



Grapevine Newsletter

Issue 7

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Term 2 – Week 10 – 2018

Welcome to our souvenir NAIDOC edition of our Grapevine newsletter. This is a very special newsletter celebrating NAIDOC and our Indigenous students.



Our school came together from 2-6 July to celebrate Aboriginal culture and the talents and skill of our Aboriginal students, staff and community whilst enjoying one of the best ever NAIDOC Weeks at Manning Gardens PS.

Manning Gardens PS is the only school in the Manning Valley, primary or secondary, to set aside a whole week for cultural activities and community gatherings during our celebration of NAIDOC Week, in Term 2 Week 10.

This year we were celebrating the wonderful Aboriginal women out there in our community. In my humble opinion, women are the centrepiece of Aboriginal culture and this was a worthy theme for this year's celebration of NAIDOC Week. Our Aboriginal women at Manning Gardens, Judith, Marinda, Kelle, Tamikah and Kelly led our celebrations and pulled all our activities together via our Aboriginal Education team.

The feature element of NAIDOC 2018 was our Indigenous dance group. These Indigenous boys and girls were very proud to showcase their talents and skill, putting traditional stories and themes into dance and powerful movements, highlighting their strong spirituality and cultural learning. Well done students!

Mr Paul Sortwell
School Principal

What's on?

Monday 23/7/18

Staff return for Term 3.
No school for students.

Tuesday 24/7/18

Students return to school, pre-school to Year 6.

Tuesday 24/7/18

Yarn-Up and P&C meeting from 9.30am in our top block.

Thursday 26/7/18

AECG Meeting at Wingham PS from 1pm for full members.

Friday 27/7/18

School assembly at 9.25am. John and Jeremy at State Cross Country

Monday 30/7/18

Canteen open from 8.45am for lunch orders.

Wednesday 1/8/18

Canteen open from 8.45am for lunch orders.

Friday 3/8/18

Canteen open from 8.45am for lunch orders.



Check out our school website. It is new, fresh and always up-to-date!
Use the QR code above!
Or search for Manning Gardens PS in your favourite search engine.

NAIDOC Week Monday and Tuesday

Our NAIDOC celebrations got underway with our Indigenous dance group heading to Goodstart childcare centre to perform a few dances. Our dancers performed no fewer than four times during the week, showcasing their passion for their culture and a renewed focus on communicating special Indigenous stories to the Taree local community.

Tuesday was supposed to be at Saltwater National Park, a place very special to Biripi people. Unfortunately, the rain poured down on the Monday and we made the very difficult decision to have our cultural day at school.

Tuesday came and the sun was shining. The day commenced with our formalities. Aunty Faye Ridgeway officially opened our NAIDOC Week celebrations, followed by some cultural dances by our Indigenous dance group and some singing in Gatang by our Kindy students, led by Judith, our AEO.

The fun started immediately afterwards with students and community presented with a wide range of cultural and special activities. Today was about inclusion with all students having access to cultural activities, highlighting the great things about Aboriginal culture.

The day concluded with a delicious BBQ lunch for everyone.



Our Indigenous dancers proudly showcasing their skills.

Practice makes perfect



Our preschool is a great place for young children to learn and grow

Renewed vigour and passion were the key ingredients for our successful re-entry to Indigenous cultural dancing at Manning Gardens PS. Indigenous staff, Judith, Merv and Kelly were showing exceptional leadership when they began training our students in some very special cultural dances.

Uncle Matt Mitchell was instrumental in supporting Judith and Merv, lending his support and approval for Merv, an Indigenous man off-country, to train the boys in the moves and storylines from his country in the Blue Mountains.

Judith and Tamikah also encouraged cultural pride by encouraging girls to sing loudly in NAIDOC Week.



Celebrating culture and tradition

NAIDOC Week is all about showing the community how proud we are of Aboriginal culture and heritage. Our Indigenous boys and girls wanted to show the school, their community and their families that they have a huge amount of passion and pride in their culture.

Our Indigenous dance group performed at our Thursday assembly and then were the feature artists at a Corroboree at Chatham HS on Friday 6 July. We had no shortage of Indigenous students wanting to demonstrate their cultural dance moves.

It is hoped that during the remainder of 2018, our dance group will expand to perform contemporary dance moves with non-Indigenous students.



Jack Wilson is a Manning Gardens ambassador



Our girls enjoyed showcasing their culture in NAIDOC Week.

Few schools can boast having Jack Wilson as an ambassador. Manning Gardens can!

Jack Wilson spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Manning Gardens working with students to spread his message of be strong and smart through exercise and healthy eating. Jack was an inspirational guest.



DON'T FORGET!

Our school has a fabulous website, that will shortly be given a huge makeover. You can find information about school attendance on our school website.

Go to www.manninggdn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au





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AFTER OUR
FREE LUNCH
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RAISE MONEY
WIN GREAT
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Be Safe



Be Fair



Be a Learner



SCHOOL CANTEEN OPEN MON, WED AND FRI.

Please support our school canteen when it opens on Monday 30 July 2018.

Operated by our P&C Association.



GET SCHOOL INFO ON YOUR SMARTPHONE!

The Manning Gardens PS Skoolbag app has updated key information for you, reminders, and electronic notes for things like student absences and requests for emergency lunches.

GET OUR SKOOLBAG APP FROM YOUR APP STORE.





Because of Her We Care! NAIDOC WEEK 2018

**We are proud of our
Aboriginal culture
at Manning Gardens.**

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