

Beckom Public School



Seize the Day

Remembrance Day

Yesterday, we commemorated Remembrance Day. Students participated in a variety of learning activities including making remembrance poppies which are displayed in our front office. We all observed a minute's silence in front of our flag pole. This silence marks the moment in 1918 when the guns on the Western Front fell silent after over four years of continuous warfare. Students enjoyed learning about Australian history and making connections with their personal family history.

Lest We Forget.

Presentation Night

I regret to inform our community that this year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, our presentation and play evening will take place in a different format. The presentation will be invitation-only for parents and immediate family. This year, the presentation will be held at the school, under the COLA, on Tuesday 15th December at 2:00pm. We will be recording the annual Beckom Public School play and copies will be distributed to families. Invitations will be sent out to parents in the coming weeks with an outline of COVID-19 regulations.

NAIDOC Week

This week is NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate the rich histories, cultures and achievements of Australia's First Nation People. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2020 is 'Always Was, Always Will Be', recognising that First Nation people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to see, hear, learn about and embrace the history of this country which dates back thousands of generations.

Students are engaging in a variety of NAIDOC activities tomorrow as part of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters and celebrating their ongoing contribution to our country and society.

Mrs Emma Speirs

Term 4 Week 5

12th November 2020



**Friday 13th
November**

Life Education van visits
Beckom

**Wednesday 18th
November**

Kindergarten
orientation
and Year 6 transition to
high school

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Josh Hawkins

for effort and application in
Literacy

MAKING REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Matilda Osborne will celebrate her 12th birthday on Wednesday 18th November. We hope you have a fantastic day Matilda!



Rosemary Clark (nee Hoare) dropped by the school on Monday. Rosemary did her first teaching placement at Beckom in 1971. During her time at Beckom Rosemary taught the 26 students in the K-2 class.

COVID-19 Advice for families

As we progress through Term 4 it is important that we re-visit the COVID-19 safe protocols for our community. The protocols are delivered by the NSW Department of Education based on the best advice from NSW Health. We would like to remind parents not to send students to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild symptoms. Schools will make appropriate arrangements to send students home if they become unwell at school. Students should be at school unless:

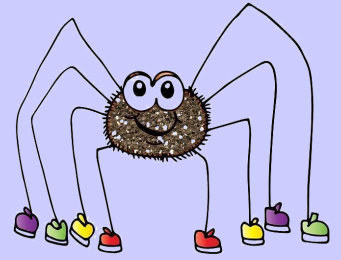
- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe; or
- they are currently unwell.

For more information in relation to COVID-19 protocols for schools, please follow this link
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in following the guidelines and helping to keep everyone healthy and safe.

J^{of the} JOKE WEEK

How do you spot a modern spider?



He has a website!

Did you know that arachnophobia is the extreme or irrational fear of spiders?

Kindergarten Orientation

Orientation for Kindergarten 2021 will take place each Wednesday until the end of Term 4.

Please contact the school for further information.

TRIVIA CORNER

Chloe Andrews was the winner of our children's trivia from last week and the runner-up was Matilda Osborne. A channel of water surrounding a castle is called a moat. There were some attempts at the adult trivia but unfortunately there were no correct answers. There are 22 balls on the table at the beginning of a game of snooker. Good luck with this week's questions.

Adult question:

What is the official language of Nigeria?



Children's question:

What is the family name of the children, John, Michael and Wendy, in Peter Pan?

