**TERM 2 CALENDAR**

**Week 3**
- Mon 14th May  P&C Meeting 2pm
- Tues 15th May  NAPLAN
- Wed 16th May  NAPLAN
- Thurs 17th May  NAPLAN
- Fri 18th May  Lime Excursion to the Civic 'Josephine wants to dance'

**Week 5**
- Tues 29th to
- Thurs 31st May  Book Fair
- Thurs 31st May  Grandparent's Day

**Week 7**
- Mon 11th June  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Fri 15th June  StarStruck Performances Matinee and Evening Performances
- Sat 16th June  StarStruck Performances Matinee and Evening Performances

**Week 10**
- Mon 2nd July  NAIDOC Special Assembly

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**Our Fortnight at Fennell Bay**

Students have settled back into school routines after the Term 1 break and are ready for a busy term ahead. Our StarStruck performers head off to Newcastle Entertainment Centre on Friday ready for their first rehearsal. Under the direction of Michelle Fragar, students are well on track and sound great with their song list.

Last Friday I welcomed our new Director to Fennell Bay. James Brigden comes to Lake Macquarie West from Maitland Office as Director. I told our staff we will look forward to Mr Brigden’s support of our school as Director.

NAPLAN is next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students in Year 3 and 5 should arrive at school on time and ready to start on those days.

Please keep an eye on Term 2 newsletters which will provide dates on coming events including Kindergarten excursion, Grandparents Day, Starstruck, NAIDOC Week Celebrations and student reports.

Looking forward to seeing you at our P&C meeting on Monday 14/5/18 at 2pm in our Connected Classroom.

**Colin Scully**
Principal.

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**News From the Office**

- Tomorrow is the last day for the Sports for School promotion vouchers. Please bring any remaining vouchers to the office. Thank you all for great response.
- Entertainment Books are available at the office for $65. Each book we sell, $13 contributes to our P&C fundraising.
Tangerine Class Happenings

It has been a busy start to Term 2 for Tangerine class. We have started to read an exciting adventure book called Rowan of Rin. One of the interesting personalities in the book is the character of Sheba who smells of bitter herbs and ash. When the class arrived this morning, they were greeted by the awfully strong smell of garlic chives which they all agreed would be a terrible scent to have to be around.

In Science, Tangerine designed and built solar ovens. They took the ovens out onto the basketball court and made melted cheese quesadillas and s'mores. Who knew that learning could be so delicious?

ANZAC Day

Captains and students from Fennell Bay attended the ANZAC Day March in Toronto on the 25th April 2018. Due to poor weather conditions the service was held inside Toronto RSL.

On behalf of Fennell Bay Public School, captains Ezekial Utau and Hannah Metcalfe laid a wreath paying their respects for past servicemen and women. Students displayed respect and Maori students from the school performed as part of the ceremony.

I would like to thank students for their excellent behaviour and parents for transporting students to be part of this special day.

Mr McShane
ANZAC Day Assembly

Students and the parent community payed their respects to past and present servicemen and servicewomen at our ANZAC day service on the last Thursday of term 1.

We had the pleasure of hearing from our guest speaker Mr Ron Mitcherson, President of Toronto RSL sub branch. Mr Mitcherson commented on the respect students displayed and their overall behaviour throughout the service. I would like to thank the captains and students who presented a quality ANZAC service.

Student goals for term 2

All students will have goals set again this term in the areas of: literacy, numeracy and personal.

Teaching staff use the data they have obtained from observing, discussing and analysing students knowledge, skills and performance to set goals that are achievable with high expectations.

Individual students select their own personal goal for something they would like to work on for the term.

Please discuss your child’s goals with them and support them with achieving them throughout the term.

The BRAIN is like a Muscle

Your brain gets STRONGER when you embrace challenges!

NAIDOC Week

Our NAIDOC week is being held in Week 10 this term. To help with an activity at school could each student please bring in the inside cardboard cylinder of a paper towel roll and give to their classroom teacher.

Thank you, this will help our activity at school

Mrs Harwood
Aboriginal Education Officer
Schools as Community Centres use a community development approach to link families with their local school. SaCCs are based in public schools around the State, providing a range of projects. Schools as Community Centres are provided by the NSW Department of Education.

Supported playgroups provide a range of learning experiences to help kids grow. They also provide information about topics relating to child development, health and child safety whilst creating an opportunity for parents and carers to meet and share their experiences and ideas.

Playgroup

During School Terms

Monday’s 9.30am - 11.30am for all children 0 – 5 years

Tuesday’s 10am - 12pm for bubs under 12 months

Westlakes Family Centre (Wesley Mission) is co-located in Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre and provides support for families with children aged 0-8 living on the western side of Lake Macquarie, from Booragul to Morisset. We understand that parenting is a full-time job and everyone needs support.

For more information about these or any other programs run at Nar-un-bah SACC located in the grounds of Fennell Bay Public School please call Jennifer on 4959 6140
### Mondays - Playgroup starts back 7th May

**Breakfast Club:** Open Monday to Friday for children enrolled at Fennell Bay PS 8am – 9am.

**Supported Playgroup.** Come and join Jen from *Nar-un-bah* and Louise from *Wesley* as they lead our playgroup in song, games & craft. Learn lots of new ideas for your children, meet other parents and carers & enjoy a cuppa. *Playgroup is free*, just bring along a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. 9.30am – 11.30am

### Tuesdays – Playgroup starts back 8th May

**Sensory Play for bubs under 12 months.** Come and join Jen from *Nar-un-bah*, Louise from *Wesley* and Kirra from *Awabakal* in a morning of singing, music and lots of hands on exploration for you and your little one. This weekly program will expose you and your child to a range of activities that will stimulate the senses whilst having lots of fun together. 10am – 12pm

### Wednesdays- group starts 23rd May

**Bringing Up Great Kids.** A reflective parenting program that will help you to understand more about the origins of your parenting style and how it can be more effective. Participants will learn; about the importance of building self-esteem in children, as well as discovering ways to take care of yourself. **Starting Wednesday 2nd August for 6 weeks 10.00am-12.00pm at Nar-un-bah**  *Free child minding available onsite – bookings essential*

### Thursdays – group starts 24th May

**Parenthood! You’re not alone…..** A conversation style group that will include a range of topics such as; The Up’s and Down’s of Family Life, Kids Behaviour – what does it all mean? Looking after yourself – what does it look like? Come along and join Char from *Newcastle Family Support* every Thursday from the **24th May for 5 weeks 10am – 12.30pm. Free childrens activities provided as well as a light lunch. Bookings essential**

**Fennell Bay Public School Little Squirts,** transition to school program for preschoolers. Little Squirts operates each Thursday from 9.15am to 2.30pm and is led by Mrs Sullivan, Teacher and Mrs Carrall, School Learning Support Teacher. The Little Squirts program is a wonderful way for students to transition into Kindergarten in 2018. **Information packages are available for interested families by contacting Fennell Bay PS 4959 6140**

### Fridays

**Coffee and Chat.** Drop in for a cuppa and a chance to talk about any challenges you might be having. 1-3pm
Bringing Up Great Kids

PARENT/CARER COURSE

A Reflective Parenting Program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation

Learn more about the origins of their parenting style and how it can be more effective...

A six session program for parents and carers at
Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centres
in the grounds of Fennell Bay Public School
Starting on WEDNESDAY 23rd May for 6 weeks 10.00am – 12.00pm

There is no cost for this course
To secure your place in this fantastic course or to find out more contact
Jen at Nar-un-bah 4959 6140 OR Louise from Wesley on 4950 5479

Learn:

✓ About the importance of building self-esteem in children
✓ To discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it
✓ To understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and how they do this
✓ To develop strategies to manage their parenting approach despite the mounting pressures on your time and role

What people are saying....

Where else do you get time to think about why you parent in the way you do?
I feel calmer, more confident, less self-critical. I feel more in control rather than like things are spiralling out of control!

For more information contact Jen 4959 6140 or Louise 4950 5479
Family Support Newcastle’s Family Relationship Skills Project, & Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre invites parents and carers of children to a FREE 5 week group...

Parenthood! You’re not alone...

When: Thursdays (5 weeks)
24th May - 21st June 2018

Time: 10am - 12:30pm

Where: Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre Fennel Bay Public School
Bay Road, Fennell Bay

Conversations may include:

- The Up’s and Down’s of Family Life
- Kid’s behaviour - what does it all mean?
- Looking after yourself - what does this look like?

PLUS: Topics of your choice!

Free children’s activities
Morning Tea and Light Lunch Provided

To make a booking or for further information please call
Jennifer on 49 596140

The Family Relationship Skills Project is funded by the Australian Government and auspiced by Family Support Newcastle
P&C News

P&C Meeting - Monday 14th May at 2pm in the connected classroom.

Thank you to all who supported the Mother’s Day stall, all the donations have been greatly appreciated.

Reminder to all canteen and P&C members, please visit Mrs Leehy in the office to fill out the required document and provide identification. This is required for all who work with children. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for supporting our great school!

P&C Committee

Canteen News

The canteen would like to invite parents and caregivers to volunteer some of their spare time to assist in the canteen. This does not have to be a day a week, it may be for one hour a week or even two hours in a fortnight.

Just a reminder that the Canteen is closed for Afternoon Tea on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Afternoon Teas can still be ordered on these days but are collected from the office.

All profits from the canteen go to supporting our students.

Jeanette Tait
Canteen Supervisor

Every Day Counts

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

Good for Kids good for life

7 REASONS TO LIMIT SMALL SCREENS

Nearly half of all children aged between 5-15 years spend more than 2 hours every day on small screen entertainment such as TV, smartphones and tablets.

Children who spend more than 2 hours on screen time per day are more likely to:
- Have an unbalanced diet.
- Be less physically active.
- Have sleep problems.
- Drink more sugary drinks.
- Snack on foods high in sugar, salt and fat.
- Have fewer social interactions.
- Develop poor posture.

Setting up good habits while children are young can make all the difference to their habits and health in later life.

Source: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites

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