

Term 4 | Week 4 | Thursday 3 November 2022



A message from the Principal

Dates for the Diary

Year 6 Farewell	Monday 12 December
Presentation Day	Wednesday 14 December
Reports home Pretty Beach	Thursday 15 December
Community Carols	Thursday 15 December
Last day for students & Year 6 Tunnel	Friday 16 December

Stage 3 Surf Fun Day

Stage 3 students had a fabulous day on Tuesday at Umina Beach where they participated in a variety of sand and water activities provided by Surf Life Saving Central Coast representatives. Everyone returned to school in the afternoon tired and a little windblown but with big smiles on their faces. Thank you to our amazing staff for their efforts.



P&C Donations

Thank you to our amazing P&C whose generous donation of \$13000 has enabled us to purchase additional literacy, numeracy, and technology resources. Decodable texts and new maths equipment will be used by K-2 students and will

support the implementation of the new K-2 English and Maths syllabuses and nine new laptops will ensure that all students in Stage 3 have adequate access to technology now that our BYOD program has been discontinued.



Principal Awards

This week I was visited by a gorgeous group of Year One students who had completed some imaginative writing. Congratulations to Indigo, Goldie and Bentley for their hard work. Also congratulations to all students who received Principal awards at the last school assembly.





Have a great weekend.

Lisa x

Award Recipients

Congratulations and well done to all our Merit Award nominees who received their award at our last assembly: Term 4 Week 2

KT	Tristan, Valentina, Ted, Duke
K1G	Koa, Hannah, Taj, Cedar
12K	Megan, George, Darcy, Frankie
2/3S	Holly, Zoe, Artie, Flo
34R	Daisy, Zach, Georgette, Eve
45P	Flora, Ethan, Olivia
56B	Liam, Georgia, Frida Freya



Congratulations and well done to all our Personal Best nominees who received their award at our last assembly: Term 4 Week 2

KT	Hudson, Archer
K1G	Georgia, Nixon
12K	Elsie, Ben
2/3S	Axel, Lachlan
34R	Matilda, Andus, Brianna
45P	Ella, Emily
56B	Joseph, Freddie



Congratulations also to students who received their ICAS Spelling and Science certificates.



Kindy Orientation 2023

We have been off to an amazing start with the Kinders who are starting school in 2023. Last week they came into the classroom along with their parents for a play then all our families had a tour of the school and had a session with Mrs Lewis learning all about our school.

The students participated in activities linked to the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and had a fantastic time. We sang songs, did colouring, wrote numbers and built special towers. This week we read 'The Gruffalo' and 'Thelma the Unicorn'. We all recognised our names and attempted to write them. We then went on the new school oval and played some games.

Everyone has settled beautifully and is having lots of fun playing with familiar friends and making new ones. I can't wait for the next few weeks to continue our school journey.

Mrs Gordon

Kinder and Year 1 swimming

Kindergarten and Year 1 have begun their swim scheme for this term! We have seen many smiles as the kids jump into the pool, and the organisation required from them has been impressive. We love seeing them progress with their swimming.

Well done Kindergarten and Year 1



Stage 3 Camp Recount by Tom S

As my dad and I drove down Hardy's Bay I quadruple checked that I had everything I needed for a three-day camp in Bathurst. I had three sets of clothes since the wet weather before had almost definitely made the dirt turn into mud. All of year five and six were going to be there, on a bus for a four-hour bus trip. We left at fifteen minutes shy of eight o'clock on a luxury bus. I sat at the back with my other year six friends. We chatted about cabins and hoped we were with each other, as everyone else was likely doing at that point. I had a window seat, so as we drove out of the Central Coast and inland I got a firsthand view of the landscape.

Our first pit stop was at a small village, it had an old road that went into the Blue Mountains. We split up into three groups and toured the place, there was a jail, courthouse and a church and each had roots

going down into the nineteenth century. I was a judge in an actual trial for two people, a woman got three days solitary for being drunk and a man got whipped for killing sheep. The tour guide showed us what was left of solitary, it was just a brick structure that could barely fit a person. The tour guide also showed us a cat o' nine tails and he made it obvious that life was hard in the nineteenth century.



