

Boolaroo Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

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Cultural Day

On Wednesday we will be holding a Cultural Day at school. The students will be playing games that are played by students in different countries, tasting food from different countries and listening to visitors who have been invited to talk to our students about their country of origin. The students will also be involved in a dance demonstration of 'Zumba'. This should be an interesting day for our students. We ask that you send to school a small dish of food from another country to share with others.

NAIDOC

Last week Mrs Bridges and several students attended the NAIDOC awards ceremony for the Aboriginal Art Competition. This year we were unsuccessful in winning the top prize for schools but we were given an encouragement award and a very lovely art pack prize.

Our students had a great day. They saw lots of other school entries and were treated to performances by an aboriginal dance group.



Kindergarten 2010 Transition

All kindergarten students for 2011 will attend school on Tuesday mornings for up to two hours. The Transition program will begin on Tuesday 26th October and continue each Tuesday until the 30th November. The children will be involved in activities that will build their confidence and skills. They will get to know their teachers and other students in the class. This is an important time for the children and their families. Please pass the word around in the community. Everyone is welcome.

Dates for Your Diary

27 th October	Cultural Day
2 nd November	Kindergarten Transition
2, 3, 4 & 5 Nov	Canberra Excursion Yr 5 & 6

Peer Support

Peer Support will begin this week and will run for six weeks. The theme for this year's lessons is **Living Positively** and focuses on Optimism (where we think and act positively) The children will work in small groups managed by a Year 6 leader and a Year 5 co-leader. The focus for this week's lesson is acting positively.

Stockland Stars & Coles Sport Program Reminder

Stockland Stars has now closed.

Hurry Coles Sport for Schools closes this Sunday 31st October. So bring your vouchers in before Friday 5th November.

Classroom Capers.

K-1-2-3

Last week we began looking at different countries around the world to build our students' knowledge in readiness for our Cultural day. The students have been listening to stories from other countries, colouring flags and learning about the ways different people live and dress. One activity the students found most interesting was finding the origin of their names.

This week we will continue to learn more about people around the world. I will be sending home a small project for homework for our students this week based on this topic. Most students will need your assistance to prepare their project. The students will share their work by presenting their project to the class next week.

Heather Lewis



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4-5-6

Only a week to go until the Stage 3 Canberra excursion. Your child has received a note today with last minute reminders. Please ensure that the children arrive at school on time on Tuesday morning as the bus has to make another pick up at Arcadia Vale school at 6 o'clock.

The children from Year 4 and those not attending the excursion will work in K/1/2/3 room. They will have their own class work to complete during this time.

Birthdays and Awards

Birthdays

D'arcy Jones	12
Jaspah Edmonds	7
Tyler O'Neill-Cheers	6



Awards

Bronze

Jonathan Usher
Charlotte Redman
Brittany McLennan
Tyeisha Whitten
Sianna Hitchin
Joshua Pinkowski
Ashley Pickowski
Tamika Gall-Strauss

Silver



School Vandalism

It has been noted that on the weekends we have had some visitors to our playground leaving unwanted messages.

Please report any vandalism or suspicious trespassers in school grounds to the School Security Number 1300 880 021



HOWL-O-WEEN

With the Hounds

Sunday 31 October

Speers Point Park

9am – 3pm

Come dress in your favourite costume!

Bring along the family dog

(dogs must be on a lead at all times)

Family Fun Day

- Oakvale Farm Petting Zoo
- Trick or Treat Dog agility course
- Jumping castle
- Stalls and food
- Free balloons and giveaways
- Dog competitions

For more information see the flyer on the noticeboard.

or Lake Macquarie City Council website:

www.lakemac.com.au



Premiers Reading Challenge

29 of our Students will be having their names published in 'The Sun Herald Honour Roll'.

The Sun-Herald is proud to support the Premier's Reading Challenge. Inside each week's *Sun-Herald* there will be interviews, stories and activities about this year's Challenge, and we will publish the names of students who have completed the 2010 Challenge in two special Honour Rolls that accompany *The Sun-Herald*.

The Honour Roll comes in two parts due to overwhelming numbers; students with surnames starting **A-K** published on November 22 and **L-Z** published on November 29.



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