

# WARRAWONG Public School NEWSLETTER



11 November 2020 T4 Wk5



## Dates for the diary!

### 11 November

Remembrance Day Assembly

### 12 November

Kinder Orientation

### 16-27 November

Swimming & Water Safety 2-6

### 26 November

Book Club orders due

### 30 November-11 December

The School Dentist

## NAIDOC Week

This week is NAIDOC Week and Warrawong Public School is dedicating the week to learning more about Aboriginal Culture.

The theme for 2020 is "Always Was, Always Will Be."

"Always Was, Always Will Be.

Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future.

Through indigenous land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula.

The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines - of our lands and our waters.

For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country - a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Always Was, Always Will Be."

*(Celebrating NAIDOC Week 2020 <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>)*

## AA Award Winners

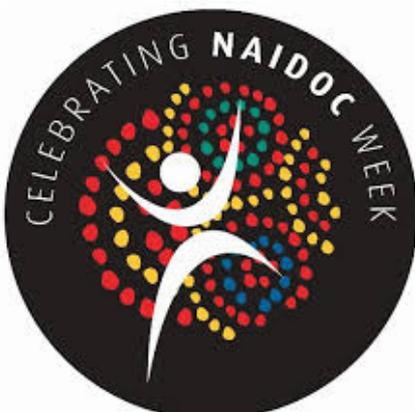
James N  
Cody M  
Michael L  
Japhet M  
Joshua M  
Patrick S  
Tahlia R

## AAA Award Winners

Ruby M	Jasmina M
Ellara I	Cadence L
Courtney R	Ashlee M
Ilda B	Tiana R
Parani WD	Keenen M
Paige W	Jean Paul B
Olivia G	Nam D
Tahnee B	
Viki F	
Zane P	
Logan D	

## Warrawong Way Award

Stefan P  
Ree M  
Ilda B  
Courtney R



## Merit Award Winners T4 Week 4

KM

Kaiden C, Justin B, Selina B

KC

Luka L, Levi U, Leah WW

1T

Kajiah DT, Reem A, Madison B

1B

Ziad A, Alex S, Zahara M

2OJ

Myi A, Nelckson A, Riley C

2P

Samuel B, Drew L, Hawraa A

3/4T

Joshua M, Jamaine C, Santata Lee K

3/4M

Callum A, Lilly T, Beijae-Raymond K

4/5H

Keenan M, Illiana D, Safran DS

5/6F

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5/6B

Itama M, Lachlan M, Chloe J

K/6K

Tia W, Mason C

3/6G

Aura M

K/6S

Chayton A

K/6J

Olivia G

## Assembly Awards

Newsletter Page

5/6B

Foyer Display

3/4T

Playground Focus

Wear your uniform

Focus Area

Review of lessons/makeup week

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## Remembrance Day - 11 November 2020

Today, our teachers conducted lessons with the students and also held a 1 minute silence to signify the importance of Remembrance Day.

The Rotary assembled a 'peace pole' yesterday at our school to reflect on those who dedicated their lives for our country.



## Swimming and Water Safety Program, 16-27 November

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program is conducted over **eight days**. Each daily lesson is 40 minutes.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided with correct technique in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

The Program is open to students in **Years 2 to 6**.

Instruction will take place at McKeon's Swim School and Western Suburbs Pool.

The Program will continue 4 days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at McKeon's Swim School and Western Suburbs Pool each Friday) from 16 November 2020 to 27 November 2020.

### THERE WILL BE NO COST FOR THIS PROGRAM

Notes have gone home today with your children. Number are limited, so please complete the form and return to the office ASAP.

## Kindergarten 2021

We are very excited to be welcoming our 2021 Kindergarten students to the school for their first Orientation Day on Thursday. Due to COVID restrictions Kinder Orientation has had to be very different this year. The school has released two videos on our You Tube channel to assist students and parents in beginning school at WPS. The videos have been viewed many times.

You can access the videos here:

Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoWDc8iFPU4&t=5s>

Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0ZcptsKiaA>

If you have or know someone with a child of school age in 2021 it is not too late to enrol. Please come along and visit our School Administration Office for an enrolment and information pack!

*It's Cool to be at School*

# Quality education in an innovative and supportive environment

## Book Club - Order Close, Thursday 26 November

Get in early and order books for Christmas gifts . . .  
The last book Club Catalogue for this year (Issue 8) is going home this week.

The cut off date for online LOOP orders will be Thursday 26 November.  
Remember online orders only.

## Year 6 Graduation

The good news is Year 6 Graduation will be going ahead this year. Due to COVID restrictions it will be different to the way we have planned it in the past.

Students will not be dressing for a formal occasion. It will be held at school during the evening. It will take the form of a games type night. Dinner will be served to students in a COVID safe way and a Graduation Ceremony will still be held.  
More details to follow.



## The School Dentist, 30 November - 1 December

Due to COVID restrictions, we have been asked by the School Dentist to re-send the consent forms home so families can give permission for their children to receive dental treatment.

It would be appreciated if you could have these forms completed and returned to the office by Friday 13 November.

## Urgent call on Library Books

Library borrowing has finished and we are recalling all books back to the library in preparation for Stocktake. Please send all library books that are at home back to school as soon as possible. Overdue slips went out last week. Parents and carers please help your child/children find and return their books to the library. Books can be placed in the returns tub in the library at any time during the school day. Payment for lost books can be made at the front office.

If parents have any questions regarding the return of, or lost, books please send a note in to me at the library.

## Library News - Extravaganza Week

What a fantastic Extravaganza Week we had in Week 3.

Both the senior and junior Book Parades that were held were a huge success and it was delightful to see the excitement and happy faces of the students at the parade. The weather was kind to us and we managed to run both parades smoothly. A big thank you to all parents and carers who helped their children prepare costumes for the parades. The children looked amazing!

Many students came into the library for the 'Curious Creature' photo booth and we saw some interesting 'monster' faces in the booth. The photos will be displayed in the library. Students took advantage of "story time" at 2nd lunch and enjoyed colouring creature book marks and colouring crazy creature colouring sheets in line with the Book Week's theme 'Curious Creatures Wild Minds'.

Perform Education presented live shows with singing and drama performances based on many of the books from the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlist. The three sessions allowed the performances to be tailored specifically at the different ages of the audiences so students enjoyed themes that were suitable for their ages.



## BOOKWEEK HAPPY SNAPS



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## ***Read Strong Warrawong - Ice cream cone fundraiser was a success!!***

A special thank you to our families and students who supported our Ice Cream Fundraiser during week 3.

***We raised \$347.35 and this money will be used to buy books for our end of year Book Fair.***

In December, students in K- 2 will be given 5 new books to read over the summer holidays to maintain their reading levels.

*Mrs McIlwain, Mrs Fothergill and Miss Suddick*  
*Read Strong Warrawong Committee*



## ***Thought of the Week***

*“Always Was, Always Will.”*

*NAIDOC 2020*

**Wayne Farquhar**  
**Principal**