



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 4

5 November 2020

Week	Date	Event	Time
7	26 November 2020	Year 1 & 2 Timbertown	All Day
8	30 November to 2 December 2020	Kindergarten Transition	9.30am to 11am
8	4 December 2020	Surf Education Program	All Day



“A mind needs books as a whetstone, if it is to keep its edge.”

- George R.R. Martin

Principals Desk

Welcome to Week 4 of what is a rapidly disappearing term. What an exciting week we enjoyed last week at our school, highlighted by Years 3 and 4 students enjoying their major excursion for 2020.

Despite some inclement weather our Year 3 and Year 4 students enjoyed a wonderful couple of days on the Adventureland Forster Excursion.

Whilst many children reported the waterslides was the highlight of the trip, there was much enjoyment and benefit gained from the team and confidence building skills experienced in kayaking, giant swing, archery and other experiences afforded the children on this camp. We understand that 2020 has been a difficult year for families both financially and emotionally, and as such we are extremely grateful to parents who found a way for their children to be engaged in these invaluable experiences. The smiles on the students faces, the stories coming from their mouths and the pictures both later in the newsletter and online suggest this excursion will be one that is treasured for years to come.

Our staff and that of the Forster Adventureland reported that the children's behaviour and engagement were of the highest order which is a wonderful reflection on our community which we should all be proud of!

Likewise, your youngest children in Kindergarten had some memorable experiences last week on their major excursion for 2020 at Billabong Zoo. The children displayed incredible behaviour and interest throughout their trip and returned to school with loads of smiles and stories from their great adventure!

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 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. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country has enabled the endurance of 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 ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, 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.

On Friday 13th November, our students will celebrate NAIDOC Day. Students will engage in a number of activities including Aboriginal painting, Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories, Traditional Indigenous Games and more!

For NAIDOC day, all students are encouraged to wear the Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow.

Kindergarten Transition

This week is also significant for the announcement of the commencement of Kindergarten 2021 Transition during Week 8. Whilst a little shorter this year, we are very excited to have Transition taking place on Monday 30 November, Tuesday 1 December and Wednesday 2 December from 9.30am - 11.00am.

Telegraph Point Public School - Enrolment Boundary

Every NSW Public School has an enrolment boundary to ensure all local students are able to enrol in their local school. The boundary for Telegraph Point Public School can be found using the Department of Education's [School Finder](#) site.

All NSW Government schools follow the Department's [General Enrolment Procedures which provide information on the entitlements, requirements and procedures to enrol students](#).

Telegraph Point Public School has reached the school's enrolment buffer, this means we must hold our remaining spaces for local students.

We are currently unable to accept non-local enrolments. Families who do not reside within our boundary are strongly encouraged to visit their local public school for enrolment. All public schools are committed to providing exceptional outcomes for all students.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for the 2020 educational year. If you are intending on enrolling your child next year please contact the school office.

Enrolments can be taken on line. The link to do this is

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=3176&catchmentLevel=primary>.

When you follow the link scroll down a little bit to find the heading **Get started with your application**, then in the **enrolling for** box select 2021 (for kindergarten children starting school in 2021) Calendar Year, and then in the box underneath enter your address. This will bring up a box saying **Apply on Line**. Click that box and then you just complete information as requested.

When to start school

Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31 July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Our Hastings Valley Community of Schools (Telegraph Point PS, Tacking Point PS, Hastings PS, Port Macquarie PS, Westport PS and Lake Cathie PS) have collectively postponed the School Swimming and Water Safety Program until March next year. Our schools are committed to providing this important program, but we want to ensure that it is organised in a way which supports the participation and safety of our students during this unprecedented time. Our school will now participate in the program in March 2021 and again in Term 4 2021.

Selective High Schools

Parents of Year 5 students. Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunityclasses/year-7>. The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date. Note there are no selective high schools in Port Macquarie or Kempsey.

Birthdays

At this stage no birthday cakes can be brought into the school during the current protocols. Your support with this is appreciated. Some of our families have brought ice blocks etc in, which are individually wrapped and meet protocols.

Uniform Shop

For school uniform needs please call the office and we will organise to get what you need and send it home with your child. Payment should be made, if possible on line directly to the P&C account or alternatively by EFTPOS over the phone.