The major stop for the trip was at Scenic World. We went on a skyway cable car that took us over a valley and waterfall. The floor in the middle was clear, so we could see beneath us! We also went on a walk that wended its way through a forest. They were clearly going through a Jurassic Park/World stage because they had rigged up dinosaur models all over the forest. And they played Jurassic World theme music during the roller coaster ride. We also enjoyed a second skyway that went up to the main building after the walk.

After enjoying Shrek for the remainder of the trip, we finally hit the Bathurst race track, on Mount Panorama, although we did not speed up to 250 km/h as race cars on Mount Panorama go. When we arrived at the Bathurst Goldfields all of our cabin teams were revealed! I was in a cabin with Orlando, Uly, Will, Indy, Mischa and Jake. Meaning I had gotten one person on my list and to make matters worse, the other year six boys were in cabin 2, we were in cabin 1. During the 'settling in' stage people were knocking and running every room and so I was excited for dinner. We were fed a hearty meal of four party pies and some chips (Toby felt sick for the rest of the trip). That night we had a fire and Mr Podmore told an extensively scary story about his trip to America where a car followed them down a camp trail but then luckily drove off, but at night something obviously happened because when he woke up, his camera had taken a picture. Of him sleeping that night...

I didn't sleep.

The next day was super fun, we toured the Bathurst Goldfields and went gold panning, we actually found

gold, I found one piece. We made a damper and played tug-of-war. Then our guide took us to his forge and made us a fire poker! However, the undeniably best thing about the day was the bowling session. I got 118 points out of ten rounds, and a strike is ten points, so I did better than the best possible score, however the teachers were hitting 150 so, yeah. The next day, we visited a mine on history hill and saw some gold nuggets worth about \$10,000! We watched Wonder and Dog's Purpose as we sped home, and boy was I happy to go home. So, my highlight for the entire trip was the bowling session and the lowlight was the food at the camp!



Canteen

Once again thank you all for placing lunch orders by 3pm on a Thursday.

A reminder if your child is away on Friday, please **phone the office first thing in the morning** so we can hold their order over for the next week. Otherwise, their order will be made.

If you are not sure of this procedure for placing orders, there are **two options**:

- **online** [via an e-form on the Skoolbag App](#) - just submit your order and then go to [school website](#) and the dropdown box for *Make a Payment* to pay for the order. **Please note payments need to be made when you submit your child's lunch order.**
- by your child putting a **bag and money** in the gold box in the office before school or any break on Thursday.

Thank you also to those parents who have offered volunteered to assist in the canteen this term as follows. You should have received a note via your child with further details. Please email me if you haven't. jan.tochowicz@det.nsw.edu.au

Date	Volunteer Names
11/11/2022	Amanda Tipping
18/11/2022	Carley Eder
25/11/2022	Clea Langton
2/12/2022	Natasha Westall
9/12/2022	Louise Ware
16/12/2022	Closed for cleaning and stocktake



Congratulations to those winning students who received a Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids Rubix cube. This was from their entry in the competition last term.

Jan Tochowicz
Canteen manager

TASK-The After School Klub

TASK: The After School Klub, our Before and After School Care continue to operate throughout 2022.

We are now accepting the **NSW Govt BASC vouchers** at all our TASK services. We are aware that some families may not currently use TASK due to financial constraints and these vouchers may give you an opportunity to access our service, for zero cost to you!

Information on the vouchers can be found here: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher>

Families can enrol at TASK by going to <https://www.task-kids.com.au>, selecting "Schools" from the top menu, choosing their school from the drop-down menu and clicking the "Enrol Now" button. If you have any questions at all regarding before and after school care, please do not hesitate to ring TASK on 1300 827 500 or email: enrol@task-kids.com.au

