



Making boomerangs for our NAIDOC activities.....

Diary Dates:

Education Week Awards - Wednesday 29th July @ MVHS 4—5:30pm

Education Week Open Day - Friday 31st July 9am to 11am

Student Leader Breakfast @ Cessnock Performing Arts Centre Tuesday 4th August

Father's Day Stall - Friday 4th September

Father's Day - Sunday 6th September

Terrigal Trotters - Saturday 12th September

Welcome to Week 2, of term 3.

I trust everyone stayed warm over the weekend with snow falling in many areas across the state bringing cold air and unsettled weather to our region making it cold and miserable indeed.

Many of our children and staff are unwell with only half of our students at school on Friday. Last week we spoke to all of our children about careful sneezing and coughing, and the need for hygiene observation during cold and flu season. Both classrooms have anti-bacterial hand gel on teacher's desks for use after using tissues. Of course, as usual, we do encourage families to keep unwell children at home until they're fully recovered.

In last week's newsletter I invited our parent community to nominate recipients for this year's Education Week Awards in the areas of teacher, non-teaching staff member, community member, school program and student, along with the reason for the nomination. As yet, I've not received any nominations from our parent community and should you wish to nominate someone, please contact me prior to 5pm this afternoon (Monday 20th) as the nominations must be submitted.

As part of celebrating Education Week, we'd like to invite parents and family members to school next Friday (31st July) at 9am to spend the morning in

'school', learning how our school immerses our students in the morning literacy session, including L3, Book Club, visual literacy and Daily 5.

We'd like to finish with a light morning tea at 11am and would like each family to bring a plate to share with our school community.

Our students will be making tee pees for the gardens over the next few weeks and we'd love the donation of any old and odd balls of wool and string you may have at home. Please bring them to the classroom if you have any to donate.

I'm happy to say that we've been successful in our application for funding to run specified sporting programs at school at part of the Sporting Schools program during terms 3 and 4 of this year. I'll be finalising this over the next few weeks and as soon as the funding arrives, we should be able to commence. This will compliment our school sporting program nicely and give our students access to specialised coaching in sports.

Until next term,

Donna Stackman

Congewai Clearing Sale

Saturday 22nd August commencing at 9am

News from the classroom:

Speaking and Listening topic: The topic for this week is "I think everyone should do as I say because.....".

Friday - Library: Library lessons with Mrs Van Der Wel this week. Don't forget your library books.

Class Photographer: Cain did a great job as our first class photographer last week. Have a look on our school's Face Book for his photos. Keep an eye out for this week's photographer's photos next Monday.

Special play time: Last week our Student Council decided that a student each week would be chosen to do special activities with a friend of their choice, each break time for a week. This will be chosen each Monday and is done using a computer program which chooses names randomly. This student initiative will now be part of our school's wellbeing program for term 3 and 4. Our first student drawn was Tamsyn. She will get to choose which activity she would like to do for the week.

Working with numbers is lots of fun!

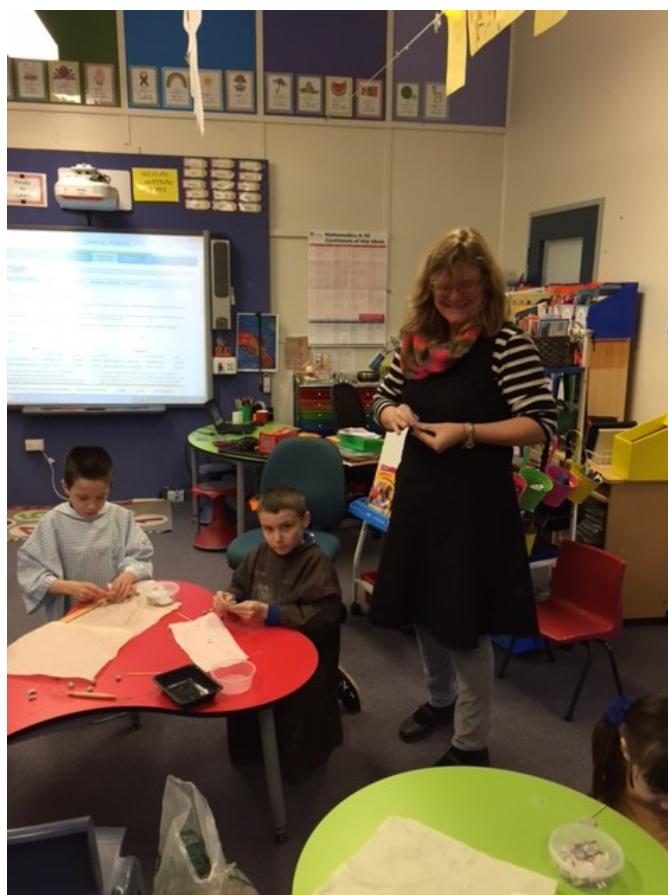


Making beads from clay....



Our clearing sale is on Saturday, August 22nd.

Items to be bought to the school site by Friday 21st.
20% of sale price payable to the school. Please call us at school for further details including site bookings



Our term 3's Canteen Menu has started. If your child didn't bring a menu home, please ask them to get one this week. It is on our school's website, should you need one quickly.

Orders should be in on each Wednesday.