

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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## Kaya Families,

It's been a wonderful few weeks full of colour, connection, and community. I'd like to take a moment to reflect and thank everyone involved in two recent highlights at our school: Book Week and our very first Open Night.

### Book Week

What a joy it was to celebrate Book Week together! A heartfelt thank you to all the families who helped bring the magic alive by preparing such creative and thoughtful costumes for the Book Parade. Your efforts brought smiles to everyone's faces including our staff!

While we had to move the parade indoors due to the weather (which is always out of our control!), it was still a vibrant and fun-filled event, and we really appreciated so many of you coming along to be part of it.

Reading is one of the most powerful gifts we can give our children. At school, we encourage students to read every day – and it makes an even bigger impact when they see reading modelled at home. Even reading a short story together can spark imagination and a love for books.

A massive thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who went above and beyond to plan and run an exciting week of activities. Your creativity and commitment made the week unforgettable.



## Open Night

Wednesday night saw our very first Open Night, and what a success it was! We welcomed over 200 families, with around 60% of our school community attending – an amazing turnout for a new initiative. This event was designed to give families a chance to visit classrooms, see student learning in action, and connect with staff in a relaxed and welcoming setting. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive – thank you to everyone who scanned the QR code and took a moment to share your thoughts. Your insights help us grow and improve. Some comments below:

*"Wow what a success today was! So many parents participated and the atmosphere was great all around the school. Our boys were so proud to show us their work and really loved showing off their classroom."*

*Thankyou so much to the entire team who made today possible. We really appreciate it!" – Anonymous A1*

*"I love it and the kids loved being able to share their world with their family" Anonymous E6*

*"Was lovely to see my child's work in class and just how much she gets done" Anonymous C3*

*"So nice to go to our first Open Night. We have been coming since 2023" Anonymous D1*

*"It was fantastic, bit tricky younger sibling not being able to play in the play areas" Anonymous F1*

*"First day I've attended and loved the opportunity" Anonymous E2*

*"Thanks so much for having us. It was wonderful seeing my child's progress" Anonymous F2*

A special thanks to our wonderful PNC for running the entry raffle – 277 free tickets were handed out! Big thanks also to Sam and her team for managing the raffle table on the night. We're already looking forward to how we can build on this event in the future!



## Winter Carnival Wrap-Up!

What a fantastic day out last Friday for our Year 6 students – and a few lucky Year 5s who joined in the fun! Despite the chilly weather, the rain stayed away, and spirits stayed high.

Our students showed incredible sportsmanship throughout the day – encouraging one another, playing fair, and giving their all.

Soccer & Netball teams: Valiant efforts saw both teams finish in 2nd place – a great result and a reflection of strong teamwork and determination.

Footy team: A nail-biting final game saw our team fight to the very end – and come away with the win! An amazing effort!

Congratulations to all students who participated – you represented our school with pride and lived out our values of Excellence, Courage, and Respect.



Kind regards,  
Claire Nicol  
Principal