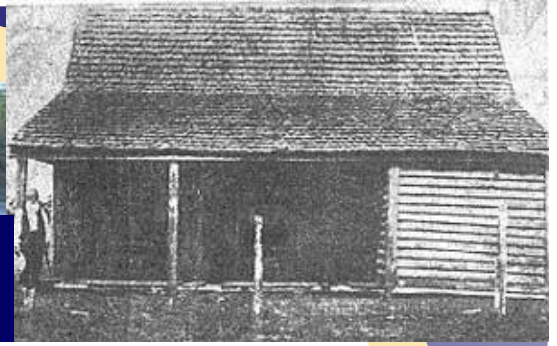


CREEKSIDE NEWS

November 20, 2020



Important- Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell Update

We wish to advise that our annual presentation day **WILL** go ahead in our top COLA, but will operate quite a bit differently to than in past; as described below:

- There will be **TWO** separate presentation ceremonies, one for students in K-2 (KG, K/1D and 1/2D) and one for students in 3-6 (3/4H and 5/6TM)
- The K-2 Presentation Assembly will begin at 9.30am and finish at 10.10am, whilst the 3-6 assembly will begin at 10.30am and finish at 11am. Guests attending the 3-6 ceremony should not expect entry to the school prior to the start time, as we will need to sanitise/ change over furniture. Students are permitted to leave with their carer at the conclusion of the presentation
- There will be an attendance limit of **one** family member per student, in order to fulfil our obligations to ensure social distancing for adults occurs. Although we would love to see all of you attend, unfortunately, this is all we have space for. Students are not required to socially distance.
- Guests of students attending will be required to **RSVP** to guarantee their attendance. If we are not expecting you, unfortunately you will not be permitted to attend
- Guests will be required to sign in and out, on arrival and departure, and must also complete a COVID declaration

As far as the Year 6 Farewell goes, **we have been able to, at this stage, secure the Dora Creek Workers auditorium** as a venue, under strict COVID guidelines. In the past, Year 5 students have been invited to attend the Year 6 Disco after the formalities, though this year, this will not be occurring. For 2020, only Year 6 students, two family members and supervising staff will be permitted to attend this event. Thank you for your understanding in trying circumstances.

