somewhat disagree and 0 disagree that the school promotes a healthy lifestyle;
  - 32 strongly agree, 9 somewhat agree, 9 agree, 2 somewhat disagree and 0 disagree that fair discipline exists within the school;
  - 33 strongly agree, 6 somewhat agree, 8 agree, 4 somewhat disagree and 3 disagree that the school promotes its uniform policy.
- Judging by the above results, we are pleased we have the support of the community however we can identify areas for improvement when we have our 2020 planning meetings.

Paul Sweeney  
Principal

## KINDER TO YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY - THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 2019

**AT 2.00PM**

The following students will be receiving an award at our Assembly this Thursday, 12 September. This Assembly will be run by the Possums class.

Justin Alvarez	Alexis Hawkey	Eve Ratcliffe
Olivia Avery	Shaylee Henry	Jasmine Sanders
Tex Carver	Evie-Jay Lang	Ruby Stewart
Travis Dudley	Josh Lenihan	Riley Teodo
Olivia Dudley	Airlee Mathie	Bryson Uleman
Henry Durnan	Thomas Meyers	Alice Young
Finn Efraemson	Aaliyah Mikolic	Addi Zalewski
Mackenzie Elliston	Dylan Moore	
Elise Fisse	Henry Niemoeller	
Sophie Fisse	Krislyn Press-Ford	

## COMING EVENTS:

11-13 Sep:	Year 4 Jindabyne Excursion
16-20 Sep:	Year 5 Berry Camp
Tue 24 Sep:	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>Fri 27 Sep:</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
<b>Mon 14 Oct:</b>	<b>Students and Staff return to school</b>
Thu 17 Oct:	Teddy Bears Picnic
	Stage 1 Camel Rock Excursion
Fri 18 Oct:	Special & Sport Photos
21 Oct-1 Nov:	Intensive Swimming
Thu 31 Oct:	K-2 Mulga Bill in Hall
7-14 Nov:	Life Education Van
11-15 Nov:	Book Fair
WED 13 Nov:	Year 5 'Get Hooked' Fishing Program
20-22 Nov:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
TUE 10 DEC:	Years 3/4/5/6 to High School Production
<b>THU 12 DEC:</b>	<b>Whole School Presentation Day</b>
MON 16 DEC:	Year 6 Farewell at Golf Club
Wed 18 Dec:	Last Day of Term 4

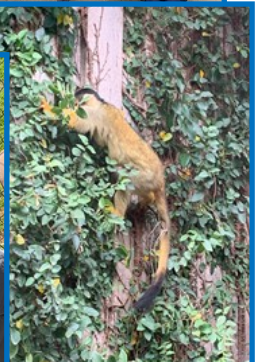
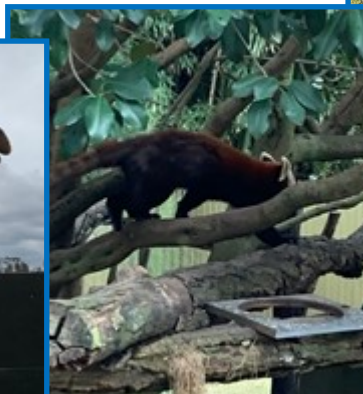
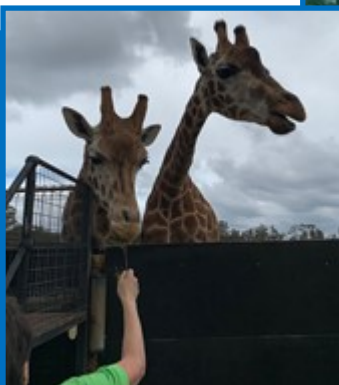
## Mogo Zoo Excursion

Last Thursday Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) students were super excited to visit Mogo Zoo. We started by visiting the African Lions and watched mother and daughter have a small snack.

The Cheetahs and Fallow Deer are always favourites and the Rothschild Giraffes were receiving a feed and using their blue/purple tongues. We were lucky enough to see the new Western Lowland Gorilla troop, the well camouflaged Southern White Rhino, the Radiated Tortoise and the Snow Leopard, and we learnt about the difference between apes and monkeys.

The Slender Tailed Meerkats were very cute and we learnt that the African Serval has both stripes and spots and can leap over 3 metres in the air. We got to see one sleeping and one very active Red Panda as well as the beautiful endangered Sumatran Tigers, The volunteers told us that the stripes of a tiger are equivalent to a human fingerprint: unique to everyone. Finally we met the Binturong which smell like popcorn.

We had an amazing day and all students enjoyed their time including games and lunch with the ducks. Thank you to Mogo Zoo for making this an amazing fun learning experience.



## The Tell Them From Me student survey - Years 4 to 6

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. We have already made some changes here at school following student feedback from the last survey.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 August and 25 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please contact the school by Tuesday, 17th September, 2019. This survey will only include students in Years 4 to 6.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

### **The Tell Them From Me parent survey Parent FAQ document for the parent survey:**

Our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>



**ANIMAL WELFARE ENGINE NSW**

# Tailwaggers

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
September  
NATA Oval Narooma  
Register for the walk at 9:00am  
for more information call Clare: 0403 013 493

- ~ CAR BOOT SALE: cars \$15, utes/trucks \$25
- ~ Stalls for pets and people
- ~ Free dog health checks
- ~ "Pet Parades"
- ~ Q & A Session with a local Vet
- ~ Lots of Fun and Games

\$10 per dog - any other dogs in your family just \$5

### **BOOKS FOR SALE**

**Saturday, 21 September, 2019**

**22 Crosswick Parade, Dalmeny**

Over 1000 second-hand children's and young adults books.  
50c from every book sold will be donated to the P & C.

### **LIGHTHOUSE MERIT AWARDS**

**5 Merit Awards = 1 Gold Lighthouse Award**

**5 Gold Lighthouse Awards = 1 Banner**

**3 Banners = 1 Gold Lighthouse Trophy**

**Please ensure Achievement/Merit Awards are handed in to the office by Friday, prior to the Assembly.**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is now only available online to students at Narooma Public School. Brochures will still be distributed to the students, but orders will need to be placed online.

Instructions for ordering online are included below. Books ordered online, will be sent to the school for distribution to students.

# SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

## Book Club **LOOP**

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



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**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

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