

## Important Dates

**Parent Coffee Morning**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July

**Student Free Day**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Little Sprouts Science  
Incursion – RC & NB**  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Aug & Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Hello Parents and Carers,

Term 3 has been very busy across the three sites. The students are engaged in the Teaching and Learning Programs. I hope everyone is surviving the very cold weather. There has been a lot of illness throughout the school.

### Parents communicating with teachers

During class instruction from 8:50 am to 3:15 pm, teachers need to be on duty to work with the students. Phone calls during class instruction will only go through if they are emergencies. Please use the home diary to communicate or call before or after school to talk to the classroom teachers.

### NAIDOC Week

During the first week of school this term, all the students celebrated NAIDOC Week. This year's theme celebrates the unyielding spirit of our communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.

The fire represents the enduring strength and vitality of Indigenous cultures, passed down through generations despite the challenges faced. It is a symbol of connection to the land, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we honour this flame, we kindle the sparks of pride and unity, igniting a renewed commitment to acknowledging, preserving, and sharing the cultural heritage that enriches our nation.

"Blak, Loud and Proud" encapsulates the unapologetic celebration of Indigenous identity, empowering us to stand tall in our heritage and assert our place in the modern world. This theme calls for a reclamation of narratives, an amplification of voices, and an unwavering commitment to justice and equality. It invites all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the wisdom and contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.

Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where the stories, traditions, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world.

(Source: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-theme>)

### Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to gather feedback from parents/caregivers/guardians about our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from July 29 to August 30, 2024, and invitations will be sent to randomly selected families.

This annual survey, provided by the Department of Education, designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Participation is optional but encouraged.

Survey results will guide our future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate online, which takes just 20 minutes and can be accessed conveniently on most devices. The survey will also be available in multiple languages besides English.

### Staffing

Unfortunately, we continue to have staffing vacancies across the schools in all areas and across many roles. We are working very closely with the DET to problem solve. This coincides with an increase in enrolments. Please be patient with us all as we do our best.

It is important to reflect on the progress the kids have made, however big or small. Remember, education isn't just about what happens in the classroom; it's about the positive experiences in the shared spaces and community and the joy and laughter we see between friends.

**Pamela Mathieson**

**Principal**

## **Room 10**

Students in Room 10 have had a great start to the year with lots of engaging and exciting activities. They have been enjoying their weekly excursions to Mill Park All Abilities Playground and Inflatable World where they get to jump, bounce and climb.

Room 10 did a great job in NSA Mini Market, they enjoyed making and selling Monster Biscuits, necklaces and playdough.

Room 10 has participated in lots of engaging sessions such as Cooking, Science and Art.

They also practiced team work skills in different activities and taking turn and choosing their favorite activities during STEAM Building sessions. Room 10 has done a great job last Semester. Well-done room 10.

# Room 26

Students in Room 26 have had a great first six months. We have enjoyed excursions to Bounce, Inflatable world, Mill Park All Abilities Playground and completed two terms of swimming. Our confidence in the water increased over the semester.

We have been learning to play games with our peers during weekly social games sessions in both Speech and Occupational therapy sessions. Some of our favourite games include musical chairs, freeze and Duck Duck Goose.

Last term we worked on our receptive communication skills during cooking, art and sensory making sessions. We love making animal mud, edible kinetic sand and volcanoes. We also love exploring sensory play especially cloud dough, slime, putty and water play.

In English we have enjoyed activities around nurse rhymes including Three little pigs, Little red riding hood and Goldilocks.

This term we can't wait to show you our concert performance.



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*They say a picture tells a thousand words. So just like this page, in LC12 we use various methods to communicate to each other. You will see that our pictures tell a story of the year we've had so far which is full of new experiences and opportunities to develop our independence in the community.*

*We continue to increase our numeracy and literacy understanding in the classroom while using ASDAN and our personal goals to further develop a broader range of skills and attributes.*

*As we commence the second semester, we will maintain our busy schedule both in and out of the classroom while celebrating milestones and achievements along the way.*