Communication

If you have an issue or concern please contact the classroom teacher, the Assistant Principal or myself. From time to time issues arise at school. This is perfectly normal for any school setting so if you have any questions, issues, enquiries or you want feedback on any aspect of your child's schooling please ring to make a mutually convenient appointment time with your child's teacher, Assistant Principal or myself.

Duncan Adams

Principal

Adventureland Stage 2 Camp Review

Drake: My favourite activity was the waterslide. It was fun coming out the end of the slide into the pool.

Deklan: The giant swing looked really scary when you were going up. When you were coming down you could feel the breeze and it was fun. It was really just like a normal swing, but higher.

Alannah and Heidi: Camp was extremely fantastic and fun. My personal two favourite activities were the water slides and canoeing. It was fun and safe and I think that other classes should go to Adventureland in the future.

Sharayah: Camp was the most amazing place in the world. I think everyone should go to Adventureland to enjoy the amazing, spectacular rides and activities. We did a ropes course that was very scary. I didn't want to finish the course but the instructors helped me and my class cheered me on. When I finished I couldn't believe that I finished it.

Evie: Thank you for letting us go to camp, I think everyone should go to camp! It was fun and safe. My favourite activity was the giant swing. I got pulled up by my fellow classmates. They had to pull a rope so I would go higher and higher until I said "STOOOOP!". It was super scary. And then CLICK. The click meant you were about to fly through the air. The whole time at camp they fed us well.

Myley: Thank you for letting us go to camp. It was so much fun. We would like if Telegraph Point could go back again. My favourite activity was the giant swing. I went extremely high. All the people in my class pulled the rope until I would say stop. Then I would go back and forwards on the swing. We were well fed at all times.

Brock: I liked the waterslides and the giant swing.

Oliver: I liked the big waterslides because we could race each other to the bottom.

Merit Award Recipients - Term 4 Week 2

KW	<i>Tom K</i>	<i>Immity F</i>	<i>Xander P</i>	<i>Rachael D</i>
1C	<i>Rachel L</i>	<i>Harry B</i>	<i>Grace B</i>	<i>Donovan G</i>
2J				
3/4H	<i>Evie C</i>	<i>Coopah C</i>	<i>Sharayah F</i>	<i>Alice K</i>
4/5C	<i>Zoey L</i>	<i>Zac C</i>	<i>Sophie K</i>	<i>Cohen T</i>
5/6H	<i>Tiger S</i>	<i>Taelor W</i>	<i>Alaric W</i>	<i>Jordan B</i>



Merit Award Recipients - Term 4 Week 3

KW	<i>Shivarnnie A</i>	<i>Mia M</i>	<i>Mack C</i>	<i>Lincoln S</i>
1C	<i>Arabella E</i>	<i>Mya-lee G</i>	<i>Charlie B</i>	
2J	<i>Lachlan T</i>	<i>Persia M</i>	<i>Riley M</i>	
3/4H	<i>Deklan M</i>	<i>Sam T</i>	<i>Heidi B</i>	<i>Scarlett W</i>
4/5C				
5/6H	<i>Stella T</i>	<i>Ruby C-Y</i>	<i>Lily G</i>	<i>Hannah M</i>
	<i>Indy H</i>	<i>Jack T</i>	<i>Daniel I</i>	<i>Blake C</i>



Reading Award Recipients - Term 4 Week 2 & 3

50 Nights Reading

Liam T-S

Zoe C

Mia M

Vivienne M-G

75 Nights Reading

Lucy C

125 Nights Reading

Heidi B

150 Nights Reading

Logan R

Zack H

175 Nights Reading

Logan R

Xander P

Zack H

200 Nights Reading

Zack H

250 Nights Reading

Mitchell K



EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



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- ❖ Click the "Newsletters and Notes" heading (top menu)
- ❖ Click on "Subscribe to receive newsletters and notes"
- ❖ Under the "Subscribe" heading, tick the "Newsletters List" and the appropriate year list for your child/children
- ❖ Enter in your name and email address
- ❖ Click Subscribe
- ❖ IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your
- ❖ email address. You MUST click the "Activate Now" inside the email that is sent to you

