

Dear Parents

Our Aboriginal and Islander Children's Cultural Day is coming up on Friday, and as I promised last week, I have full details of the day on this newsletter. In brief, it is for all Prep to Year 3 students and indigenous students in Years 4 to 7. The day will start with a special parade at 8:50 am for the whole school, our parents and several visiting students from Aspley Special School and Koobara Kindy. Our P-3s will then spend the next few hours doing activities and playing games. All students will be able to have damper at Morning Tea and some special indigenous treats at lunchtime. It should be a fantastic day of fun whilst learning about our indigenous culture. The full day's itinerary is below.

Aboriginal and Islander Children's Cultural Day Itinerary

8:50 am Assembly of all Taigum Students, Teachers, Parents and Koobara Kindy
Principal's Welcome to guests, Welcome to Country, Traditional Welcome Dance, Torres Strait Islander Traditional Dance and Singing, Indigenous Mum explaining the days activities
9:45 am Koobara Kindy kids return to preschool, Grades 4-7 return to normal classroom activities (Except Indigenous Children), Preps to year 3 -Painting/Gluing and Sticking of Boomerangs and Turtles, Basket Weaving and Painting of little fish
11:00 am Morning Tea Damper ~ Golden Syrup or Jam, Stall Displays and samples
11:30 am Traditional Games on the Oval Preps to year 3's have 3 games- 25 minute intervals
1:00 pm LUNCH ~ Kupmurri for all staff and students

Next week is a short week due to Exhibition Wednesday and Student Free Day Thursday. As we have only three school days, we are having a 'Walking Wheeling Week' when we encourage all students to actively travel every day of next week. If this is successful, we will have a full five day week in Term 4. Also August is designated as 'Park and Stride' month. That means that if you have to drive to school, try to drop your child off 500m away and let them walk the final half kilometre. We sent home the map of a 500m circle round the school, two weeks ago. If you didn't get it, you can see it on our website on the forms page,

Also next week, we are having our Book Week Dress Up Day. This has been a tradition over the past few years and is designed to highlight Book Week, encourage reading and have fun. The idea is to come as a character from a book. Last year, I came as person from Star Trek and the year before as a king. Mrs Mc Ardle has been Robin Hood and a pirate lately. Mr Swales was Dumbledore in 2006. I'm busy thinking up my character for 2008 and I hope to see plenty of others joining in next Tuesday.

This is our week to do Staff, Student and Parent Opinion Surveys. 45 of our parents will be getting a survey sent home. If you are one, please fill it out as quickly as possible and return it to school. All information is completely confidential and they come with A4 envelopes which can sealed after you have entered your opinions so that no one at school can read what you have written. All Year 5 and 7 students will be surveyed in class this week and our teachers will do theirs at a Staff Meeting on Wednesday. I got to do mine online – all 75 questions!

Mark Fisher
Principal