



# CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 2 — 6 May 2022

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### OC Test 2023

After the floods there was a large quantity of our sports equipment that we have had to dispose of as it was flood damaged. Insurance will cover this and they will be replaced. But we were able to keep our non-porous equipment. We have been waiting for this to be aired out and disinfected before we allow the students to reuse this equipment. On Tuesday, we reopened our new sports shed with our salvaged equipment. It has been temporarily relocated to the weather shed and our sport monitors have set up a mini 'sports rental shop' where students can borrow and return equipment at the end of lunch. After a solid week of a shrunken playground and no sports equipment at recess and lunch this change was met with much excitement from our students.



#### Future Proofing the Site

Moving forward we have purchased new metal shelving to replace the timber shelving that was in the sports shed. Along with buying milk crates to store sport equipment in. This will allow us to quickly move sports equipment in future floods to higher ground but also make post flood clean up much faster. We have also moved the GA shed to our top shed near the office on higher ground. Over the coming weeks, there is also plans to raise our septic pump and air conditioners to help future proof these assets.

#### Easter Hat Parade

We have a number of easter celebrations lined up this year to make it special for our students who missed out last year. Teacher will be creating easter hats in class. Traditionally, parents create easter hats with their children and then bring them into parade at school. This year with

floods and COVID staff wanted to help decrease the stress load for parents by making the easter hats in class. However, if making hats is something that you still want to do with your child at home then by all means go for it. The option is yours. Our Easter Parade will take place on Friday the 8th April.

#### Easter Colouring in Competition and Egg Hunt

Students will also be completing an easter themed colour in competition in class in the next week. There will be a winner from each grade selected and the chocolatey awards will be handed out on the last day at the easter hat parade. On Friday the 8th April, students will have the opportunity to be involved in a whole school easter egg hunt. This is a wonderful tradition and something that our students always look forward to.

#### End of Term 1

On reflecting over the past term I would say that it has been the most challenging starts to a school year since I began in education many moons ago. Certainly schools have never faced both COVID and floods at the same time. Throughout the term the students, staff and community have once again shown why I love working with this this amazing community. The support, the kindness, the consideration and the patience with the tweaks and changes along the way. Despite all this, learning has continued whether it be at home or with a different classroom teacher. Between myself, Mrs Tosh, Mrs Schoffel. We have always had a familiar face teaching the students.

Mrs Schoffel Moving to Queensland

Take care

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Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>W1</b> <b>Jan</b>	24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28 SDD
<b>W2</b> <b>Jan/ Feb</b>	31 SDD	1 Kindy Best Start	2 Kindy Best Start	3 Small Schools Swimming (Cancelled)	4 Kindy First Day
<b>W3</b> <b>Feb</b>	7 MSP Photoshoot	8	9	10	11
<b>W4</b> <b>Feb</b>	14 Parent Teacher Interviews	15 Parent Teacher Interviews	16 Parent Teacher Interviews	17 Parent Teacher Interviews	18 Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>W5</b> <b>Feb</b>	21	22	23	24 P&C	25 Parent Assembly
<b>W6</b> <b>Feb/ Mar</b>	28	1	2	3	4
<b>W7</b> <b>Mar</b>	7	8	9	10	11
<b>W8</b> <b>Mar</b>	14	15	16	17	18
<b>W9</b> <b>Mar</b>	21 Zone Swimming Carnival (Blacktown Aquatic Center)	22 Check in Assessment Year 4 and 6	23	24 NAPLAN Practive test Year 3&5	25 Parent Assembly C3
<b>W10</b> <b>Mar/ Apr</b>	28	29	30 Cross Country (Fun Run)	31 Selective High School Test Yr 6 P&C Meeting	1 SRC Rewards Day
<b>W11</b> <b>Apr</b>	4	5	6 SS X-Country Carnival	7 Easter Hunt/Parade	8 Hawkesbury Show Excursion TBC



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## TERM 4 WEEKLY OVERVIEW

### Term 1 Weekly Overview

There are many exciting things that will be happening regularly each week at Cattai PS. To help you keep track of what is happening each day, we have put together a weekly timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
During Class	Fitness	Scripture  Library with Mrs Tosh  No Trash Tuesdays	H.S.I.E with Mrs Tosh		Fitness  Sport
At Lunch	BMX  Ice Block Day (weather permitting)	SRC (Odd weeks) Library (Even Weeks)	'Cattai Croppers' Gardening Club	Dance Group	Board Games  Ice Block Day (weather permitting)

## IMPORTANT DATES / REMINDERS

**Next P&C:** Our next P&C meeting will be the on 4th March and will be the AGM— 7:00pm face-to-face back onsite here at CPS. All attendees will need to be double vaccinated to attend.

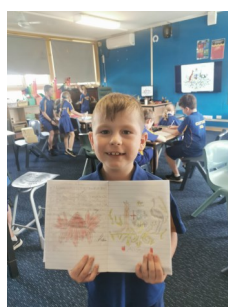
**Cake Day:** Our next cake day is on 2nd March. The following families are to supply. **Alford, Aquilina, Armstrong & Baglin.**  
Reminder to pack **50c** for the day.

### HSIE at Cattai Public School...

C1 have been learning about the history of our local area. Students have been exploring how the area has changed over time. They have been researching how different historical sites have been used for many purposes throughout history. Students explored what life was like then and now at Cattai Public School.



During HSIE, C2 have been learning about Australian Symbols; including the Australian flag, Aboriginal flag and Torres Strait Islander flag. We have been learning about all of the state and territory flags and coat of arms. This week, students had a go at drawing Australia's coat of arms. They did a wonderful job!



C3 have been learning about Australian Immigration. We have been exploring how the people and landscape of Australia has changed over time. Everyone did a fabulous job presenting their chosen countries Australian immigration story.



# Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2023**

Once you complete and submit your application you can change details, send and receive messages through your application dashboard.

## Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023?

You must apply online at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



### Key dates

Application website opens:  
**Tuesday 26 April 2022**

Application website closes:  
**5pm, Friday 13 May 2022**  
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:  
**Thursday 14 July 2022**

Opportunity Class Placement Test:  
**Thursday 28 July 2022**

Placement outcome information  
released overnight on:  
**Friday 7 October 2022**

**Please read this document  
carefully before applying.**

Parents\* monitor the Department's website regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team\*.

#### Contact Details:

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#### Please Note:

\*In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

\*\*'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.