



Newsletter

Aim High to Achieve

Term 4 Week 4

Tuesday 17th November 2020

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What's on at Warrimoo

TERM 4 NOVEMBER

WEEK 6

Wednesday 18th Opportunity Class Placement Test
Book Fair (8:30am - 4pm) 

WEEK 7

Wednesday 25th Year 6 - Blaxland High Transition Visit

WEEK 8

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st Christmas Food Collection - Mufti

Thursday 3rd Principal's Assembly - Students only

WEEK 9

Monday 7th Year 6 Fun Day

Friday 11th Year 6 Farewell 

WEEK 10

Wednesday 16th Last day of school for students 

JANUARY

TERM 1 2021

WEEK 1

Friday 29th First day back for students in Years 1-6

WEEK 2

FEBRUARY


Thursday 4th First day of Kindergarten 

PAYMENTS DUE

<u>Excursion</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due</u>
Year 6 Farewell	\$10	3/12



Reminder

Please ensure your child brings a **drink bottle** to school each day 

Principal's Report

Dear Parents Caregivers,

Blue Mountains Public Speaking Competition - Stage 2 & Stage 3

On Thursday 5th November, four of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students participated in the Blue Mountains Public Speaking Competition. This was the very first year that due to restrictions it was held via a Zoom setting. I would like to commend and congratulate the fantastic work that was displayed by Rose. B (Year 3), Bernie. D (Year 4), Taylor. H (Year 5) and Saskia. C (Year 6) who represented our school. A very special congratulations is in order for Taylor. H of Year 5 who won her grade competition. Under very tricky circumstances all of the students performed with true Warrimoo spirit, congratulations.

'Bob' the Bearded Dragon

On Friday of Week 4, 'Bob' the bearded dragon was observed by many of our students on the oval throughout the day. It appeared that he was sunning himself, as cold-blooded reptiles do, for the majority of the day. The students placed cones around him and continued with their games. Towards the conclusion of lunch, it was noted by Ms O'Connor that 'Bob' in fact had what appeared to be a great deal of ticks on his body. With the support of Mr Lane, we captured 'Bob', called Wires for a closer inspection and support. 'Bob' was delivered back into our playground on Monday of this week happy and healthy. I was informed that 52 ticks had been successfully removed from his body throughout the ordeal. During lunch on Monday, 'Bob' could be seen enjoying the sun and getting on with his life. We are pleased to have him back at Warrimoo Public School.



Staffing Changes for 2021

Currently we are in the recruitment process and will be filling a teaching position at our school through the merit selection process in the coming weeks. I was informed on Monday, via Human Resources, that an additional position within our school will be filled centrally by the Department of Education. On behalf of the entire school I warmly welcome Mrs Abbey Pagan to Warrimoo Public School in 2021. We look forward to meeting her and making her feel part of our team here at Warrimoo.

Year 6 Fun Day

As I am sure we can all agree, 2021 has certainly seen many challenges and disappointments for the students and staff. We have made the decision to plan for the Year 6 Fun Day on Monday 7th December at our school with Covid safe plans in place. While we cannot invite adults into the school this will certainly be a day of celebration for our Year 6 students and the entire school. Further information will be outlined as we near Week 9.

2021 NAIDOC Week

Last week, our school celebrated NAIDOC Week at Warrimoo Public School. Please see within this newsletter a rundown of some of the activities our students were involved in.

Book Character Parade and Book Fair

Today we held our Warrimoo Public School Book Character Parade. While it was very different not being able to share this with our parents and extended community, the students and staff really had a magnificent day celebrating books and reading. Please keep a watchful eye out for a more in depth write up in the Week 8 newsletter.

The Book Fair is currently running at our school across Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to possibly purchase a book and engage in reading. Thank you, Mrs McRae, for the amazing work that she has been doing preparing for this week.



Kindergarten Orientation Website

We officially commenced our transition to Kindergarten last week. We are looking forward to our second session this coming Friday. I would like to draw your attention to a website that our school has put together to assist in supporting the new students transitioning to our school successfully. Please feel free to share this information with families who are intending on sending their children to Warrimoo Public School in 2021.

