



# Vineyard Public School

**Excellence – Opportunity - Success**

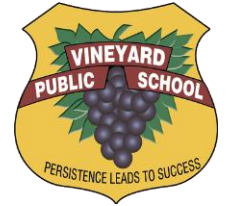
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## **Newsletter 2024**

**Term 2 Week 10**



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### ***The Term in Review***

Term 2 has been a dynamic and enriching time for Vineyard Public School students and our school community, packed with engaging events and activities. As the relieving principal, I am immensely proud to lead this incredible school, where the dedication and enthusiasm of our students, staff and community are truly inspiring. Each day, I am reminded of the passion and commitment that drives our collective efforts to create a nurturing and dynamic learning environment. The remarkable achievements and events of Term 2, from our celebrations and launching innovative ways to connect and strengthen our partnerships with our parents and carers, showcased the strength of our school community. Leading Vineyard Public School is a privilege, and I am incredibly excited about the future we will be building together.

### ***A New Look for Our School***

Our school is proud to announce several new additions that enhance our learning environment and community spaces.

Work will commence in Term 3 on our new library, which will be equipped with modern furniture and a wide range of resources designed to foster a love for reading while providing a collaborative space for our students.





A further highlight has been the recent installation of our new outdoor deck area, obtained through a Commonwealth grant. It has been a big hit with our students and teachers and will serve as a stage for all our future performances. It also offers a beautiful outdoor learning space.

These changes reflect our commitment to providing a dynamic and supportive educational setting for all the students at Vineyard Public School.

### ***Mother's Day***

Our Mother's Day morning tea was indeed a special event, thanks to the incredible efforts of our P&C and teaching staff. They did an excellent job making everyone feel welcome, setting the scene with tasty treats that delighted all attendees. Everyone contributed to the enormous success by creating a warm, inviting atmosphere filled with laughter and heartfelt conversations. The thoughtful touches and impeccable organisation by the P&C made the morning memorable and a perfect celebration of the wonderful mothers and mother figures in our school community.



## ***Athletics Carnival***



Our students, teachers and community attended the athletics carnival at Riverstone High School in the last week of the term. Our students actively participated in all activities, bringing a vibrant energy to all track and field events. From sprinting with determination to executing well-practised jumps and throws, their enthusiasm was palpable. Each student showcasing their skills and striving for personal best. The camaraderie among participants was evident, with teammates cheering each other on and celebrating success together. This event fostered a great sense of school pride and sportsmanship.

We want to thank the P&C for providing us with delicious beverages that kept everyone warm during the day.



## ***Parent/ Carers Information Afternoons***

This term, we launched our series of Parent Teacher Afternoons, designed to foster a deep understanding of our new curriculum and its implications for teaching and learning. The sessions will provide insight into what will be taught in each class, the methodologies used and how assessments will be conducted. By sharing this information, we aim to bridge the gap between the classroom and home, ensuring that parents and carers are well-informed and can actively support their children's learning journey. These afternoons will strengthen the partnership between educators and families through collaborative discussions and developing a shared understanding, creating a cohesive and supportive learning environment for all our students.

## Special Events

Celebrating special milestone days and events, such as 100 Days of Kindergarten and Pyjama Day, adds an exciting dimension to the school experience. The 100 Days of Kindergarten celebration marks a significant achievement for our younger students, showcasing their growth and learning with fun activities centred around celebrating this special achievement.



Pyjama Day provided a sense of comfort and novelty, allowing our students and teachers to come to school in their favourite sleepwear. Funds raised from this day will be used to buy new toys and activities for use during lunch and recess. It was a lovely way to spend a wintery day.



## ***NAIDOC Week 2024***

NAIDOC Week is a significant event for our school as we join the nation in celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme, "For Our Elders," highlights the important role Indigenous elders play in the community, their wisdom and their contributions to society. Our school will engage in a variety of activities to honour and learn the rich traditions of the First Nations peoples. NAIDOC Week at Vineyard offers our students a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of Indigenous cultures and to promote respect and reconciliation within our school community and country.

## ***School Reports***

Our teaching staff have worked diligently to report on our new app. Parents and carers received a copy of our new report published on our Hero app. Student Learning Progress Reports are an opportunity to consider the growth already made, the learning skills, habits, and attitudes displayed, and a chance to set goals together in partnership for the second half of the year.

## ***Our Story - Working Alongside Our Local Historian***

Our school is steeped in history, and we have had the absolute pleasure of working with Rosemary Phillis, Secretary of the Riverstone and District Historical Society. I am so grateful to Rosemary and her team, who have dedicated endless hours to sorting and documenting important information. Collaborating with a passionate and experienced historian like Rosemary is an absolute privilege. This exciting project will record our school's rich history, preserving it for future generations.

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Relieving Principal