



NUNDLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 – WEEK 1

Calendar

JULY 21st	State Cross Country—Sydney
25th	Nundle Public School Athletics Carnival
28th	Peel Valley Athletics Carnival— Dungowan—8 Yrs and up National Tree Day - NPS
August 8th	Free Dental Clinic—NPS
August 11	PSSA Zone Carnival—Tamworth
August 14—18	Great Aussie Bush Camp - Years 5/6

Welcome back for Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3. We trust that you have had a wonderful holiday, filled with books, relaxation and good quality family time. Students have kicked things off with a bang participating in a NAIDOC Day with Dungowan and Woolomin Schools. When we think about culture, we often acknowledge activities related to sport, art, music, food and story-telling. It was great to see all students highly engaged in a wide range of activities that catered for each of these areas. Please take a look at the Nundle PS Facebook page and website for photos from the day.

Next week we will be holding our Athletics carnival that was postponed following wet weather last term. We hope that the weather will be kind to us this time around. Again we are calling on volunteers who may be available to help us out on some of the events. The support for the Cross Country in Term 2 was fantastic and we hope to have similar support at the Athletics Carnival.

Semester 1 Reports went home at the end of last term. I encourage parents to make an appointment to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress.

Stephen Gadd

Principal

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual school Athletics carnival will be held this Tuesday on the town oval. I hope lots of parents are able to join us on the day to ensure students are well supported and encouraged to participate to the best of their ability. Students have been having lots of opportunities to train prior to the carnival. Our younger students will benefit from the experience of participating in a carnival and seeing how everything works.

Locating Aspirations

Next week, students in Years 3-6 will be participating in a study being conducted by Newcastle University called Locating Aspirations. The study relates to Educational Aspirations of students in regional and remote parts of NSW. Students will be involved in a survey (that will take approximately 30 minutes to complete) with some students then being selected to participate in an interview. All interviews will be done with parental consent. If you do not want your child's survey responses to be included in this study, please contact school to obtain a withdrawal form.

Term 2 Feedback Forms

Unfortunately we have not received many responses from our online feedback forms. The purpose of these short surveys is to give parents an opportunity to provide the school with feedback about how we can improve what we do. We will continue to investigate the most effective means for gaining feedback from our entire school community and invite parents to contact the school if they have any ideas.

Conservatorium Music Lessons

There has been some minor adjustments to the music lessons. Participants will have been advised of any time changes for these. There are some additional opportunities for anyone who is wishing to take up some lessons or extend their time. Please contact the school if you are interested.

P&C

During the holidays, Marjolijn Fitzgerald announced her resignation from her role as Secretary on the Nundle P&C. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution that she has made in supporting the P&C in a variety of roles. Most notable is her outstanding contribution to the Great Nundle Dog Race organisation. Our next P&C meeting will be held on August 7 at 6pm. Feel free to join us.

Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

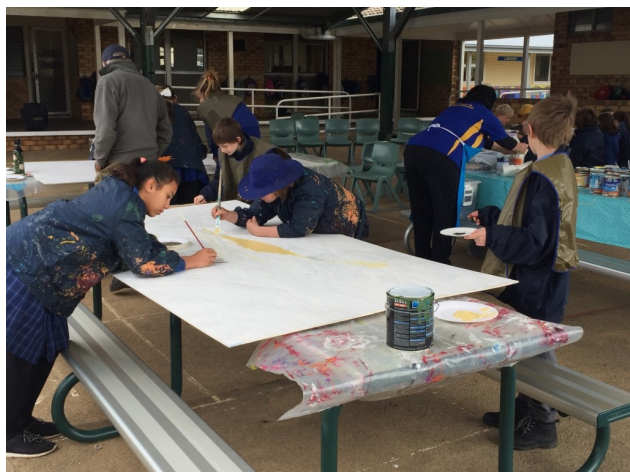
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by August 4, 2017. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Naidoc Day Celebrations

On Wednesday 19th July we celebrated **Naidoc Day**. We were joined at by Students and Staff from Woolomin and Dungowan Schools and had special guests on the day including Stella Lamb, Bob Faulkner & Russell Honnor as well as THS Aboriginal Dancers. A sausage sizzle and Johnny Cakes were enjoyed by all. The activities that all students participated in were Cultural Story-Telling, Games and Aboriginal Art which included Totem Poles, Mural Boards and making clay Echidnas. The celebrations wound up with the cutting of a cake. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this day a success.







Lessons Available

Would you like to learn an instrument or just get some extra professional music tutoring?

There are some times available for music lessons with the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music which are held on Wednesday mornings here at Nundle Public School. If you are interested in filling these times, please contact the school.



Athletics Carnival

Nundle Public School Athletics Carnival will be held Tuesday 25th July. If you volunteered to help out on the day, but are now unable to do so, please let the office know. If you have not volunteered to help out on the day, but can do so please let Lyn know ASAP so the job list can be sent home Friday. The day begins at 9am and all students are to present at the school, so the rolls can be marked.

Students of the Week

23.06.17



Miley Edelbroek—application & effort
Brooke Krsulja—Outstanding sportsmanship

K/1—Tarlleya Taylor—Excellent work in numeracy

Jamie Edelbroek—Excellent work in numeracy

Cooper Burr—Consistent effort in all areas

2/3— Emily George—Great all round effort in class

Tiffany Blackwell—Great all round effort in class

4/5/6— Jesse Vaughan—An improved attempt at planned writing

Sam Archer—A convincing argumentative speech

Clay Clarkson—an interesting persuasive speech

WANTED

COLOURED PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS FOR THE YEAR 2/3 CLASS. THEY HAVE A FANTASTIC PROJECT THEY WANT TO DO AND ARE IN NEED OF THESE. PLEASE START COLLECTING AND SEND THEM ALONG TO SCHOOL FOR MRS PRICE.



FREE DENTAL SCREENING

Free Dental Screening for all students will be taking place on Tuesday 8th August here at Nundle Public School. Please return the consent form to the school if you have not already done so. Please contact Lyn in the office if you have misplaced the form.