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/warrimookinder/>

2021 School Travel Application

As we move towards the beginning of 2021 it is necessary for parents who may require an Opal Card for their child to travel via bus to or from school to complete an online application. Information related to how to apply will be forwarded home this week. Alternatively, you can access the following web address. <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/howToApply>



NSW Schools Update App

This app allows parents and caregivers to receive operational status updates for their children in NSW public schools, including notifications of temporary closures. To download the app you can search for 'NSW Schools Updates' in the App Store (for Apple devices), in Google Play (for Android Devices) or go to:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

2021 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2021 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2021. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Warrimoo Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is important also.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal



News from Learning Support

It has been another busy and productive year in Learning Support.



Mrs Joanne Teagle (SLSO), Ms Jacinta Richards (SLSO), Mrs Michelle Santoro (LaST), Ms Leigh Potts (SLSO)

Our SLSOs (School Learning and Support Officers - teachers' aides) have supported children when they need help in their classroom and on the playground.



News from Learning Support

We have had 33 children who have benefited from having an individual Learning Support program where they have worked one-on-one with our LaST (Learning and Support Teacher) Mrs Santoro and the SLSOs. Each one of these programs were individually written to target the specific child's identified area of need. This year they included programs that focused on phonics, reading (decoding and building fluency), writing, comprehension, numeracy, listening and recall of details, communication, and preparation for high school.



Through these programs we have seen all the students make progress in their learning.

News from Learning Support

However, Learning Support is not just about meeting academic needs. Recently our LaST, Mrs O'Brien has been teaching a social skills program to our Year 1 students to help them develop mature inter-personal skills.



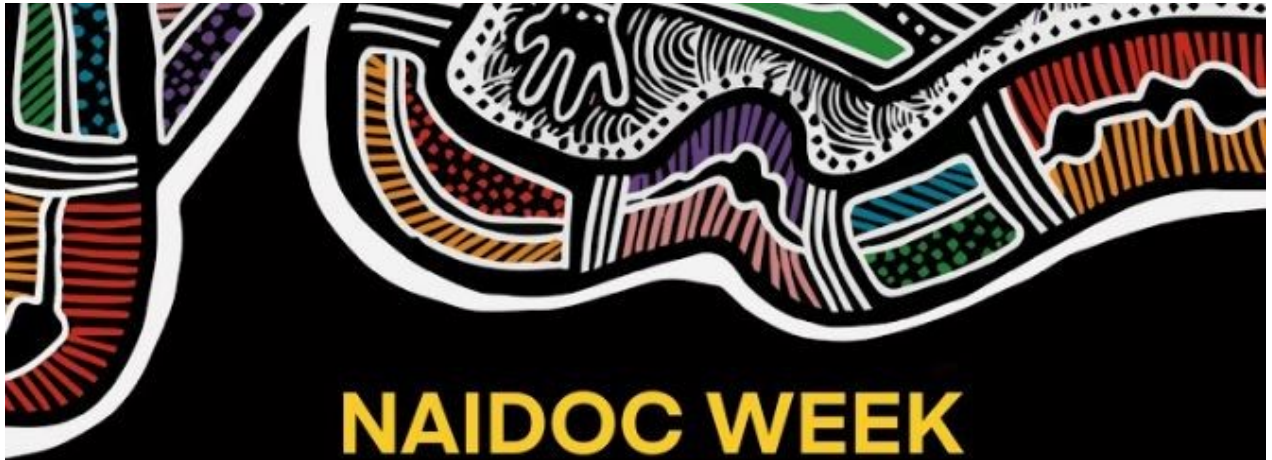
David Matheson, our school psychologist, and the Learning Support Executive team have also worked throughout the year to support our students in areas of academic, social and emotional needs.



David Matheson

We are proud of each of the students we have worked with this year, as they have displayed positive attitudes and great effort in their learning.

