

Week 7 beginning Monday 6 June 2022

Dear parents and carers

National Reconciliation Week is held every year from 27 May to 3 June. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

What's the significance of 27 May and 3 June?

27 May marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations.

Why is National Reconciliation Week important?

National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia.

Our student leaders opened Reconciliation Week with a presentation by explaining to all our students what is reconciliation and then the students launched our newly created Acknowledgement to Country, specific to Oatley Public School's land on which we stand. We then went on to listen to our younger Year 1 & 2 students present the National Anthem in Dharawal language to all our students. What a beautiful start to National Reconciliation Week to advance understanding of reconciliation within their own places and their own lives. National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia.

K-2 SRC and Red Bear Pre-School Acknowledge Reconciliation Week

Last Thursday 2nd June, the SRC representatives in K-2 walked to Red Bear Pre-school to create a special community garden. The students decorated handprints and added them to a jointly constructed garden at the front of Red Bear Pre-school for Reconciliation Week. This year's theme for Reconciliation Week is '*Be Brave, Make Change*'. The students created handprints that showed their own creative side and we planted them alongside our friends at Red Bear. Thank you to Miss Danielle and Miss Lauren for inviting us to create such a beautiful garden for our community to enjoy.



Year 3 and 4 - Fizzics Science Incursion

Last Tuesday 31st May, Year 3 and 4 students attended a science incursion presented by Fizzics Education. All students enjoyed this educational session, which complemented our Term 2/3 study of flight.

James H, William W, Liam M and Tamara G provided the below report:

This is a whole new level of science to us. The science teacher taught us about pressure, gravity, and how planes and different things fly and work. We loved learning about low and high pressure. It was very satisfying because when he had a leaf blower, it made a ball fly up in all directions. He had a drum that had a hole under it and he filled it up with fog with a fog machine. When the drum was hit, the fog flew out and made rings with a giant gust of wind! The teacher also taught us how to do science experiments. It was a great experience with the teacher. Thank you very much.



Student Sporting Achievements



The school has held both the Swimming and Cross-Country carnivals earlier this year with many students performing well and reaching individual goals. Stage 2 and Stage 3 held an assembly to acknowledge these sporting achievements and awarded the students with their 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbon prize for both the Swimming and Cross-Country events. Well done to the students, you all continue to show focus, grit and determination in the sporting arena.

A selected group of students continued their sporting journey and participated at district level. The results of the district Cross Country were recently announced with Oatley PS proudly coming first overall. A huge congratulations to the entire team.

Student acknowledgement

A Letter from: Tim Bellamy, Sydney East School Sports Association AFL Convener

Last week I had the pleasure of managing the Sydney East PSSA AFL team at the State Carnival in Coffs Harbour. I would like to pass on to you the goodwill and joy of being involved with Luke and his family - Luke was a fine representative of your school and you should be proud of his achievements. Sydney East came 6th overall in the State Championships, with 3 wins and 3 losses, and scoring more than 250 points. Luke played with skill and courage, and while celebrating victories, also took defeat with dignity and reflection. Many friendships were made over the week, and he appreciated the opportunity given to him by your school and his parents. May he continue to have success with School Sport into the future.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal.