

William Baydon Public School

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WBPS acknowledges the Gumbaynggirr people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respect to Elders who have cared for and continue to care for this land.



NEWSLETTER 29th July 2022 - Week 2 Term 3

Messages from the Principal

Welcome to term 3!! I hope everyone had a fabulous time over the school holidays with their children. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, where we will continue to work in partnership to make certain WBPS is continually growing and improving.

On Tuesday of this week, we celebrated NAIDOC. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers here to support their children and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people both within our school and the wider community. The national NAIDOC theme for 2022, Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!, pays respect to a proud history of resistance and activism by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It recognises First Peoples' resilience and strength and celebrates those who have driven and led significant change in their communities over generations. The 2022 theme is an encouragement to maintain this momentum and to continue to advocate and fight for change. The theme also encourages all of us to champion change, while celebrating those who have already driven and led change.

Next week, we again invite all parents and carers to visit the school on Wednesday to help us celebrate Education Week. It would be wonderful if every child in the school had someone here from their family so they can share with you the wonderful learning they are doing in the classrooms. We will share a lunch with families and children and acknowledge excellence achieved by our students.

Whilst the days are still cool, they are getting longer. With that means the sun is getting stronger and it is a timely reminder that all students must have a hat on to play outside. Students who do not

have hats will be directed to play under the covered areas. Australia has a harsh climate and we all need to do our part to protect our children's skin. If your child has misplaced their hat, the school has ample supply and a new hat can be purchased for \$14.

There will be a renewed focus on attendance this term, with a particular focus on absentee explanations. If your child is absent from school, an explanation as to why they were not at school is required to be forwarded to the school within seven days. The easiest way to do this, is to respond to the text message sent when your child is away. To encourage absentee explanations, every time an absence is explained, your child will receive a raffle ticket to enter a weekly draw for a \$5 canteen voucher. Please help us maintain our legal obligations, by returning an absence explanation and be in the running for a canteen voucher.

We wish our young athletes the best of luck as they compete in the Toormina district athletics carnival today. I know they will give it their best effort and make themselves, their families and the school proud.

I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you all here on Wednesday for Education week.

Jodie Perry
Rel. Principal



COVID-19 Update

There has been a blitz placed on COVID measures for the first 4 weeks of term to help minimise the risk of a COVID outbreak at school. Teachers will be wearing masks and children are encouraged to also wear masks. There will be an additional box of RAT kits sent home with each child for you to use if your child has COVID symptoms. As always, please notify the school if your child tests positive. Students who are displaying any symptoms, should be kept home, even if they test negative for COVID-19.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this area as we navigate the changing impact COVID is having on our schools.

Important Dates

Date	Month	Event
29th	July	Toormina District athletics carnival
3rd	August	Education week open day and lunch
4th		Coffs Cup (Half Day)
8th		Assembly
19th		Book Fair

REMINDERS

- Canteen is **Non-operational** Mondays.
- **Our school day starts at 8:25am. There are no teachers on duty to supervise children before this time.**
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend the whole school assembly, which is on every second Monday at 2pm.

Attendance

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day	3 days
30 mins per day	18 days

Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Current Notes

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Education Week - Due Monday 1st August

What's been happening

NAIDOC DAY

