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TERM 4 - Week 8

Principal's message



Hello Cairns West families

It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter for 2026. This year has continued to see great work happening across our school on many levels, with many of the Improvement Strategies from our 2023 School Review now embedded in our ways of working. We look forward to continuing the improvement journey in 2027.

STAFFING NEWS: Unfortunately, as the school year draws to a close, it's always a sad time as we say good-bye to some of our staff. This year we say good-bye to the following staff:

Sadly, for us, the amazing Kerry Cobbe will be retiring at the end of this year. Kerry commenced at Cairns West in 1985 as a teacher aide and has worked in numerous roles within the school for 35 years. The energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude Kerry brings to our workplace will be impossible to replace and sorely missed. On top of that, the incredible workload Kerry carries in the Q-Shop providing so much support for everybody across the school with classroom & office supplies, class and school celebrations, school events, photo days, graduation ceremonies, stocktakes, staff events, etc, etc, etc will be felt by everybody. Thank you, Kerry, for all you have done for the Cairns West school community. Best wishes for the next chapter, we will miss you!

Mrs Hay: This year we say farewell to Mrs Di Hay. Di commenced at Cairns West in 2006 and has worked as a classroom teacher and learning-support teachers in her twenty years at our school. Di has been a very hard working and dedicated teacher at Cairns West and has had made a significant impact on the lives of many of our students. Di has always been a strong advocate for the rights of teachers and has made a valuable contribution to the teaching profession in her long career. We will hopefully see Mrs Hay next year as a casual relief teacher from time-to time. However, please take some time to enjoy your retirement Di, you have certainly earned it!

Mr Chris (Groundsman): Although Mr Chris retired at the end of last year, he has been supporting on a casual basis this year. Chris will finally hang up to boots at the end of this year. Not only has Chris been an amazing groundsman, but he has also supported the school, with his military background, on ANZAC day ceremonies as well as having a personal connection with Santa Clause and has been able to persuade Santa to visit at our school concert each year. Thank you, Chris!

Mr Stefan: We also say goodbye to our computer technician Stefan at the end of this year. Stefan started with us at the end of 2024 and in his short time here has made a big impact on the technical support across the school, especially with our 1-1 laptop program in years 3-6. Stefan has introduced efficient technical systems to ensure student & staff devices are always working, with technical issues always being resolved in a timely manner. Thank you, Stefan, enjoy your well-earned retirement. (We also welcome Mr Taj (Singh) Chahal who is new to Education Qld and replaces Stefan as our technical officer.)

I thank these staff and all our staff for their hard work and dedication this year. We are fortunate to have such a committed and dedicated team of people working in our school.

CLASS PLACEMENT 2027: I am still working through the jigsaw puzzle of staff management for 2027. Unfortunately, there are still several unknowns, and I will **not** be able to communicate the plans for 2027 until we have a clearer picture of our enrolment numbers, funding, staffing allocation and replacement staff. We have, however, placed students into tentative classes for next year and although these will not be published until the beginning of 2027, I ask that parents contact me personally if they have any requests or concerns around what class or teacher their child is placed with next year. **Please note**, it is much easier to make changes now than once classes have been released next year. Parent support around this is welcomed and appreciated.

TUCKSHOP WEEK 10: Tuckshop will be closed from Thursday 10 December. We apologise for the inconvenience however to finalise the school's end of year finances and Tuckshop food supplies, our Tuckshop will not be open **after** Wednesday 9 December. Please make arrangement for children's lunches for the last two days. Note, teachers will still have access to hungry lunches (sandwiches & fruit) from the office during this time for any children who do not have lunch.

PRESENTATION DAY: Parents are invited to our presentation day on Tuesday 8 December from 8:45AM. Our year 6 Graduation Ceremony is a separate celebration and commences after 1st break at 11:15AM. After the Graduation Ceremony, year 6 students will remain at school and participate in a graduation lunch in our school conference room.

POKEMON CARD & TOYS: We have had a few incidents over the past couple of weeks stemming from children bringing Pokemon Cards or their own personal toys to school. Parents are advised Pokemon Card are not permitted at school as they can create issues that result in conflict between students. I also ask that parents ensure children do not bring their own personal toys to school as this can also cause conflict or create issues if damaged or stolen. Parent support around this is appreciated.

Finally, at the holiday season, our thoughts turn to all who have made our progress possible. It is in this spirit we would like to thank you and offer our best wishes. May peace, prosperity and happiness be yours throughout the holiday season and New Year and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 27 January 2027.

yours in Education, Jason Evert - Principal

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Deputy Principal - Partnership Initiative



Hello, wonderful families!