Touch Football Gala Day

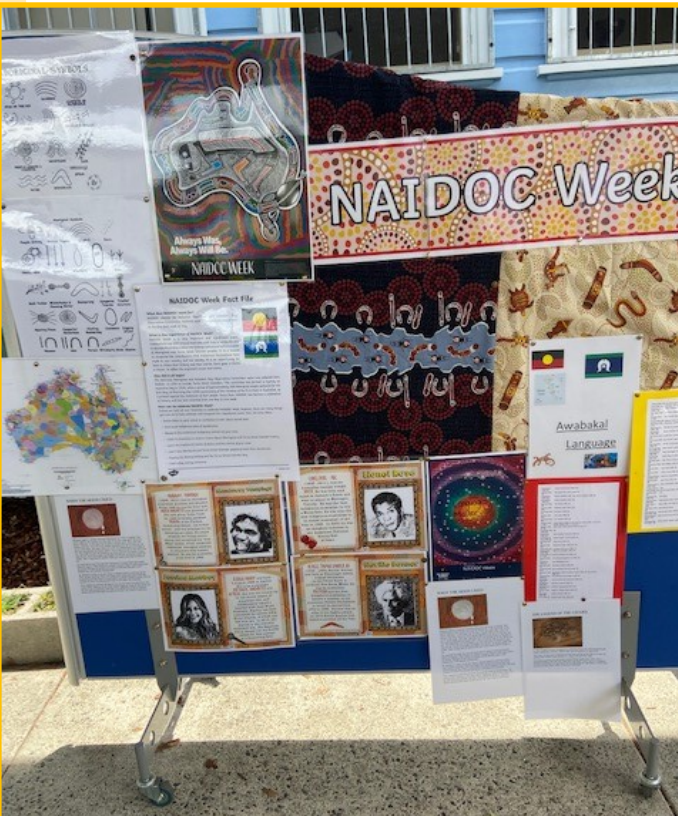
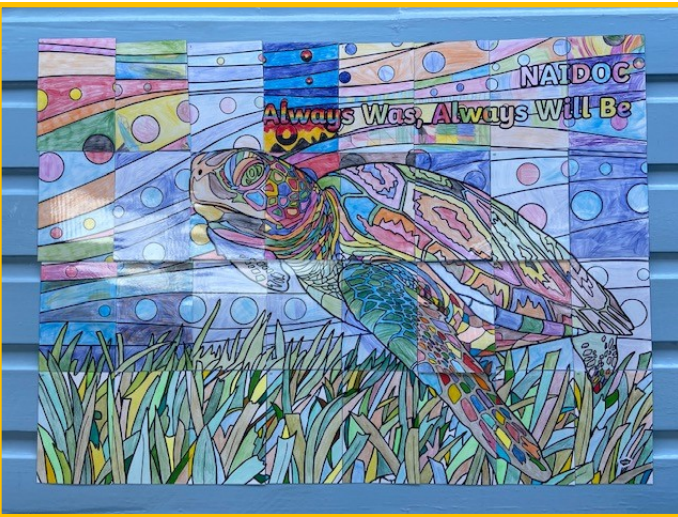
On Thursday, November 12, our Year 5 and 6 students made the journey to Rathmines Oval to participate in a gala day against a number of other schools from across West Lake Macquarie. Dora Creek put together a senior boys team and a senior girls team, before taking part in 5 games of this fast-paced sport. In very warm conditions, our teams made a great account of themselves, particularly Shaylie, Lex, Lani and Zoey, who filled in for the boys on a number of occasions, so that they had some substitutes in trying conditions. Everyone who attended really enjoyed the competition, appreciated the cold water and had a great day. At the end of the event, everybody was tired but most definitely still smiling. Thank you to Mrs Harris and Miss Tod, who put the time and effort in to organise our teams for the day, and also to those who helped out with transport and support. We really appreciate it.





Whilst the original date for NAIDOC Week celebrations was put back in 2020, Dora Creek Public School, combined with the rest of Australia, acknowledged this special event during the period, 8-15 November. Our students participated in a range of activities, such as basket weaving, sand art, the study of significant

Indigenous community members and jigsaw colouring to highlight the contributions of Indigenous communities and people to the evolution of our nation's identity. Thank you, Mrs Dilley, for organising our event at school and providing our students with some pretty cool activities.



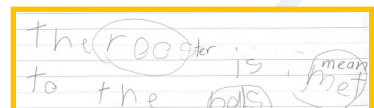
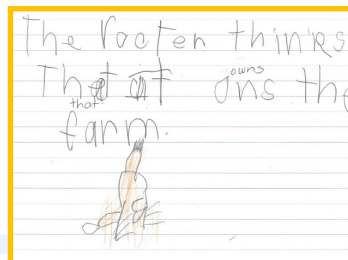
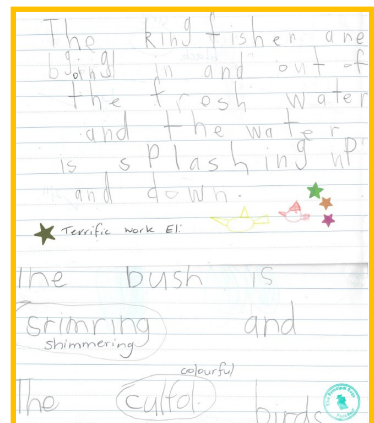
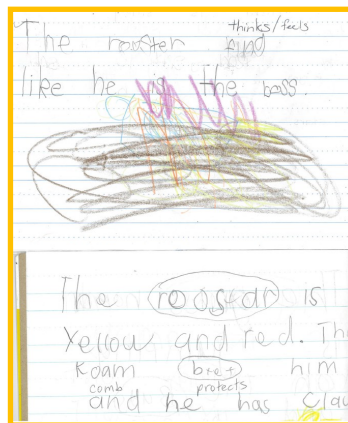
Crazy Hair Mufti

Thank you to all of those students who supported our Mufti Fundraiser last week, and also to Kiri in the canteen, who helped our students out by donating \$50 to the cause! Congratulations to all of our students, who remained sane, despite the crazy theme, and behaved so well; remaining safe, and respectful towards their teachers and learning all day. Well done Dora Creek, we managed to raise a total of over \$160!