Naidoc week



NAIDOC WEEK

8th - 15th November

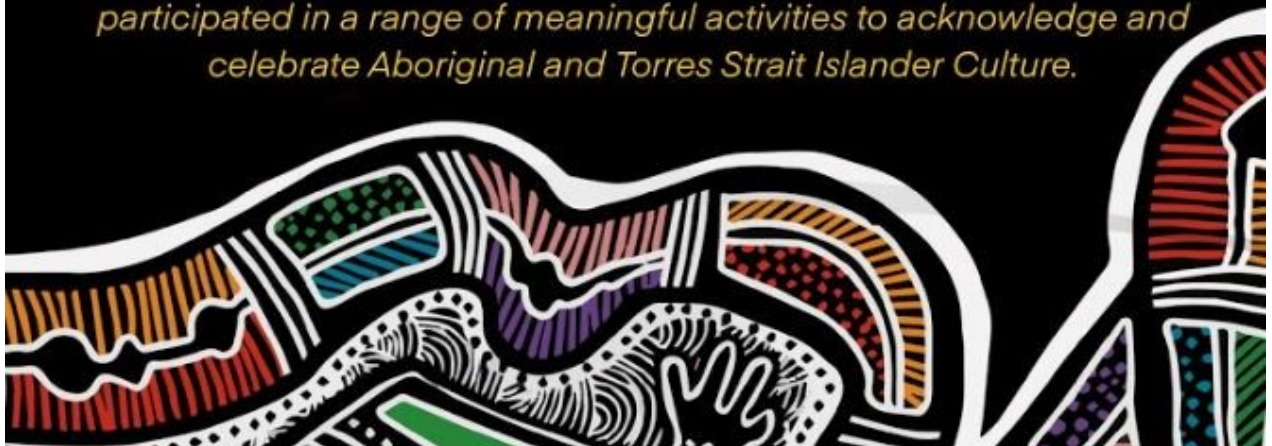
The 2020 National NAIDOC Poster, Shape of Land, was designed by Tyrown Waigana, a Noongar and Saibai Islander man.

Tyrown's artwork tells the story of how the Rainbow Serpent came out of the Dreamtime to create this land. It is represented by the snake and it forms the shape of Australia, which symbolises how it created our lands. The colour from the Rainbow Serpent is reflected on to the figure to display our connection to the Rainbow Serpent, thus our connection to country. The overlapping colours on the outside is the Dreamtime. The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country - since the dawn of time -

Always Was, Always Will Be Aboriginal Land.

(naidoc.org.au)

Throughout NAIDOC Week, students at Warrimoo Public School participated in a range of meaningful activities to acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture.



Naidoc Week



Exploring Country

Connection to Country is at the heart of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The connection between the land and it's people is based on respect.

*"The land is the mother and we are of the land. We do not own the land. Rather, the land owns us. The land is our food, our culture, our spirit and our identity".
(Dennis Foley - a Gai-mariagal and Wiradjuri man).*

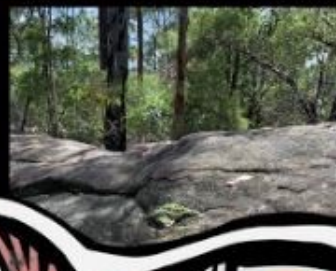
3W and 4M students explored their understanding of respecting the land through a 'Connecting to Country' mindfulness walk on Darug Country.

Students appreciated the life and beauty of country and its sounds. We discussed the importance of caring for country on which all human survival is dependent upon.



Naidoc Week

As we paused at 'Turtle Rock' and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Darug People, we were greeted by a pair of kookaburras. They kept a watchful eye on us as we respectfully revised our understanding of the difference between a Welcome to Country and an Acknowledgement of Country and learnt all about Darug land and language.



Naidoc Week

Exploring Stories of the Dreaming

The 'Dreaming', or the 'Dreamtime', is an oral history of the world and its creation, shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Dreamtime did not only take place at the beginning of time - it encompasses the past, present, and future. The stories may differ from place to place, but they have common features. For example, many feature Ancestral Beings, who created everything - animals, plants, rocks, and land formations - as they moved through the land in human form. They also created a system of relationships between the individual, the land, animals, and other people. The Ancestral Beings are models for human and non-human activity, behaviour, ethics and morality. (commonground.org.au)

K/1D had a great time celebrating NAIDOC Week and exploring Dreamtime stories from various tribes; in particular 'The Spirit Fingers' and 'Why Koala Has a Stumpy Tail'. We learnt basic Darug greetings like "Worimi" (Hello) and explored instruments and various dances representing stories of the Dreaming. We had a close look at the Aboriginal flag and learnt what the three colours represent. We looked at colours and symbols used in traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and painted boomerangs to decorate our classroom. It certainly was an enjoyable week!



Naidoc Week

Exploring Art & Music

Different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes used various sound instruments, including boomerangs, clubs, sticks, hollow logs, drums, seed rattles and of course the didgeridoo. IT explored various sound instruments, in particular 'clapping sticks'. Hudson brought in his very own clapping sticks and demonstrated their sound with the rest of the class before we all had a turn.



