St George Illawarra Dragons

# Community Report



Nov 20 - Mar 21



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#### 'The Best You Can Be' Diary (Primary School)

The Dragons health and wellbeing school resource 'The Best You Can Be' is a 44-page resource with numerous focuses and tips for students to follow.

2021 topics are headlined by the theme: 'Dragons Stage War on Healthy Lifestyles', and include importance of sleep, nutrition, respect, screen time, mindfulness, body image and resilience

Dragons players also draw from their own lives to provide motivation for all children to be the best they can be in all aspects of life.

We are currently just shy of 100 schools participating, 72 local catchment schools and 26 remote and rural schools (outreach schools)







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will be encouraged to make positive choices around health, education and social issues



#### **SCHOOLS**



97

schools taking part in program, up from 78 in 2020

### 345

## TEACHERS / CLASSROOMS





engaged in wellbeing conversations and physical activity lessons throughout 2021

# OUTREACH SCHOOLS

26

participating schools in the BYBC from far west NSW



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#### Illawarra

Albion Park PS
Austinmer PS
Barrack Heights PS
Bellambi PS
Berkeley PS
Corrimal East PS
Dapto PS
Figtree Heights PS

Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

Gwynneville PS Hayes Park PS

Jamberoo PS

Kiama PS

Keiraville PS

Kemblawarra PS

Koonawarra PS

Lake Illawarra South PS

Minnamurra PS

Mt Brown PS

Mt Terry PS

Nazareth Catholic Primary School

Pleasant Heights PS

St Puis X Unanaderra

Gerringong PS

Russell Vale PS

Stella Maris PS, Shellharbour St Joseph's Bulli PS

St Therese PS, Wollongong

St Collumbkilles, Corrimal

Towradgi PS

Unanderra PS

Warilla PS

Warrawong HS

Wollongong West PS

Windang PS

#### South Coast

Mogo PS Batemans Bay PS Bomadery PS

Camberwarra PS

Huskisson PS

Sunshine Bay PS

Sanctuary Point PS

Sussex Inlet PS

Moruya PS

St Michaels, Nowra

St Mary's Milton

Greenwell Point PS

Far South Coast

Bega Valley PS

Bermagui PS

Eden PS

Narooma PS

St Pats Bega

Tathra PS

Wolumla PS

Quaama PS

Central Tilba PS

Cobargo PS

Pambula PS

#### Outreach

Lake Wyangan PS

Young North PS

Goolgowi PS

Hanwood PS

EA Southee PS

Broken Hill Nth

Ivanhoe Central

Grenfell PS

Mudgee PS

Dunedoo CS

Delegate PS

Tharbogang PS

Ardlethan CS

Bedgerabong PS

Trangie Central

Busby West PS

Finley PS

Temora West PS

Tallimba PS

School of the Air-Broken Hill & Hay

Wylong PS

Binnaway PS

Rankin's Springs PS

Ariah Park Central

Naradhan Public School

Murringo PS

#### Kogarah

Athelstane PS

Bexley PS

Brighton Le Sands PS

Carlton PS

Carlton South PS

St Thomas More's, Brighton

St Joseph's Riverwood

Lugarno PS

Oatley PS

Peakhurst West PS

Sans Souci PS

Undercliffe PS





#### 2021 Blitz/Community Carnival

The St George Illawarra Dragons spread their wings across all corners of the state in February and March during their long-awaited annual community blitz.

As far south to Eden, across to the Central West and back to our St George Illawarra catchment, the Dragons covered 49 school interacting with more than 8000 students, sharing important messages around Respect and how playing community sport, like rugby league can teach great values.

This year players and staff worked together delivering the NRL League Stars 'Inspire, Respect' program, an outdoor engaging program, focusing on the importance of respecting yourself and respecting others.

The visits kicked off on February 10 in the St George and Shoalhaven region engaging with students from 19 schools.

Carlton South PS
Brighton Le Sands PS
Athelstane PS
Carlton PS
Oatley PS
Gulgong PS
Gulgong HS
Cudgegong PS
Bomaderry PS
Sussex Inlet PS
Shoalhaven HS
Tomerong PS
St Josephs' PS Riverwood
Undercliffe PS

Beverley Hills North PS
St Marouns PS
Sans Souci PS
Dunedoo PS
St Michael's Dunedoo PS
St Matthews PS Mudgee
Mudgee HS
Mudgee PS

Rylstone PS

Kandos PS

Vincentia PS Tomerong PS Falls Creek PS Terara PS Greenwell Point PS Austinmer PS Balgownie PS Scarborough PS St Therese PS, Wollongong Coledale PS Bellambi PS Woonona East PS Keiraville PS Dapto PS Koonawarra PS St John's PS, Dapto

Albion Park PS
Primbee PS
Shell Cove PS
Shellharbour PS
St Brigid's, Gwynneville
Towradgi PS

Balarang PS







#### 2021 Indigenous Polo

Our Spirit People and our Spiritual Guides

In the Dreaming, our spirit Ancestors are spiritually there to protect and guide us. In order for us to gain self-determination, our culture and spiritual belief must be at the forefront for our survival.

The Spirit people are our protectors. The animals are our spiritual guides, our totems.

This is the journey we take in life. We must reconcile with the past so we can make our future brighter.

About the Artist: Robert McLeod

I am a proud Yuin/Monaro man. I am currently participating and residing at Oolong House, an AOD residential rehabilitation centre in Nowra.

My aim personally is to overcome the difficulties of alcohol and drug addiction. This painting is helping me stay clean and to become a proud father for my family. It is important to me on this journey that my people and our culture is recognised and acknowledged.

Culture will get me there.

### **2021 Indigenous Jersey** THE GATHERING

This painting is about coming together as one, on ancestral Dharawal land, also the land that much of the St George Illawarra Dragons catchment covers.

The central circle, the Reconciliation circle, symbolises the reconciliation of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Within the circle, we welcome to country, with the gum leaves and white dots representing smoking ceremonies that Aboriginal People do to cleanse.

The three circles together represent the past, present and future Dragons players. The placing of the circles are, by design, in the shape of a V.

The humpback whale, spiritual guide of the Dharawal people, is surrounded by circular red and white dots representing the Dharawal people and the fans. Present also are the animal spiritual guides of many past, present and future Aboriginal players and fans, who come from far and wide, across many lands. The white lines you see are the shellfish and fish, some of the traditional foods from this area.

The Rainbow Serpent, creator of our land, holds significance, is situated within.

