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Term 1 Week 8

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DALAY- MONSOON SEASON

Dalay is the Monsoon Season and usually runs during January and February. The monsoon replenishes a dry thirsty land. Water gushes from rivers and creeks and floodplains are buried under lakes of water. The water disperses seeds and new plants are sprouting. Manmanma (cyclones) seem more frequent and are a sign of a troubled planet.

Saltwater crocodiles are laying their eggs. Barramundi are multiplying upstream on the floodplains. Bush current is fruiting now. They are very sweet and a favourite of children. Big Red Apple and Pink Wild Apple are fruiting.

The Red Dye Plant is fruiting. It is used to dye natural fibres such as Biyarmarra (Pandanus) and Gwilirrimba (Sand Palm) to make Denela (string-bags) and Malarramamba (Pandanus mats).

From the Principal - Life at School

We will certainly all look back and talk about 2020 for many years to come. It has already been a year of surprises.

Here at school we are trying to ensure that school life continues and students come to school, mix with their friends, involve themselves in learning and have an enjoyable day. There have, of course, been some changes to the way we operate.



There is much more hand washing going on than you would normally have seen. This is a good thing as we know that hand washing and keeping hands away from our face is an effective way to avoid all types of viruses that spread through our community each year.

We have talked about social distancing. This is a very difficult concept for children as touching is such an important way that we communicate. What we have done is to minimise the times that different age groups cross over contact. For example, we cancelled assemblies as, at assemblies, there are many children from all age groups in a small area. We have changed the Upper

Primary 'Move and Groove' start to the day so that each year level moves and grooves as a year group and not as a Year 3-6 cohort. Other activities have been changed as well. We also ask that children and adults who are sick stay away from school. This is always important and will help us greatly. If your child has a cough or a temperature, please keep them at home. Thank you for your calm support as we work together in these interesting times.

Coronavirus Information

All the information that we send to you comes from the Department of Education and they take their advice from the reliable Health Department experts. Accessing information from this site is good practice for us all as there is quite a lot of conflicting and false information around.

Harmony Day Cancelled (or postponed) - In view of the advice to minimise contacts with groups of people, we have cancelled our Harmony Day assembly this week. It is a great disappointment but there will be other opportunities in the future to celebrate our great multicultural nation and, as soon as that opportunity arises, we will take it. We will also cancel all other assemblies until further notice

Hygiene

Wash hands regularly with soap.

Keep hands away from your face.

Maintain a distance between others – 1.5metres.

Avoid handshaking, try a non-touching form of greeting.

If you or your child are sick stay home. That is if they have a cough or a temperature, stay home.

COVID-19 Protect yourself and loved ones

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

- WASH YOUR HANDS**
Wash your hands with soap and warm water regularly.
- COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE**
Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or tissue. Dispose of tissue and wash your hands afterward.
- DON'T TOUCH**
Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.
- KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- STAY HOME**
If you experience respiratory symptoms like a cough or fever, stay home.
- GET HELP**
If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your health care provider or local health department before seeking care.

Cycle of Reporting Student Progress

The Department of Education policy on reporting requires that we report student progress four times a year and that at least two of these are written reports. I have set out our school's cycle of reporting and informing parents. There is always informal reporting and communication going on between home and school and this can be initiated by the teacher or parent.

- Term One - Parent teacher meetings to discuss progress and set goals
- Term Two - a written report that describes progress and shows where a student is at compared to the expected level.
 - open classroom for parents to visit their child's classroom and see work that has been done. Students can report on their progress with teacher support.
- Term Three - Parent teacher meetings to discuss progress and set goals
- Term Four - a written report that describes progress and shows where a student is at compared to the expected level.
 - open classroom for parents to visit their child's classroom and see work that has been done. Students can report on their progress with teacher support.

Canteen Helpers Needed!



Sheryl in the canteen is hoping to get a little help some days in the canteen. If you have some time to give and would like to get a bit of training alongside an experienced Canteen Manageress, please call the school, 89977333, and we can put you onto Sheryl so she can explain what is needed.



Parent Contributions

We ask for \$150 per primary school child and \$240 per preschool child each year. This can be paid in full or by semester, by term or even by week. Please contact the school to let us know how you would like to make this payment.

This Contribution is very important for many of our school programs.



School Banking Suspended until Term 2

School banking has been suspended temporarily. Banking will restart in Term 2.

Cash for Cans

We are still collecting cans and other containers that attract the 10c refund. (No bottles please). Keep sending them in as the Cash for Cans Team is keen to get them recycled.



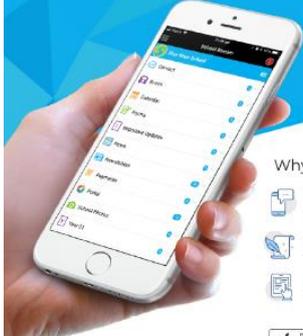
New Bus Service for Woolner Families

Starting Monday, 9th March, the bus that links Stuart Park Primary School with Bayview has also been travelling through Woolner. It will pick up students along Chong Wee Avenue. This bus is only for Stuart Park Primary students, there is no cost and all of our students may get on in the morning and afternoon. **It would be helpful if you let us know when your child will be on this bus as we can help to make sure it happens at our end.**



The bus will leave Defence Establishment Berrimah at **7:25am** and arrive at Stuart Park Primary at **8:00am**. It should be in Chong Wee Avenue around **7:40am** but you should be there early until you work out just what time it will pass through. I have a map that can be sent to you on request.

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?

- Receive instant notifications for important news
- Easily register when your child is absent or your details change
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders

Download on the App Store

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Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

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School Stream App

We seem to have now caught up approving your requests to join our School Steam app. This process is important as the app is not available to those outside the school community.

We will soon move to School Stream so please download it if you have not already done so. Notifications have probably started to pop up. Remember that you can limit these so you just get them for your child's year level and when the information is relevant to all (e.g. newsletter).

CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
13 th March	Friday	No Assemblies
20 th March	Friday	No Harmony Day Assembly
7 th April	Tuesday	Parent Teacher Meetings
9 th April	Thursday	Last day of Term 1
10 th April	Friday	Good Friday
20 th April	Monday	First day of Term 2
25 th April	Saturday	Anzac Day
4 th May	Monday	May Day Holiday
12-22 nd May	Tues-Fri	NAPLAN Online for Year 3 and 5
8 th June	Monday	Queen's Birthday Holiday
26 th June	Friday	Last day of Term 2
21 st July	Tuesday	First day of Term 3

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Classes are held at Stuart Park Primary School on the following nights

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All ages Tuesday 6.30 to 8 pm

All ages Thursday 6.30 to 8 pm

Come and enjoy martial arts with a qualified instructor for self-defence, fitness and fun. Contact Peter on 0427991394. Come and Try. First two lessons free.