End-of-Year News and Reminders

As we head towards the end of another busy school year, there is still plenty happening at Cairns West State School! We encourage all families to stay connected with the school and support their children to finish the year positively, making the most of every opportunity to learn, participate and celebrate their achievements.

Year 6 – Transition to High School

Our Year 6 students are preparing for an exciting new chapter as they transition to high school next year. We ask families to please ensure that all transition and enrolment details are correct and that any outstanding paperwork has been completed and returned. It is also important that all permission notes for transition activities are filled out and returned by the requested date. These final steps help ensure our students are well prepared and ready to make a confident start to high school.

Year 5 and 6 Football Match

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 5 and 6 students take to the field for an upcoming football match next Wednesday, **2 December, at Jones Park**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to represent Cairns West State School, demonstrate their teamwork and sportsmanship, and enjoy some friendly competition. For further information about the match, please see Mr Ling.

Attendance – Every Day Counts!

With only a few weeks remaining in the school year, it is important that students continue to attend school every day until the end of term. There is still plenty of valuable learning taking place, along with opportunities to participate in end-of-year activities, celebrate achievements and spend time with classmates and teachers. Every day counts, so let's finish the year strong and make these final weeks count!

Christian Gleave - Deputy Principal Partnership Initiative



SSIS - week 1 & 2



SSIS - week 3 & 4



SSIS - week 5 & 6



SSIS - week 7 & 8



SSIS - week 9 & 10

Deputy Principal - Teaching & Learning



Hello CWSS Community

I am currently on leave for the rest of the term; however, I would like to wish all our hard-working students, amazing parents/carers and sensational staff all the very best for the Festive Season.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing safe holiday and return to school in 2027 refreshed and ready to learn.

Take care, look forward to seeing you all next year.

Jenny Dovaston, Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning







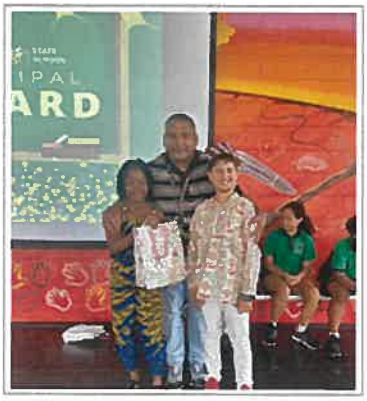
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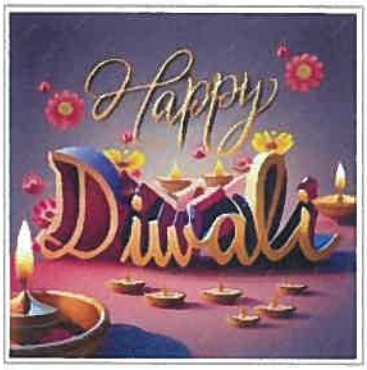
Diwali celebrations in week 5

Diwali, also called Deepavali, is the ancient **Festival of Lights** celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and some Buddhists to mark the **victory of light over darkness**, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. It brings streets, homes and public spaces alive with lamps, music and colour, creating moments of **renewal, generosity** and shared joy. See below our winners for best dressed.....congratulations





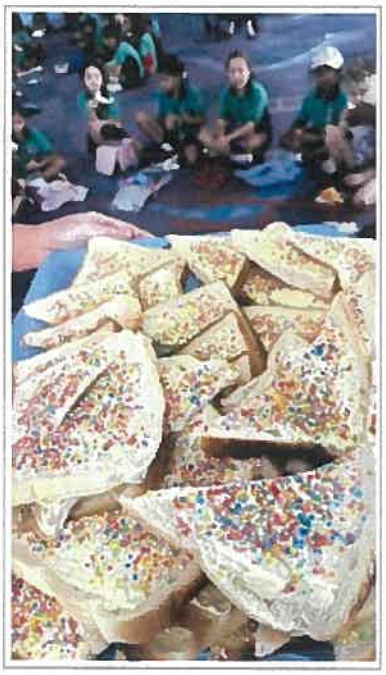




100s and 1000s Day - 24 November

Year 1C celebrated hundreds and thousands day, we would like to have it everyday!!

These are yummy sandwiches



















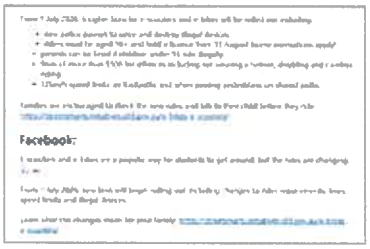




Are you Aware of the new Laws?

If you own an E-bike or a E-scooter please take the time to review the new laws to avoid fines or confiscation.