IT appreciated the work of Jimmy Pike, who was a Walmajarri man of the Great Sandy Desert. He used bold, bright colours in his work that reflected the love of his desert home. IT created their own version of Jimmy Pike's 'Japingka Waterhole'.



The Japingka Waterhole was one of the larger desert waterholes used by the Walmajarri people of the Great Sandy Desert. After summer rains came to the desert, it would fill up and provide enough water for the animals and the local people to gather and stay for a short time. During the rest of the year, the people would move away in small family groups to smaller waterholes and not meet up with other groups until the next summer rains.

(Japingka Aboriginal Art.com)

Naidoc Week



Japingka Waterhole by 1T

Naidoc Week

Exploring Traditional Symbols

There is no written language in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Cultural stories and knowledge is passed on through symbols in their artwork. Not all tribes across the land used the same symbols. 2O learnt about traditional symbols that are commonly found in Aboriginal art from various tribes.

We explored the meaning of various symbols and then created an artwork using commonly found symbols to tell a story of our own.



Naidoc Week

Exploring Cave Paintings

5/6H went on a reflection walk around the school to connect to our Bush School environment. We watched a video with Aboriginal Elders in the Northern Territory looking at cave paintings that were hundreds of years old. We learnt about the meaning of various symbols used in the cave paintings.

This inspired our students to reminisce about their time at Warrimoo and explored what traditional symbols could be used to represent their wonderful memories.



