

# The Dunkley Herald

Term 2 Week 7  
June 14 2019



**Safe  
Respectful  
Learners**



## School Public Speaking

In Week 10 of Term 2 (beginning Monday July 1) all students will need to be prepared to present a speech in class. This speech will be used to determine which students will represent their class in the school public speaking competition which will be held in the school hall on Friday July 26. On this day, families are invited to come to the hall to watch the school finals, times are detailed below.

All students are encouraged to have points on what they are going to talk about on small, palm sized cards. Students are not permitted to use props as part of their presentations. We will be focusing on the public speaking skills of using eye contact, posture, volume, expression and voice clarity. These are important skills that students can practise to help improve their oral presentations.

Students are free to choose a topic of interest to them however, the topic chosen cannot be an information report, a recount or be informative. This means that students need to pick a topic that is more imaginative or creative in order to be eligible to progress to the next round of the competition.

Stage	Year	Speaking Times	School Final Time
Early Stage 1	Kindergarten	1 – 2 minutes	Friday July 26 11:40am – 12:30pm
Stage 1	Year 1 & 2	1 – 2 minutes	Friday July 26 11:40am – 12:30pm
Stage 2	Year 3 & 4	2 – 3 minutes <i>warning bell at 2½ mins, continuous bell at 3 mins</i>	Friday July 26 10 – 11am
Stage 3	Year 5 & 6	3 – 3 ½ minutes <i>warning bell at 3 mins, continuous bell at 3½ mins</i>	Friday July 26 9 – 10am

## University of New South Wales Global Assessments – ICAS competitions

ICAS assessments have moved online this year – for students to complete and for parents and carers to pay. This year if you would like your child to participate in the ICAS competitions, you will need to go online to the direct payment facility for parents and carers. Parents and carers are able to pay online for competitions up until the end of July 2019. All ICAS assessments cost \$14.50. Please see below for assessment sitting dates:

Please keep an eye out for the school 'booking code' and further information on the school's Facebook page in the coming days.



Subject	Sitting Dates
Digital Technologies	Monday 2, Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 September 2019
Science	Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 & Friday 6 September 2019
Writing	Monday 9, Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 September 2019
Spelling	Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 & Friday 13 September 2019
English	Monday 16, Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 September 2019
Mathematics	Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 & Friday 20 September 2019

Our current PBL Focus is on 'LEARNING'.

**We are learning to accept responsibility for our actions.**

**We are learning to accept responsibility for our behaviour.**

**Dunkley says, 'I am safe. I am respectful. I am a learner.'**

***Everyone, Everywhere, Every time***



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
				Junior Kookaburras Assembly – Year 6	
9	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
			Netball Gala Day	Junior Kookaburras Awabakal EEC NAIDOC Excursion – K – 6	
10	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5
	Class based Public Speaking competition				
		A Matter of Seconds – for Kindergarten, Year 3 & 6		Junior Kookaburras Assembly – Artist of the Term School based NAIDOC activities	Year 6 to Hunter Sports High School for NAIDOC activities
T3 Wk 1	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
	Staff Development Day <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	Students return for Term 3		Semester 1 Reports coming home Junior Kookaburras	School based Public Speaking Finals
2	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2
			Zone Athletics Carnival	Junior Kookaburras Assembly – K6MC Zone Athletics Carnival	
3	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
	Education Week				
	Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals	Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals	Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals	Junior Kookaburras	Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals
4	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
		P&C Meeting 6pm		Junior Kookaburras Assembly – Year 1	
5	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
	Book Fair – 11:00-11:40am				
				Author Visit Junior Kookaburras	
6	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30
		Possible K – 2 Excursion		Junior Kookaburras Assembly – Kinder	Hunter PSSA Athletics



# H-3 HUNTER VALLEY ZOO

## EXCURSION



On Tuesday, June 11 our wonderful Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students went to Hunter Valley Zoo at Nulkaba. We got to have a Zookeeper talk where we meet and got to pat lots of different animals including alligators, snakes, tortoises and wombats.





We then ventured throughout the zoo in our class groups and got to all explore all of the different animals that the zoo had to offer.



