

**Dates For Diaries**

Friday July 4 Last day for Term 2
Tuesday July 22 Students return for Term 3
Friday July 25 NAIDOC Day
Tuesday August 19 Bookweek Parade
Monday September 8 Father's Day Breakfast

Principal's Message

Welcome to week ten at Seaham Public School. We hope you have had a wonderful week, despite the weather. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents and carers a wonderful end of term break. If you are travelling, please stay safe. School resumes for all students on Tuesday, July 22.

NAIDOC March – The NAIDOC event communicated in last week's newsletter has been postponed due to the recent inclement weather. This event will be rescheduled early in Term 3. Please also keep an eye out for our school NAIDOC celebration, our Junior AECG have been discussing some great activities. Hunter River High will also be involved so watch this space on what our NAIDOC celebration will look like.

Canberra Excursion – I am currently attending Canberra with stage three. Keep an eye out for photos of our adventures on our Facebook page and in this newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bennett for his organisation, Mrs Butler for her work on the Canberra trip behind the scenes, Mrs Granale and Mrs Gardner for their dedication and efforts in supporting our students and their learning and wellbeing. It is a huge ask to give up four days away from your family. I am sure our community appreciates all that you do.

Uniform – The school holidays are a great time to stocktake your winter uniforms. We have noticed an increase in black pants, black coats and logo hoodies. These items are all available through our uniform shop or in plain navy at retailers such as Best and Less, Kmart and Big W. Please support our students to gain their PBL check point for 'Consistently wears school uniform.'

Canteen Update

We are very pleased to let our school community know that as of Term 3 the canteen will be open for lunch orders Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thank you very much to our parents volunteers who run our canteen. Staff and students appreciate all you do.

Canteen Opening Hours

Monday - Lunch Orders Only

Tuesday - Snacks 1.30pm to 2pm

Wednesday - Lunch Orders Only

Thursday - Snacks 1.30pm to 2pm

Friday - Lunch Orders Only



**Please be aware the canteen will
be closed tomorrow,
Friday 4th July.**



Canberra



NAIDOC DAY

March and Fun Day

Raymond Terrace postponed



Due to the predicted poor weather over the coming days, Port Stephens Council has made some changes to the NAIDOC Week 2025 event happening in Raymond Terrace.

The March and Fun Day will now be held at Boomerang Park, Raymond Terrace, Monday July 28. The Fun Day will be held from 11.00am – 2.00pm. The march will begin at Riverside Park, and will end at Boomerang Park. The march will be held from 10.30am. All other elements of the event will remain the same at the new location of Boomerang Park.



THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

NAIDOC Week events in Port Stephens

Thu 3 July

NAIDOC Week launch event

Join us for the launch event of NAIDOC Week in Raymond Terrace.

9:30am – Arrive and connect over tea, coffee, fruit and more

10am – Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, flag raising and speeches

10:30am – Complimentary breakfast, including bacon and egg rolls

Tue 8 July

NAIDOC Storytime

10:30 to 11:15am

Listen to stories, make some craft and enjoy activities at Raymond Terrace Library. Bookings are essential, call 4988 0111.

Wed 9 July

Nelson Bay NAIDOC fun day

Join us for a NAIDOC Week celebration in Nelson Bay in partnership with Worimi Conservation Lands and NPWS.

9am – Community gathering at Nelson Bay Bowling Club carpark

9:30am – Street march down Stockton St

10am to 2pm – Rides, cultural entertainment and BBQ at Nelson Bay Foreshore Reserve.

Thu 10 July

Touch Football Championship

8:30am to 2pm

Match between Port Stephens Council, RAAF, Police and the Aboriginal Community at Lakeside Sports Complex.

ICAS - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

Within our school community there are students who shine brightly, displaying exemplary dedication and academic talent. They deserve to be recognised and this year we are giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in **English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies**.

ICAS results are in-depth and meaningful, and ICAS evaluates student performance against other competition entrants across the state and nation. The data reveals student strengths and weaknesses and can help you recognise and support your child's academic journey.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/): (icasassessments.com/products-icas/).

ICAS results and certificate

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

Your child's ICAS certificates will show their results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the **Results Portal** (<https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent>).

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to register for your chosen subjects.

You can do this in one of two ways:

1. Direct login link – faster!

Use this link to log directly into the shop and start registering:

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/> School Code: CTB358

2. Log in using the PPS code

Visit our shop and use our PPS code to log in:

Shop link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

PPS code: CTB358

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 28 July at 11:59pm.**

This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

Subject	Sitting Date	Cost (AU\$)
Digital Technologies	4-8 Aug	\$20.95
Writing	4-8 Aug	\$24.95
English	11-15 Aug	\$20.95
Science	18-22 Aug	\$20.95
Spelling Bee	18-22 Aug	\$20.95
Mathematics	25-29Aug	\$20.95

ICAS - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools continued

Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments.

Read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/icasa-terms-and-conditions/#icas-parents): (<https://www.icasassessments.com/icasa-terms-and-conditions/#icas-parents>).

Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (**We, Us, Our**).

*To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we **will not**:*

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share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).

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You can view our full privacy policy at <https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/>.

We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by contacting icasassessments@janison.com.

Debating Round Up!

Round 2 of our Premier's Debating Challenge was another close contest! Our team continues to improve, and I am proud to say that each speaker performed admirably, showcasing their skills and teamwork. While we didn't secure a win this time, we were given some good tips by the adjudicator which we will use in our next debate.

The debate topic was "That Years 5 and 6 kids should do all their school work on a screen instead of using textbooks and paper," and our team argued against this proposition.

Our speakers included:

First Speaker: Indi Bostock

Second Speaker: Scarlet Rumph

Third Speaker: Madison Courtney

Fourth Speaker: Olive Zahra

They presented a range of compelling arguments and rebuttals, demonstrating their ability to work effectively as a team. Special thanks also goes to our Chairperson, Cailin Crowley, and Timekeeper, Brylee Dark, for their essential roles in the debate.

Looking ahead, our next debate will be against Paterson Primary School on **Friday, August 15th**. We would greatly appreciate any parents who can assist with travel arrangements for the team.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mrs Bowman

CANTEEN

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

LUNCH ORDERS - 11:30am - 12:30 pm

SNACKS - 1:30 - 2PM (OPTIONAL)

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY

SNACKS ONLY - 1:30 - 2PM

Due to enrolled children's life threatening Anaphylactic Allergic reactions to all nuts and peanut products, we would like to encourage families not to send these products to school. with their children. These include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Our canteen is always needing volunteers. If you have any spare time and would like to help, please log in to **school 24** and follow the prompts.

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www.school24.net.au

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School Name registration ID:: **25376963**

You will then be asked to complete your personal details. Once completed click **Create Account**.

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