Naidoc Week

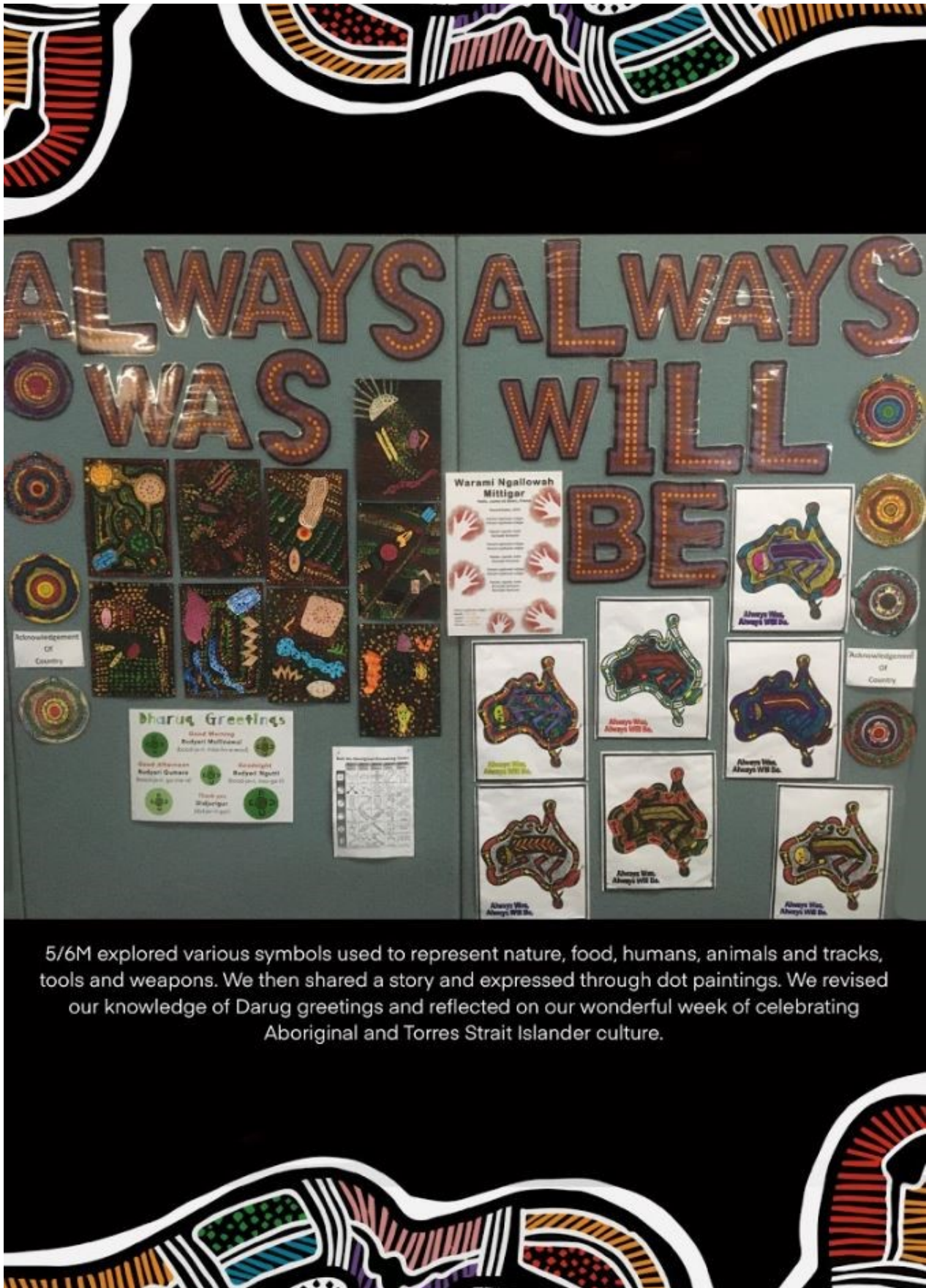
Exploring Traditional Games

Bowl-ball or disc games were played by Aboriginal boys and men in all parts of Australia. For example, in the disc-rolling game common throughout Western Australia - a piece of rounded bark (disc) was rolled by one of the players for the other boys to aim at. The boy who set the disc rolling was about 15 metres away from the throwers and would call out goal-goal (going-going) as they started the disc rolling. The boy or young man who succeeded in piercing the disc took the place of the roller. Accuracy of eye and speed in casting the spear were easily learned from the disc game. (Australian Sports Commission 2000)

5/6M played our own version of the Aboriginal game 'Gorri'. We had to try and hit the big ball as it was rolled down the middle. It was harder than we thought! Especially when they were further apart. We had so much fun!



Naidoc Week



5/6M explored various symbols used to represent nature, food, humans, animals and tracks, tools and weapons. We then shared a story and expressed through dot paintings. We revised our knowledge of Darug greetings and reflected on our wonderful week of celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Remembrance Day

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Remembrance Day is the anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I. People around the world pause for a 1 minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It is a special time to pause and reflect on those who died in all wars, conflicts and operations, including our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers.

On this day, our School Captains led us through a minute's silence as we paid our respects and remembered those who died in the line of duty.



Eagle Dance

Eagle Dance



As part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations, all students came together and participated in the Eagle Dance. The dance was created by Jo Clancy of the Wagana Dancers. It honours and celebrates our totem animal: Burumurring.

Burumurring represents the Ancestors watching over us, making sure we are protected as we look after country.

At Warrimoo Public School, we take care and appreciate the land and acknowledge that Warrimoo was and always will be Darug land.

Year 6 Fun Day

YEAR 6 FUN DAY is planned for **Monday 7th December** and will take place at various sites in the school grounds from 11:20am to 1:30pm.

Infants will be 11.20am – 12.20pm and Primary from 12.30pm – 1.30pm, following COVID Guidelines. All activities will be cleaned between the Infants and Primary sessions.

Students are asked to purchase tokens from Year 6 in order to participate in the activities.

TOKENS:

- 15 tokens for \$3.00
- 20 tokens for \$4.00
- 25 tokens for \$5.00

Tokens that are unused at the close of events will be placed in a lucky dip draw for several prizes to be won.

PAYMENT:

Students need to bring in the **correct money** and Year 6 students will be available in the COLA from 8:30am on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th December. For security sake, the number of tokens purchased by each student will be recorded and the tokens will be handed out on the morning of the FUN DAY.

All profits will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and gift to Warrimoo Public School. Students are permitted to wear mufti for the day. We hope you are looking forward to an awesome day.

A McIlwhan and E Harris.



Fun Day activities and games:

- Sponge throw
- Hair spray
- Face painting
- Haunted House
- Futsal
- Water Balloon catching
- Nerf Wars
- Laser Tag
- Soccer Shoot Out
- Various guessing competitions



Christmas Food Collection

Share the Spirit of Christmas
Warrimoo Public School S.R.C.
Tuesday, 1st December 2020
CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION

Students can support this Christmas Community Food Appeal by bringing along donations of food and they may wear comfortable mufti with closed footwear on **Tuesday, 1st December 2020**