## WE EVEN GOT TO FEED SOME ANIMALS!

Everyone had a fabulous day at Hunter Valley Zoo, just look at their smiling faces!





# YEAR 4 REPTILE PARK EXCURSION

On Tuesday 12th June, Year 4 visited the Australian Reptile Park and had the best day learning about all of the fascinating animals. Here's what some of them wrote about the day, and we've added some photos of the fun.



## REPTILE PARK TIME

As soon as I walked into the Reptile Park I knew it was going to be amazing because of all of the animals I could see. We sat at some tables and had our recess. When I was eating the kangaroos hopped over and tried to eat my food. I started to laugh.

The first place we went to visit was Elvis the crocodile. He was next to his pond, with his jaw wide open, looking like he wanted to eat us. The keepers didn't talk about Elvis while we were there. We got our information from Karlie because the saltwater crocodile was the animal she researched before our excursion. We went into the frog enclosure and I saw a cane toad, and later at the reptile keeper talk I learned that cane toads aren't actually from Australia. At the reptile exhibit we saw snakes, crocodiles and alligators and the king cobra, which is the snake that I researched. I started a staring competition with it but Noah told me that they don't blink so I walked away. In the next enclosure I saw a giant reticulated python. When we went to see the spiders there was a fake toilet with red back spiders in there. At the reptile keeper talk we saw a tiger snake, an alligator and a python and the whole day was great fun.

Sebastian



## THE REPTILE PARK

The Reptile Park was an amazing place to go. It took us about an hour to get there, and an hour to get back to school, but it was fun. I learned that you can use snake venom to make anti venom so if you get bitten by a snake they have the ant-venom ready to save you. I also learned that the tiger snake is the fourth most venomous snake in Australia. It was cool to learn that the blue tongued lizard's tail can drop off when it feels threatened and grow back within a couple of weeks. The first snake I saw was a red bellied black snake. There was actually two of them. The baby was under the mother. Dippi the Galapagos Tortoise nearly bit my finger when I pointed to him. I learned that tortoises like to eat brightly coloured fruit and vegies. We also saw all different types of spiders in the spider exhibit, and we saw Elvis the crocodile, and I say, he's gotten even bigger. My favourite animal out of all of them there was the Fijian crested iguana. In my opinion, the Reptile Park was amazing!

Anika





### THE AMAZING REPTILE PARK

We went to the amazing Reptile Park and saw lots of amazing animals. We saw mammals, birds and reptiles and also amphibians. I have been researching the magnificent alligator snapping turtle. At the Reptile Park I got to touch it, see it up close and learn more about it. It was a fascinating experience. When we visited the snake enclosure I saw a king cobra. Sebastian was having a staring contest with it...the king cobra won. At the crocodile enclosure Noah and I had a staring competition with a baby salt water crocodile and we won because it moved first. When we came home on the bus the bus driver called us 'VIP's'. I totally enjoyed the Reptile Park excursion.

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# Accepting Responsibility

We are:	This is what it looks like:
<b>Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We make positive choices</li><li>• We listen when a teacher is speaking</li><li>• We focus on our behaviour</li><li>• We use a calming strategy and then respond</li></ul>
<b>Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We look at the person who is speaking</li><li>• We listen in a respectful manner</li><li>• We speak respectfully to others</li></ul>
<b>Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We make learning a priority</li><li>• We focus on our work</li><li>• We are ready for learning</li></ul>



# Junior Kookaburras

Our Junior Kookaburras had their third visit to school today and they had a wonderful time as always. We read 'Thelma the Unicorn' and they made their very own unicorns to take home.



Get to know...

**Marissa Brunton**

Uniform Shop Treasurer / Canteen Volunteer

What class are your kids in?

*Archer is in Kindy and Holly is in Year 2*

Why did you join the P&C Association?

*I really wanted to be involved in the school community and to help make a difference.*

How many years have you been part of the P&C?

*This is my first year as a member.*

What is the best part of working in the P&C?

*I really like the new friends that I have made. I also like being involved and being able to be a voice for what goes on in our school community.*

What do you like about MHPS?

*It is a small and supportive school with fantastic teachers and staff. My kids really love it as do I.*

Your  
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