



# POSSUM POST

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Term 2 Week 8 2017

## *Principal's Report*

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Zone Cross Country - results**

Two weeks ago many of our 8 to 12 year old students represented Waterfall PS at the annual zone cross country at Heathcote Oval. We have received information regarding the overall results of the carnival. Our school came **third** in the Handicap championship! This is an outstanding result considering the amount of competitors we entered in comparison to other local schools. Congratulations to all competitors.

### **Enrolments for 2018**

Enrolments for the 2018 school year are now open; please notify any friends or family who may be considering enrolling children at Waterfall PS. Enrolment forms are available online or at the office and school tours can be arranged by appointment with the Principal.

### **Teacher PL**

Teachers have been involved in the following professional learning recently: SCOUT – school's data collecting site, BPC – school's online budgeting tool, the wellbeing project with the local community of schools, updating of the school's emergency management plan, student academic reports and updating of the school's curriculum scope and sequences.

### **Staff Development day term 3**

On the first day of term 3 Monday 17 July, there will be no classes for students as this will be a staff development day. The teaching staff from Waterfall PS will be presenting the **7 dispositions of learning** at a student wellbeing workshop at Bankstown sports club for over 250 teachers from other local schools.

### **Winter uniform**

Now that we are in the season of winter and the weather is becoming colder, it is recommended that all students wear their winter uniform each day to school. Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name, especially hats and jumpers.

## Awards assembly

The next awards assembly is this Thursday at 2.30pm in the Library. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

**Gymnastics program** – Next week is the last week of this program, the students have been enjoying this each week. Thank you to Ms Porter as the cost has been covered through the Sport in Schools Grant that she recently applied for.

**Dancefever** – Will commence in week 1, term 3 for 10 weeks. This is a compulsory part of the PDHPE syllabus. All students are expected to participate and embrace this opportunity. Dances learnt during this program will be on display for parents and the community to see at the upcoming Grandfriends day in week 9 of term 3. Please see me if you are experiencing difficulty paying for this program.



**Small schools athletics carnival** – This carnival is for all students K-6 on Wednesday 28 June at Sylvania Athletics track. The 8–13 years start at 9am; 5-7 years start at 10am children need to be transported by parents. A note with carnival details and permission slip will be sent home tomorrow.

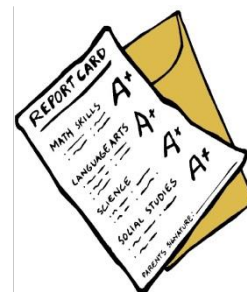
**Vaucluse House excursion** - K-2 are going this Friday 13 June. The students need to meet at their classroom by 8.15am to have their name marked off and board the bus. Please ensure they are wearing the correct school uniform and have lunch and water packed in a small backpack. No toys are to be taken on the excursion. The students will return to school by 3.00pm. Thank you to Ms Maddocks for organising this invaluable experience for the class.

**Debating** – This is the first time that Waterfall PS has entered a team in the zone debating competition. Congratulations to our wonderful debater's: Emily, Johnathan, Julia and Olivia who performed well throughout the recent zone competition. It has been a great learning experience for the students and they definitely showed improvement each time they competed. Thank you to Ms Porter for mentoring the students and organising for Waterfall PS to be involved in debating.



**Public speaking competition** – the school competition started this week and will continue into week 9. The students should have all prepared their speech by now and continue practising at home until they have presented in class. This week the students have mostly had a practise go in class and received valuable feedback from their teacher and peers on how they can improve their speech. Please refer to the last Possum Post newsletter for information, times and tips on preparing speeches.

**Parent/teacher interviews** will be held on **Monday 26 June**, a note will come home next week to make a booking with your child's teacher. Reports will be sent home Friday 23 June. If you are satisfied with the discussions you have been having with your child's teacher and you have no concerns regarding your child's report, then it is not necessary to make an appointment at this stage. However, if your child's teacher indicates on the interview note that they would like to see you then please ensure that you make a time with them for an interview. Interviews will be no longer than 10 minutes duration.



**Second hand uniform sale** – will be held on Monday 19 June from 8.30 – 9.15am outside the office. See Belinda.T for more details.

Enjoy your week and keep warm!!!

Mrs Nicole Gilmore

Relieving Principal

# Library News



**SCHOLASTIC**

## Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:  
**[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**

GET IT ON  
Google play

Download on the  
App Store

Book Club Issue 4 catalogues are out now and orders are due by 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Go to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) to purchase your books online. There are some great new books and kits at reasonable prices and wonderful gift ideas for friends and relatives - especially the \$2 books!

Next term will be a busy one for the library with Book Week, visits by a local author and librarians from Sutherland, our annual Book Character Parade and the Book Fair during Grandfriend's Day. Start thinking

about your book character and costume.

Kind regards,

Karen Lundin

# P & C News

The P & C Committee are still looking for someone to take on the role of the Secretary for the remainder of this year. For any more details please contact Sarah. Your support would be most appreciated.