KG Writing

KG have continued to show just how far they've come in 2020, despite such a disruptive year, and have been producing some pretty amazing writing samples during their "Sentence of the Day" efforts; in which, they construct descriptive sentences using a visual stimulus.



School Raffle

You should have this week received a book of tickets for our raffle, which will be conducted by the school to assist with Year 6 fundraising. Tracey, from Harrington Entertainment has offered two fantastic hampers valued at \$75 each to add to the rugs and bags that were previously made available to us by our GA, Mr Wilson's, mum. The hampers include a large bucket of fairy floss, a bag of caramel popcorn, a bag of coloured popcorn, fairy floss ice cream cones, a Christmas-themed fairy floss cake and a \$25 voucher to use at the Harrington's Charlestown Square store. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Harringtons and the Wilsons for their kind support of our school and also thank you, our community, in advance for your efforts in helping promote this initiative.

Tickets are now on sale at \$1 each.



Stage 3 Netball Gala Day

In what has been a year of very limited opportunities in sport, our Stage Three students have finally been let off the leash; and had the opportunity to participate in a 2nd gala day in as many weeks! After attending Touch the previous week, our senior students now got to try their hand at netball. They were fortunate to have the chance to head over to beautiful Wangi Wangi in very warm conditions to participate in a gala day against a number of other schools from across Western Lake Macquarie. Dora Creek played 9 games; where they worked very hard and tried their absolute best all day. It was great to see the team spirit on display from our kids, particularly given the temperature. Our students appeared to really enjoy themselves and, from all accounts and had a great day. Thank you to Mrs Harris and Miss Tod, who put the time and effort in to organise our teams for the day, and also to everyone who helped transport our students.



P & C News

Next Meeting— 6.30pm, Monday 7th December
(Includes AGM) via Zoom.

Commemorative Items for Sale

As you are aware, in 2020, Dora Creek Public School is celebrating 150 years of quality public school education. Whilst we have not been able to hold a significant celebration, due to COVID restrictions, in order to recognise this tremendous milestone, our students and community members are being provided with the opportunity to purchase a number of special edition, commemorative items to celebrate Dora Creek Public School's rich history. These items, including pavers, pens, shirts and a tea towel, have been offered a number of times, most recently this week, and we still have plenty of pens and tea towels in stock and on hand. The cost for these each of these items vary and, should you or your family members wish to purchase any, your order must be submitted by 2.40pm on Friday 4th December. Payment is to be paid by bank deposit, and order forms can be returned to the school office or emailed to doracreekpandc@gmail.com.

Those who have already ordered the commemorative shirts will finally receive them this coming week. Thank you for your patience. We understand that it has been a very long wait.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25/ 11** Kinder Orientation 3
- 30/ 11** Swim School Begins
- 02/ 12** 2021 Leadership Speeches
Yr 7 2021 MHS Orientation
- 11/ 12** Swim School Ends
- 14/ 12** Presentation Day
Year 6 Farewell
- 15/ 12** Sapphire Reward (TBC)
- 16/ 12** Final School Day for 2020
Year 6 Excursion
- 25/ 12** Merry Christmas!!!
- 31/ 12** New Year's Eve
- 01/ 01** Happy New Year!!
- 29/ 01** *Students in Years 1-6 Return for 2021*
Best Start— Kindergarten (by appointment)
- 01/ 02** *Best Start— Kindergarten (by appointment)*
- 02/ 02** Kindergarten begins

NOTES HOME

- Stage 3 Gala Days
- Raffle Tickets
- Commemorative Items Notes
- Change of Date for Leadership Speeches