On Wednesday 24 June 2015, Staff, Community and students participated in our annual NAIDOC ceremony. The ceremony was proudly led by our School Captains, Tara and Peter, while Elder Brian “Bamey” McGrady and children Charlie Murphy and Nyla Prince assisted in flying our flags. This year the theme was “Sacred Ground.” Aliesha Prince proudly spoke of our sacred places and their importance to our past, present and future. The delicious cakes organised by St. Joseph’s Catholic School were eagerly devoured, followed promptly by the barbeque.

This year we catered our activities a little differently, with both games and educational seminars being held. While Kindergarten to Year 2 students were being creative, the remaining students learned about the effects of drugs on our systems. Thank you to Adam Bartlett for running this talk.

After this, Primary left the hall to participate in games, whilst High School continued with an Alcohol Awareness talk conducted by Tom French from Moree. While this may seem like a strange setting to have such events, the opportunity to have parents and family members attend these talks with their children was invaluable.

A big thank you to all who helped organise activities, and a HUGE thank you to our students, who once again stepped up to the plate in the organisation and running of events. A great day in all!

Ms Alison Barwick

NAIDOC Co-ordinator

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We either make ourselves miserable, or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same.

Carlos Castaneda
Mungindi Show 1 & 2 August 2015

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Good for Kids good for life

Simple and inexpensive physical activity
Increasing the amount of physical activity in your child’s day is a simple and inexpensive way to improve their health and wellbeing. Being active needn't cost a lot or take up a lot of time. Here are some fun and easy ways to include more activity in your child's day:

♦ Playing games like 'Simon Says' or 'Follow the leader'
♦ Playing with the dog
♦ Going for a walk
♦ Playing in the park
♦ Dancing in the lounge room
♦ Kicking a ball in the backyard

Encourage your kids to be creative while having fun and being active, for example:
♦ To make bats or racquets, roll up newspaper or use cardboard tubes
♦ For markers or obstacles for games, use plastic bottles, containers or shoes
♦ Brooms or mops can be used for hurdles or the limbo bar
♦ Chalk, rope or masking tape are great for game markings e.g. hopscotch, handball

If you have a backyard, make the most of it! Play hopscotch or elastics, chalk up some handball markings, create a soccer goal from bins or other backyard objects or you could put up a netball or basketball hoop.

There are lots of simple and inexpensive ways to help your kids be active every day.

Reference: Q4: The Coast in Motion - Family ACTIVation Pack
Welcome back everyone to what will be a very busy and active Term Three. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Peter Shakells to our Primary team at the school. His experiences at a number of Primary and Central schools will be very valuable as he takes on the role of part time classroom teacher and replacement for Primary teachers on professional development. He does come with a range of skills which we will make strategic use of this Term. I am sure that we wish him all the best in his position and will make his induction a pleasant and enjoyable one. Please take the time to introduce yourself if and when you get the chance.

As we launch into the third Term of the school year this is a big one as this is our consolidation Term. Critical for the school as we need to negotiate our anticipated enrolment return for next year plus the many aspects of planning involved in our multi strand transition processes for Preschool and Year 6 students. This is also a fairly significant time for our Year 12 students, as they start their last Term of formal schooling. I am not sure just how much thought has been put into this by the students as yet, but once it all dawns on them there may well be a few reactions of shock mixed with pleasure and relief. Some of these may well happen all at once so be prepared for some emotional responses. But once this is over I am sure they will settle down into their very mature routine of hard work and study. Our job is to make this process as manageable for each of them. So please let’s all work together to do the very best for this talented and capable group of students.

For quite some time the school has been anticipating a number of Technology upgrades across the school. As a number of these are now almost fully completed with only the upgrade to the whole school wireless solution to be done. The time is right to make a major investment for the secondary students and staff within the school. As many secondary parents may be aware the student laptops are getting quite old and showing significant signs of wear and tear. As we are no longer operating under a system that provides students with new technology, the time is right to upgrade all the students’ laptops. I have decided to do this based on the fact that as 21 Century learners they need to be able to access online resources in a timely and reliable way. While these laptops will remain the property of the school they will be for individual student use while at school. Our Stage 6 students will be able to get access to these for home use as their needs are by far more diverse. As a result, the school will require a deposit and a contract for the safe and responsible use of each of these devices. As the school has made this quite significant investment in providing new Technology for the use of our students there is a need to have a level of security if the need ever arose where repairs were required. Part of this process will enable each student to use a laptop that has been assigned to them personally. Effectively making it their own in school Technology while they are at school. Before this can happen each Secondary student will need to sign a contract and pay a $50 deposit to the front office. I appreciate that this may well present a challenge to some families but for the sake of new quality Technology this is a relatively small request and I thank you for your support in this process.

The school P & C have for quite some time managed to operate the school canteen for one day a week. With a number of situations changing this is now no longer a practicable or manageable process. As a result we are in the position where we will need to seek expressions of interest for external businesses to provide the food for the canteen to be a functional and viable process. How this is organised will still need to be finalised but I believe it is something that is important for our children to have access to.
We are in the initial stages of deciding what our reward day will be for the end of this Term. As mentioned in previous newsletters our plan was to increase the excitement and variety of the activity each Term. The plan would be to have a number of jumping castles and laser tag as the end of Term activity. Final negotiations are still to be made as to which versions we opt for but rest assured that it will be a child’s excitement fest, the challenge will be to find a balance for Primary and Secondary students.

Our journey to fully access the Positive Behaviour for Learning process continues. Staff have just done some work in identifying the detail for our focus areas having made use of the feedback provided by parents and others during NAIDOC week. We are making use of our regions Positive Behaviour Learning Support Person based in Tamworth to inform us of where our focus needs to be to successfully implement the program within the school.

There will be more information each week to keep everyone informed. Please let the school know if you are happy with the information we are providing on Phone: 0267 532 207.

All the best.

Mr Erich Riesinger

Principal
EMMA-LEIGH and Jason Dorrstein welcomed a daughter on Saturday 11 July. The baby has been named Jessica Sarah and all are doing well. We hope that Miss Emma will be able to visit us at school and show off her beautiful baby.

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All foods are subject to availability. We are always looking for people to help in the canteen, or if you wish to donate fruit, that would be fantastic. Many hands make light work.