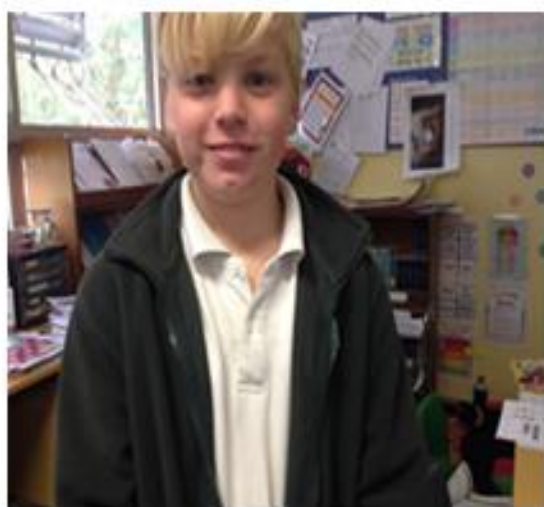
# The Waterfall 8

Term 2, Week 8

Guest Editor – **FRED**

Welcome to the Waterfall 8, a page dedicated to student life at Waterfall Public School, compiled and edited by Year 6 students.

## Humans of Waterfall



My name is Kane and I am in Year 6. My favourite thing is playing football. My favourite colour is aqua. On Tuesday and Thursday I go to football training. I play a game on Saturday.

## Gymnastics

We now have gymnastics every Tuesday until the end of Term 2. Thanks to the gym teachers. We have a lot of fun. 😊



## DEBATE NEWS

On Thursday 1 June, Waterfall hosted a debate against Engadine West, the topic was "Saturday sport should be compulsory for primary school students". The Waterfall debate team performed well however Engadine West were the winners on the day. Congratulations to Engadine West and well done to the Waterfall team for a great effort. 😊



Don't Forget!

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – COMMENCING WEEK 8 – BRING IN YOUR PREPARED SPEECH!**



# Upcoming events



The K-2 Vacluse House excursion is fast approaching!

**When - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please ensure payment of \$36 is made by Friday 9th June**



# Dates for your Diary

June	July
<b>Friday 16 June</b> K-1-2 Wattle excursion to Vacluse House <b>Friday 23 June</b> Student reports home <b>Monday 26 June</b> Parent and Teacher interviews <b>Tuesday 27 June</b> Koori Kids on the Park STEM Camp <b>Wednesday 28 June</b> Small schools athletics carnival – Sylvania Athletics track STEM Camp <b>Thursday 29 June</b> STEM Camp <b>Friday 30 June</b> Last day Term 2 Pizza & Pyjama Day	<b>Monday 17 July</b> Teachers return – Staff development day <b>Tuesday 18 July</b> Students return to school for Term 3 <b>Wednesday 2 August</b> Open day & parent morning tea Jeans for Genes <b>Wednesday 13 September</b> Grandfriends Day, Book Fair

# Community News

## Talking Positively to Your Children

This **FREE** seminar provides parents with strategies for positive communication and parenting techniques.

This 2.5 hour seminar assists parents to:

- Know and acknowledge each child as an individual.
- Understand the power of focusing on what children are doing well.
- Deal with what children do that is not working for themselves or others.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June,**  
6:45 – 9:30pm

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah  
383-385 Port Hacking Road  
Caringbah

**FREE of charge.**

Please call 8522 4408 to register (limited numbers)

Parents only to attend – no childcare facilities provided.



## SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

**11th to 14th July 2017**  
9am - 2pm Age 7 to 15 years  
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants



Download enrolment form from our website:  
[www.sutherland.basketball.net.au](http://www.sutherland.basketball.net.au)

Enrolments close  
3rd July 2017  
(Unless maximum  
numbers are reached prior  
to closing date).

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland

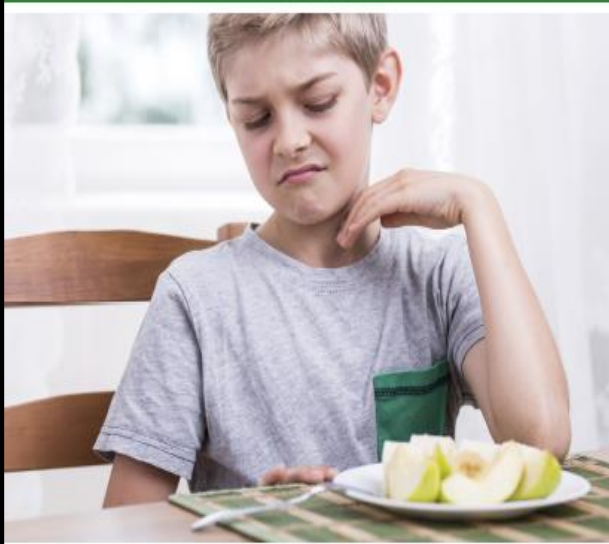
Phone: 9542-1999

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## FUSSY PRIMARY SCHOOL EATERS



**Wednesday 21 June**  
10.30am - 11.30am

**Miranda Library**  
31 Wandella Road

**BOOK ONLINE NOW**

Find out how to get your primary school aged child to stop avoiding their vegetables and try new, healthy dishes with Linda Tollis and Jacky Peile from Early Links Occupational Therapy.

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

Enquiries: 0710 0351

[www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/library)

**Sutherland Shire COUNCIL**



## NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE

**Tuesday July 4, 2017**  
10 am - 3 pm  
Parliament of NSW

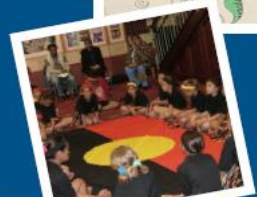
**FREE FUN ACTIVITIES! ALL WELCOME!**

A fun day with activities for the whole family including storytelling, Aboriginal art & crafts, playing didgeridoo and learning Aboriginal dances, as well as Dharawal Language workshops.

Sausage sizzle on the day! (\$3 per sausage sandwich)

Phone: (02) 9230 2047

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**Our Languages Matter**  
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