Facebook:





A Japanese experience comes to year 3

As a culmination of Year 3's English unit using 'Kumiko and the Dragon' by Australian author Briony Stewart, Miss Maki came to visit the Year 3's.

Miss Maki presented and demonstrated a variety of Japanese musical instruments and taught students how to draw a dragon using chalk dust. Students thoroughly enjoyed creating their dragons and taking turns to play the instruments.

Thank you Mrs Maher for organising this cultural experience.



Budding artists at work....













Hello lovely Westies!

My name is Mrs. Maher and I've been teaching year 3 at Cairns West for quite a few years now.

Last year, I was successful in an application to become a teacher with Education Queensland International to travel to Japan this year to teach. I will be heading over there in week 9 and I'll be working through December and January teaching STEM lessons in English to Japanese students from primary to high school.

I am based in Tokyo and look forward to living in a new country, eating some great food and learning a lot about schools in Japan. Due to my late return to Australia, I will be having a break from teaching and having a late holiday.

I look forward to telling you all about my trip when I next see you on my return!

Mrs Maher - year 3B teacher

School Savvy 2027 information

The School Savvy initiative is a community-driven effort aimed at easing the financial burden of back-to-school expenses for families. It offers affordable school supplies and uniforms through pop-up shops, ensuring every child starts the school year ready to learn. The initiative is supported by community donations, including pre-loved uniforms and school supplies, as well as cash donations.









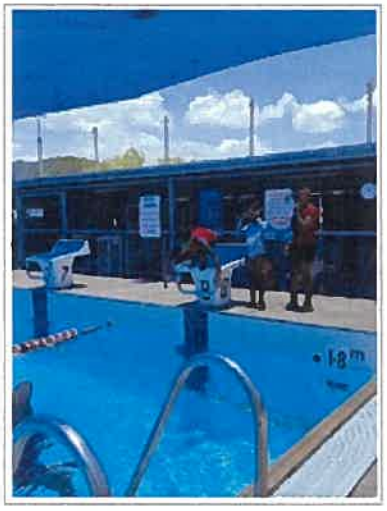
Swimming lessons keep us safe in the water!

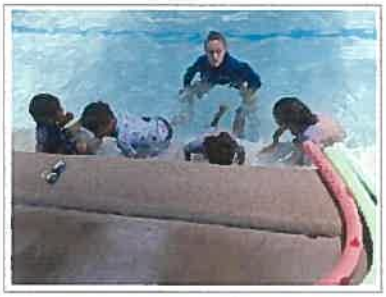
The Preps had a great time at swimming learning water safety. Comments were made by staff at the pool and by the bus

drivers on their amazing behaviour. Well done Preps!

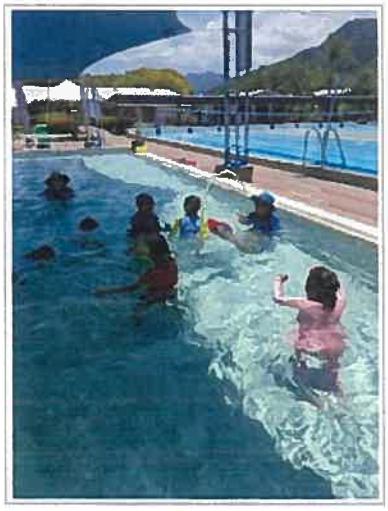
Also, our year 1B and 2C enjoyed the activities a part from cooling off many water safety lessons were learnt.....

Preps enjoying their swimming lessons









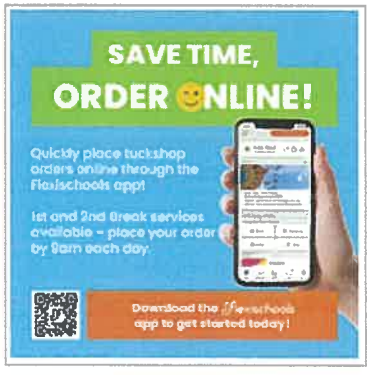


1B and 2C following instructions from the swim teacher.....oh and having fun!!

Tuckshop menu and ordering service

Just a reminder it is best to order your child/rens orders through Flexischools. Orders are to be placed before 9:00am and when purchasing in person by 9:20am. Your assistance around this system would be greatly appreciated.





Year 4C - Whale Shark wax resist art

Year 4 have been reading the novel *Whale Shark Jack* by Kathryn Lefroy.

We created wax resist, ink pictures of whale sharks for an art activity.

We will be watching the movie in week 9. As it is PG (Parental Guidance) any parents and carers of year 4 students who do *NOT* want their child to watch it, need to inform their class teacher, before week 9.