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 13 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours Sincerely

Duncan Adams

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 16 November 2020.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 13 October 2020 and 16 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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'Voice of the People'

Q. What is one thing you really love doing and why?

A. I love riding motorbikes, it's so much fun!

Q. If you could tell your younger self something what would it be?

A. Don't be silly...

Q. What are you going to miss about Primary School?

A. I don't think I'll miss anything.

Q. What are you most looking forward to, going into High School?

A. I can't wait to do Woodwork and Metalwork.

Q. What has been your most memorable moment at Telegraph Point Public School?

A. Jack teaching me how to play handball.

Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

A. Driving trucks!



Kurt G
5/6 H

Q. What is one thing you really love doing and why?

A. Cooking spaghetti and meatballs for my family.

Q. If you could tell your younger self something what would it be?

A. Learn your sight words and sounds well. Pay attention.

Q. What are you going to miss about Primary School?

A. Easy work, the teachers and only having one teacher!

Q. What are you most looking forward to, going into High School?

A. Meeting new people and cramming at 3am for the HSC.

Q. What has been your most memorable moment at Telegraph Point Public School?

A. When my name got called out for the Year 5 Literacy Award. I was so overwhelmed and full of excitement.

Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

A. Graduating University as a Paramedic!



Daniel I
5/6 H



Lily G
5/6 H

Q. What is one thing you really love doing and why?

A. Camping! It's so much fun.

Q. If you could tell your younger self something what would it be?

A. Work Hard!

Q. What are you going to miss about Primary School?

A. I'm going to miss all the teachers.

Q. What are you most looking forward to going into High School?

A. Meeting new friends.

Q. What has been your most memorable moment at Telegraph Point Public School?

A. The Canberra trip and the Great Aussie Bush Camp!

Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

A. Studying at University to be a Vet.

Q. What is one thing you really love doing and why?

A. Hanging with my cat Bazzy, he just sleeps all day!

Q. If you could tell your younger self something what would it be?

A. Good job at learning to read and talk to people.

Q. What are you going to miss about Primary School?

A. Staying in the same classroom all day.

Q. What are you most looking forward to, going into High School?

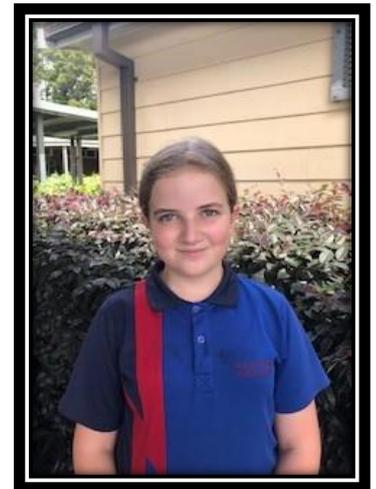
A. Leaving a primary school!

Q. What has been your most memorable moment at Telegraph Point Public School?

A. My first day at this school my friend told me to watch out for mood swings; laughed, then cried!

Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

A. Working at a Zoo!



Ruby C
5/6 H



Indy H
5/6 H

- Q. What is one thing you really love doing and why?
A. **Sport, being active and having fun with my friends.**
- Q. If you could tell your younger self something what would it be?
A. **Always listen to your teacher and have goals.**
- Q. What are you going to miss about Primary School?
A. **Being the oldest and a role model to other kids.**
- Q. What are you most looking forward to going into High School?
A. **Meeting new people and trying new subjects.**
- Q. What has been your most memorable moment at Telegraph Point Public School?
A. **I was very proud to be chosen to speak at NAIDOC week**
- Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?
A. **Studying to be a Vet or working on a farm.**



Shelby H
5/6 H

- Q. What is one thing you really love doing and why?
A. **I like hanging out with Jordan.**
- Q. If you could tell your younger self something what would it be?
A. **Pay attention in class!**
- Q. What are you going to miss about Primary School?
A. **All my friends who are going to other schools.**
- Q. What are you most looking forward to, going into High School?
A. **Meeting new people.**
- Q. What has been your most memorable moment at Telegraph Point Public School?
A. **The camps, they were both really good!**
- Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?
A. **Who knows?...**