This is what Gateway Family Services need the most to make up the 400 boxes



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| <input type="radio"/> Christmas Fruit Mince Pies | <input type="radio"/> Breakfast Cereals
ie. Coco Pops, Sultana Bran
and other 'kid' favourites |
| <input type="radio"/> Christmas Cakes or Puddings | <input type="radio"/> Salmon or Tuna - large tins |
| <input type="radio"/> Shortbread | <input type="radio"/> Coffee - instant, in jars |
| <input type="radio"/> Savoury Biscuits - any sort | <input type="radio"/> Lollies |
| <input type="radio"/> Juice - 1 ltr Long Life cartons | <input type="radio"/> Dried Fruit Snacks |
| <input type="radio"/> Soft Drinks - cans/ small bottles | <input type="radio"/> Tins Pineapple or Fruit Salad |
| <input type="radio"/> Tins Vegetables
ie. Carrots, Peas, Corn,
Beans, Potatoes, Beetroot, etc | <input type="radio"/> Long Life Custard |
| <input type="radio"/> Sauces, Chutneys & Salad
Dressings | <input type="radio"/> Jelly Crystals |

An initiative by Gateway Family Services

Please ensure all food is within the use by date.

Community NEWS



Blaxland High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

Uniform Shop is located within the school



Blaxland High School UNIFORM SHOP
Price List

NAME: _____ YEAR: _____ DATE: _____ REC# _____

ITEM	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
Girls				
JNR Short Sleeve White Blouse	35.00			
SNR Short Sleeve Sky Blouse	35.00			
Navy Shorts	35.00			
JNR Tartan Skirt/pleats	55.00			
SNR Tartan Skirt/pleats	55.00			
Navy Stretch Slacks	39.00			
Boys				
SNR Short Sleeve Sky Shirt	30.00			
SNR Long Sleeve Sky Shirt	33.00			
Bloop Shorts Navy	35.00			
Elastic Shorts Navy	32.00			
Bloop Trousers Navy	39.00			
Sloppy Joe V-Neck	38.00			
SNR Custom Polo	35.00			
JNR Custom Polo	35.00			
Knitwear				
50/50 Wool Jumper	71.00			
PIC Jumper	68.50			
Microfibre Jacket	68.00			
Sports				
Sport Shorts Std	32.00			
Sport Shorts Super	32.00			
Microfibre Trackpants	45.00			
Sports Polo	38.00			
Navy Cap	15.00			
Tote Bag	01.00			
Accessory				

NO PAYMENTS VIA SCHOOL WEBPAGE
ENQUIRIES DURING SHOP HOURS 0422766075

Purchase Online: daylightsportswear.com/blaxland
Please Pick-up all orders at the school uniform shop

MASTERCARD VISA EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE; CHECKES NOT ACCEPTED. NO LAYBY.
* Prices are subject to change without notice

November 2020	Monday	30th, November	8:00AM - 12:00PM
December 2020	Tuesday	1st, December - Orientation Day	8:00AM - 12:00PM
	Wednesday	2nd, December	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	Monday	7th, December	8:00AM - 12:00PM
	Wednesday	9th, December	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	Monday	14th, December	8:00AM - 12:00PM
	Wednesday	16th, December	10:00AM - 2:00PM
January 2021	Monday	18th, January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
	Tuesday	19th, January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
	Wednesday	20th, January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
	Thursday	21st, January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
	Monday	25th, January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
	Wednesday	27th, January	8:00PM - 2:00PM

NORMAL HOURS MONDAY: 8:00am - 12:00pm
WEDNESDAY: 10:00am - 2:00pm

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MASTERCARD VISA EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE. AMEX, DINERS OR CHECKES NOT ACCEPTED. NO LAYBY.

Community NEWS



MUSEUM OF FIRE 2020 ART COMPETITION

To pay tribute to our brave firefighters following the horrors of last summer the Museum of Fire is hosting our first art competition for primary school-aged children. We encourage all parents and schools to ask students to paint, draw, etch or use any medium they like to get creative and produce a work around the topic of bushfires.

Those selected for our short list will be displayed in the Museum over summer and a panel will then select a winner from those in our gallery. We will also have a viewer's choice award that will be voted on over the summer by visitors to the Museum and also online in our virtual exhibition!

Please see the terms and conditions below before entering your artwork.

WHO CAN ENTER? Entry into this competition is FREE and open to all Australian primary school aged residents!

Topic: Bushfires

Competition Entry Dates: Entries open 1st November 2020 and close 30th November 2020