Mrs Kathy Laurila - year 4c teacher

Amazing art work from 4C



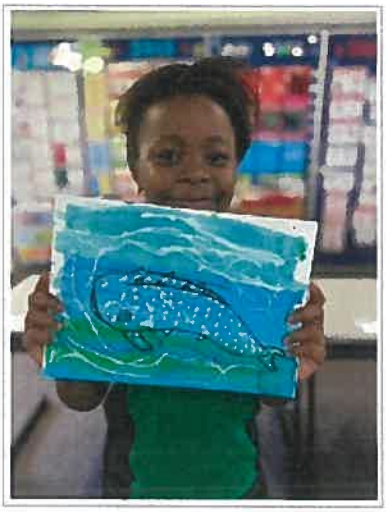












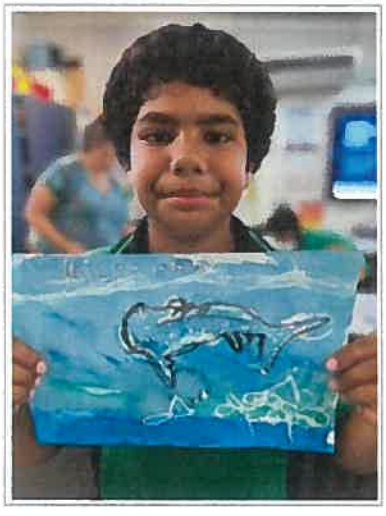




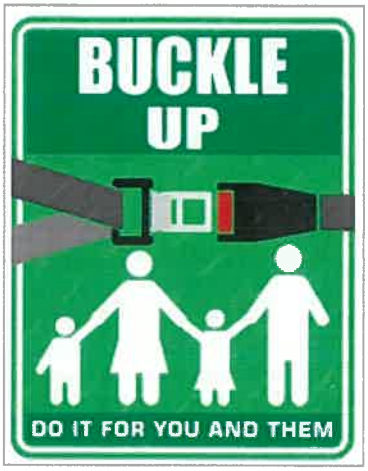








ROAD SAFETY - it's our responsibility to make sure our children are safe





Child restraints

Where children should sit

Cars with more than 1 row of seats

- Babies and children up to 4 years old must not sit in the front seat.
- Children aged 4 to 6 years can only sit in the front seat if all other seats are occupied by children under 7 years old.
- Children 7 years and over can sit in the front seat.

Cars with only 1 row of seats

- Children of any age can sit in the front seat as long as they are properly restrained.
- If a car has a passenger airbag, a rear facing child restraint should not be used in the front seat if the restraint is positioned close to the airbag.

Community Place



Hello families,

I am currently on leave until the start of Term 1 2027.

Thank you to all our families for your support of the programs that we run through the Community Centre in J Block.

Remember you can still come in and tend to your garden space when needed.....

I look forward to seeing you all again next year, take care and have a very relaxing break.

Annie - Community Liaison

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😍 Celebrating Student Achievements 😍

STUDENT OF THE WEEK PREP - YEAR 6	
T4 WEEK 4 (P-6)	Nadeera Bisambela, Otis morrison, Jennifer Williams, Mele Mataele, Mosi Majid, Sophie Dooley, Furaha Kalenga, James Musangwa, Xavier Merton, Rosanna Gurung, Katurah, Moana Uiduldim, Georgina Nona, Anna Scott, Sifa Baruani, Rayanna Nona Phineasa, Richard Tapaitau, Semi Rai
T4 WEEK 5 (P-6)	Kimiora Joe, Rasharna Grogan, Mokara Newie, Evenis Marou, Mareko Solomon, Vinnie Claude-Newie, Elvira Clarke, Ayesha Addo, Victorine Sumani, Zaytaelin Neal, Aria'Ra Yarran, Zan Zan Fourmile, Aayan Karki, Amadeus Collins, Israel Hajuwiyake, Innocent Balagizi, Penthro Mapa, Nirvana Gurung, Key Musombwa
T4 WEEK 6 (P-6)	Nashaelah Addo-Nayacadaudrau, Violet Maloney, Isaiah Rasusu, Rod Willie, Marshall Gibuma, Sonish Yonjan, Niumalee Tuia, Kheelan Addo, Toretto McLeod-Bosen, Zemirah Morrison, Kyson Twaddle, Taana Tereni Tau, Konawe Gizu, Charmaine Palmer, Navaeha Gibas, Jamila Motlop, Adrian Elly, Sewani Gurung
T4 WEEK 7 (P-6)	Pimalaya Suraweera, Alayah Sands, Kadeisha Twaddle, Logan Owen, Nakara-Leigh Maloney Aliya, Selwyn Marou, Anuja Subba, Aziel Keket, Xzaid Blackley, Xavier Yougie, Rhamy Asaytuno, Richard Nona, Kadeisha-May Hickson-Addo, Brijesh Karki, Nischan Tamang, Kiet Nguyen, Angela Panuel, Brendan Baira
****STAR STUDENTS****	Papa T Van-Rysinge, Sriharshitha Srihari, Tyrone Lyall-Ling, Aggie-Jean Mosby, Jalan-Rae Solomon, Jayden Gore, Ruhaan Khan, Noeleisha Ahwang-Ashburton, Irish Pascoe, Lucas Thaow, Noeleisha Ahwang-Ashburton, Anushka Gurung
Science	Zaneirah Ford Addo, Jessie Marama, Jimmy Power, Lucas Thaow, Esther Marsters-Roberts, Sewani Gurung, Roy Salum, T-Jay Nona, Millie Nona, Prasuna Pradhan, T-Jay Nona, Makita Driscoll, Adriel Galiza
Digital Technology	Oliver Balagizi, Ishan Basnet, Kadeisha Twaddle, Katali-May Twaddle, Quin Osabel, Stephanie Kelly, Alina Toft, Aggie-Jean Mosby