*We look forward to seeing what the remainder of the year brings!*

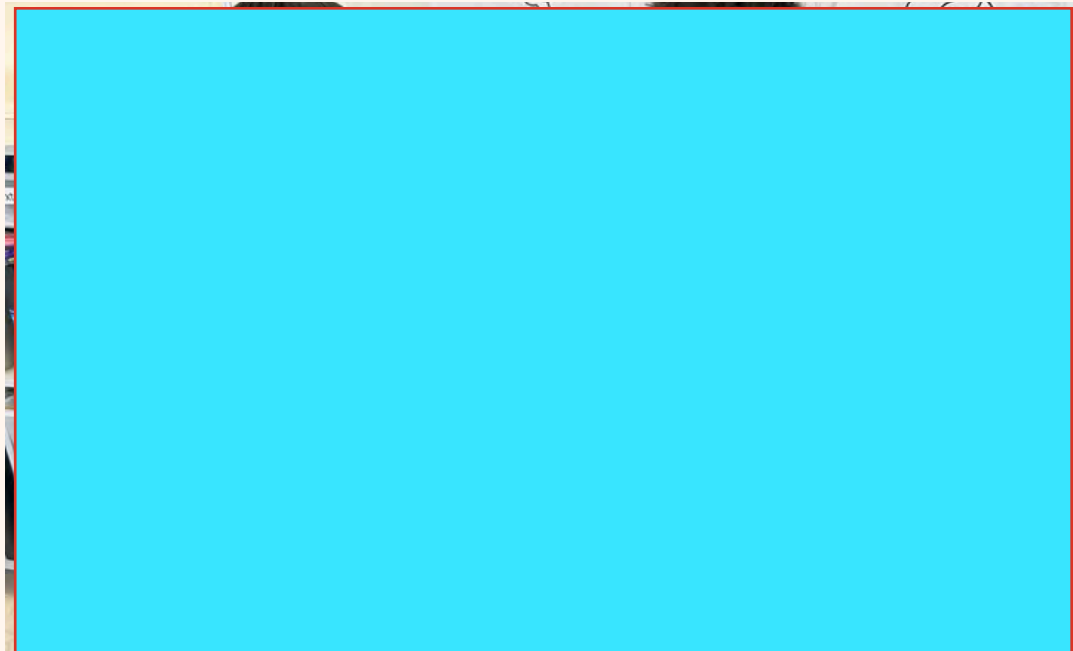
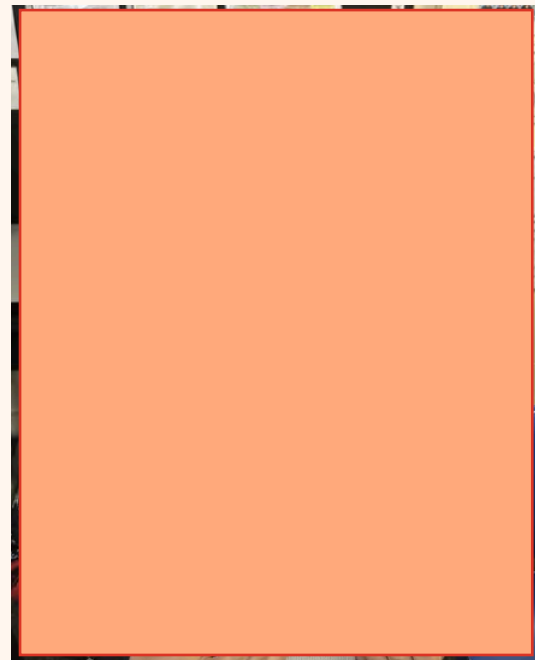
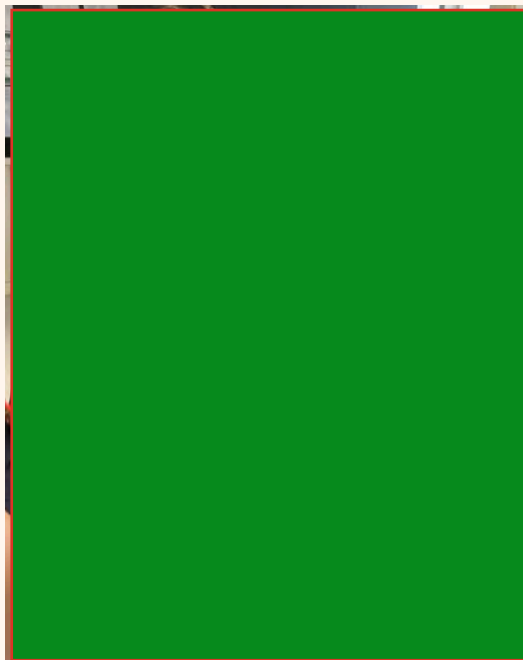
*The LC12 team (Daniel, Nic and Brooke).*

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# ***THERAPY AT NORRIS BANK***

This term the students at Norris Bank are participating in a range of new therapy groups to support their academic and social-emotional learning. Groups include Construction Club where NBI are building and planning their own cardboard city, Emotional Literacy, Afternoon Tea cutlery challenges and phonics rotations.



# NSA'S SCHOOL CONCERT

NSA invites you to our school concert!

When: **Wednesday 28th August:** Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21B, 24, 26, 29, NB1, NB2, NB3 will be performing.

**Thursday 29th August:** Rooms 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21A, 22, 23, 25, 27 will be performing.

Location: Multipurpose Room, Reservoir Campus, 16-18 Gertz Avenue, Reservoir

Time: Doors open at 1pm for a 1:10pm start

Only 2 tickets per student are permitted.  
Please book your free ticket using Compass Tix.

