



Elizabeth Park Schools Newsletter

Term 2, Week 9. 29th June 2023



News from the Principal

This term has been a wonderful term of learning, community and togetherness.

We came together to commemorate National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week where staff and students acknowledged the wrong doings of the government towards the Stolen Generations and the ongoing impact that this has on First Nation people today. We stood up and showed our commitment with a Long Walk around the oval replicating Michael Long's Long Walk in 2004 where he walked 650km from his home in Melbourne to Canberra to speak with the Prime Minister about improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Along the way, many people joined to show their support for him and for the cause. We, as a whole school, walked around our oval to show our ongoing support for Reconciliation and our commitment to Being an Voice for Generations.

Our Community Hub has opened and started running playgroup and English Classes. We are thrilled with the success so far of the Hub and can't wait for more families to come and connect with the Hub- everyone is welcome!

Next term, our preschool will be welcoming new families with a midyear intake. This means families will no longer need to wait for the beginning of the year for their child to start preschool. We are so excited to welcome our new families and children.

As we enter into the school holidays please take the time to rest, recharge and have time with loved ones, we are only half way through this year and have a lot of learning and fun still to come.

Important Dates

Week 9

Aboriginal Education Whole
School Incursion
Wednesday 28th June

PJ Day
Friday 30th June

Week 10

NAIDOC Week
3rd July – 7th July

MFS Visit Rm 4 & 6
Monday 3rd July

End of Term 2

Friday 7th July 2pm
Dismissal

Term 2 Begins

Monday 24th July

Week 1

Swimming
25th July – 28th July

Week 4

School Photo Day
Tuesday 15th August
Catch Up Friday 17th August



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SCHOOL HOURS: 8:50am-3:00pm

Recess 10:40am -11:00am

Lunch 12:40pm -1:10pm

Aboriginal Education

Traditional Activity Incursion

In week 6, the Indigenous students participated in some traditional activities. They all painted their own placemats, learnt to weave baskets, looked at traditional artefacts and collaborated together to create our own canvas painting. Check out some photos below of the artworks students created!

Whole School Incursion

In Week 9, all students will watch a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and traditional dancing at our incursion.

NAIDOC Week

Sunday 2nd July - Sunday 9th July

The theme this year is [For Our Elders](#). The theme pays respects to our Elders and acknowledges the role they have had and continue to have in families and communities.

Congratulations

Congratulation to year 6 student Kas!
Kas has been selected to play for District Netball.
We wish her all the best!



Garden News

Room 4 did a herb challenge with Mr Will called 'Game of Herbs'. The herb challenge was lots of fun because you had to guess the herb by using your sense of touch, taste and smell. I won the herb challenge because I got bonus points for knowing what the herbs are used for. I love going to gardens lessons with Mr Will because I get to learn new things in fun ways.

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Car Parking

Please remember that the carparks on Bowman Rd near the preschool and Turner Rd near the gym are for staff only.

For the safety of all our students and families, **please do not use these car parks to drop off or pick up your children**, this includes walking through the carpark.

Please enter and exit the school using the walk way gates.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Variety Children's Charity

Room 7 were recently the grateful recipients of a \$3550 grant from the Variety Children's Charity. The grant was spent on sensory equipment for Rm 7 regulation room. This room has been divided into spaces where students can access different items depending on what "zone of regulation" they are in.

Other items purchased were communication and social skills games, and gross and fine motor skill teaching aids. Equipment was carefully selected for each individual learning style outlined on students one-plans and with the communication between students' personal Occupational Therapists.

All students now have individual weighted lap blankets and noise cancelling headphones, enabling them to access the equipment they require to attend school assemblies and when in the community, on excursions.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Variety Children's charity and encourage the community to continue to make donations to make a difference in our children's lives. Thank you!



Music

The Music is Fun incursion was a huge success! Just look at the smiles on those faces 😊



2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program



Great news!
We received a
Woolworths Junior
Landcare Grant



We're thrilled to announce that we have received a 2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project, First Nations Bush Tucker Garden.

The aim of our project is to create a First Nations bush tucker garden with native plants and flowers and include more native ingredients in our kitchen and garden program. Students will be involved in preparing the area before planting, maintaining the garden and incorporating plants in recipes made in our kitchen. The expected environmental and educational outcomes of the project include students learning about Indigenous plants and how they were traditionally used.

Elizabeth Park Primary School is one of 1,107 primary schools and early learning centres across Australia to receive a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The children and teachers are looking forward to getting their hands dirty and learning from this project – we'll keep you updated!

Go to <https://woolworthsgrantsmap.juniorlandcare.org.au/grant-round-5/first-nations-bush-tucker-garden/> to read more about our project and others.