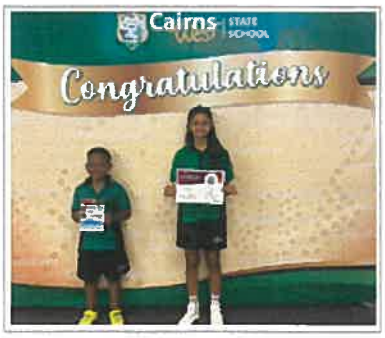
HPE/Health	Jayden Gore, Airell Galiza, Ezekiel Temu, Karlee Baira, Xavier Merton

Term 4 - week 4











Principals Award - week 4

Term 4 - week 5











Principals Award - week 5

Term 4 - week 6









Principals Award - week 6

Term 4 - week 7








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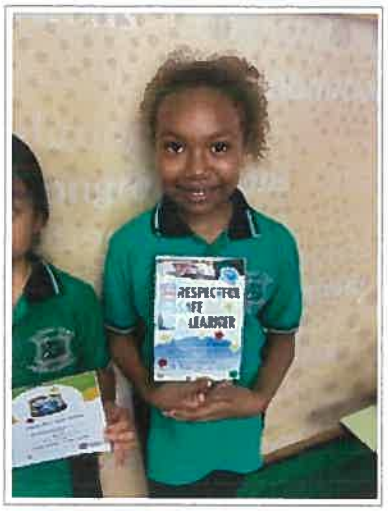











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Principals Award - week 7

This term, we have some exciting new TryFor5! term prizes.

Dulux has donated enough paint for us to create a **TryFor5!** feature wall at our school. Starting this week on our mural with the help of Tilly from the Cowboys, can't wait to see it!!

Mrs Katie Hughes - Student Services



Wow what amazing prizes for attendance



TRY FOR 5! Term 4

100% Attendance Reward Winner - ATTENDANCE STAR! - Each week 5 tickets will be drawn from the TRY FOR 5! 100% barrel to win TRYFOR5! prizes. Mid-term prizes to be drawn in week 5 and at the Term 3 Big Breakfast - 1 X $50 Timezone voucher, $50 Woolworths vouchers

Term 4 - week 3









Term 4 - week 4



Term 4 - week 5





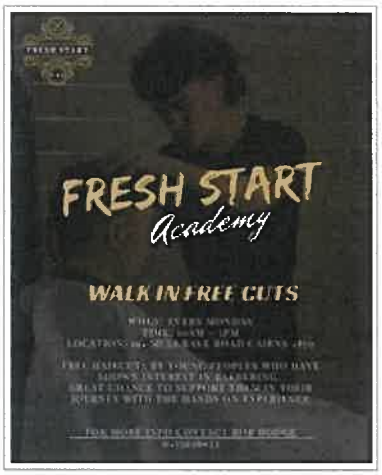
Term 4 - week 6











TRYFOR5! WINNERS *- Each week the year level with the best weekly attendance will be awarded with the TRY FOR 5! attendance trophies.*

WEEK 1	Year 1 - 80%
WEEK 2	Year 1 - 81%
WEEK 3	Year 1 - 82%
WEEK 4	Year 3 - 81%
WEEK 5	Year 5 - 80%
WEEK 6	Year 5 - 79%



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