

Issue 19 - 21 November 2024



DIARY DATES







13th December 2024 Splash Day

Reminders

Transition Days Preschool Wednesday 4th December 2024

Reception - Yr 6 Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th December 2024

> 3rd December 2024 **Governing Council** 2:30pm

Principal: Jamie Ryan UP Class: Morgan Cooper LP Class & Kindy: Angela Jordan Finance/Administration: Stacey Wright SSO/Playgroup: Melissa Gibbs

From the Principal

Dear Families,

This term, our Reception to Year 6 students have combined creativity with essential life lessons by creating health posters to display around the school. These vibrant posters share valuable health messages, such as the importance of staying active, eating well, and practicing good personal hygiene.

Inspired by our Jump Rope for Heart program, students learned firsthand the importance of keeping our hearts healthy through exercise. They used this experience to develop their posters, illustrating simple, impactful ways to support health and wellbeing. Our recent Jump Off Day was a fantastic highlight-students had a wonderful time skipping, cheering each other on, and setting new goals together, all while raising funds to support heart health in our community.

As you walk around the school, you'll see the students' colourful, informative posters reminding us all of the power of these small, positive actions. We're proud of how they've taken what they've learned to help create a healthier school environment.

I'm also pleased to announce that I will continue in the role of principal for the first six months of 2025. I look forward to building on our shared momentum, continuing to enhance learning outcomes, and fostering a supportive and engaging environment for every student.

Looking ahead, the principal role will be advertised early in 2025 for a long-term tenure. The Education Director will be working closely with the Governing Council throughout this process to ensure the continued success of our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing in another year with you all.

Kind regards, Jamie

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Upper Primary Learning

This term, students have been learning about World War 1 in HASS. Key themes have included the catalyst event that started the war and what life was like on the front line for the soldiers. Students studied the different battles that occurred throughout the 4 year war, including the battle of Somme, Passchendaele and Gallipoli. The themes of war and history had the class engaged and participating in rich discussions throughout the unit, including why we celebrate Remembrance Day on the 11th of November at the 11th hour. Our year 6 leaders transferred this knowledge in planning and delivering our schools Remembrance Day ceremony.

In writing, the UP students are creating information reports on one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World. Students have been working hard in their planning, collecting and sorting information to make it easier for them when they begin writing.

Lower Primary Learning

Recently in Maths, Lower Primary students have had a focus on measurement, consolidating understandings about time with Mrs. Thompson and learning about capacity with Ms. Jordan. Students have enjoyed using clocks and timers and working with sand and water to explore these concepts.



Jump Off Day Wrap-Up!

We wrapped up our 5-week Jump Rope for Heart program last Friday with a fun-filled Jump Off Day! Students participated in exciting challenges, including a whole-school relay, "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear" skipping game, and a colouring-in competition. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork in action, all while supporting heart health. Thanks to our families and community, we raised an amazing \$199.05 for this important cause—well done to everyone!!

A special shout-out goes to Sebbi, Gemma, and Jack, along with their families, for their outstanding individual fundraising efforts!





Wheels Day Excursion Update: Our planned Wheels Day excursion to Millicent in Week 8 has been changed due to the unavailability of the Road Safety School program. Instead, we'll enjoy a fun-filled Splash Day on the last day of term! Teachers will also arrange class celebrations to mark the amazing efforts of all students throughout the year and to bring the holiday spirit to school. We look forward to a memorable end-of-year send off for everyone.

Questacon Science Circus Comes to Kongorong!

We were delighted to host the Questacon Science Circus this term, bringing an unforgettable science performance to our students! The Science Circus team amazed us with fascinating experiments, lively demonstrations, and hands-on activities that made science fun and engaging for everyone.

From jaw-dropping chemical reactions to thrilling physics experiments, the performance captivated our students, sparking excitement and curiosity about the wonders of science. The show provided a fantastic opportunity for students to see science come alive and left them inspired to explore and ask questions about the world around them. Thank you, Questacon Science Circus, for an incredible experience!

Upper Primary Favourite Things: Seeing ping float - Mason The Spinning Show - Liam & Immanuel How many breaths did it take to blow up giant balloon experiment - Ellie The tyre spinning show - Brodie

Lower Primary - What would you use to fly ? Rocket - Mary-Jane Hot air balloon - Delilah Aeroplane - Paisley & Sebbi A Parachute - Willow



Our school values— Working Together, Respect, Striving for Success, Honesty, Tolerance Our school vision—We encourage a love of learning, a strong sense of self, respect for others and the desire to become good global citizens. We promote independence and responsibility as we guide our school towards a positive future.



Swimming Week Splash at Wulandal

Our students had a fantastic time at Wulanda during Swimming Week, building confidence and essential water safety skills. Each day was filled with joy and enthusiasm as they learned new techniques and strengthened their swimming abilities. Just keep swimming!

