



# POSSUM POST

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Term 1 Week 4 2018

## Principal's Report

It's amazing how quickly the first month back at school has flown and what an exciting challenging 4 weeks of learning it has been for our students! I congratulate all our students on a very settled diligent approach to Term 1 and am very impressed with Rocco and Isabella's successful transition to big school. Well done all students!

### **SUPERSTARS**

#### **ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our students enjoyed participating in their first Small Schools Swimming Carnival with Coledale, Otford and Scarborough PS, making new friends and representing our school with enthusiasm and the have-a-go attitude which is synonymous with our school. I was especially proud of the way our students cheered each other on throughout the events. A special thank you to all the parents and community members who supported our students on the day.

We look forward to our successful Zone swimmers participation in next Tuesday's Zone Carnival and wish them all our very best as they represent our school.

#### **YEAR 6**

All Year 6 students received their Expression of Interest High School, 2019 forms today. These should be returned to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March for processing through the High Schools System.

#### **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

All our Year 6 have been invited to participate in a district *Leadership By The River* program with other school leaders, which commences on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This program will give our Year 6 valuable leadership opportunities and allow them to positively impact with a new project within the school. We thank the P&C for subsidising the cost of this program for our school representatives.

#### **SCHOOL PROMOTION**

##### **ART COMPETITION**

All students will bring home an art entry form today for a community flyer competition. We would like students to draw/ illustrate aspects of school-friendship/ play /learning and our beautiful leafy environment.

The drawings should be done in fine black felt marker or a heavy lead pencil. No writing should be on the entry as the school crest and details will be overprinted on them. Students may make multiple entries and prizes will be awarded for outstanding entries.

The students will have the opportunity to have their artwork printed and distributed in the local community. Entries must be back to the office by next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### **PLAYGROUP and Parents Social Group**

The school is very keen to facilitate a community playgroup for local families to meet regularly in the school. We have fabulous play equipment and a library facility for indoor play/ morning tea.

If you know of local residents who would like to be a part of this group, contact the school office for more details.

Very shortly we will also be re-establishing our community monthly tea/coffee catch ups (formerly the *G'Day Club*) and seek residents and ex-local residents preferences of a weekday per fortnight or month to meet and enjoy conversation and coffee. Thank you to the Newton family who has donated tea and coffee supplies for the new *Communi-tea Club*.

### **NEW PARKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Please note the new parking restrictions around the school. The local traffic wardens have been busy posting infringement notices on several school members and we ask parents to read the signage carefully before parking their vehicles.

### **P&C AGM**

The next P&C meeting will commence with the AGM, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We have several vacant positions and we urge parents and community members to join our P&C and participate in activities and decision making processes, to support our community school.

I wish to acknowledge the outstanding dedication of the outgoing P&C committee, under the dedicated leadership of Sarah Stojanovic.

Thank you, Sarah and your team for your great work for our school. It has been greatly appreciated by the staff, students and fellow parents.

Best Regards,

Penelope Passmore  
Principal



## STEAM at Waterfall Public School.

Each Thursday all students have been participating in STEAM activities at school. STEAM is an educational approach towards learning that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. Students have had the opportunity to collaborate with others to try and complete a variety of challenges.



### Term1 2018

#### **Tuesday 22 February**

Zone Swimming Carnival Engadine

#### **Thursday 1 March**

The Big Crunch

#### **Wednesday 7 March**

Assembly 2.30 pm

#### **Thursday 15 March**

Leadership Day Year 6

#### **Tuesday 20 March**

Regional Swimming Carnival  
Homebush 2.30 – 7.30 pm

#### **Wednesday 21 March**

Combined Scripture Service  
Assembly 2.30 pm

#### **Thursday 29 March**

Easter Hat Parade

#### **Friday 30 March**

Good Friday – no school

#### **Monday 2 April**

Easter Monday – no school

#### **Wednesday 4 April**

Assembly 2.30 pm

#### **Friday 13 April**

Last Day of Term 1

# *P & C News*

News from the P & C

Welcome back. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Our first general meeting of the year was held last Monday. The meeting will be distributed soon. Thank you to Sasha for taking the minutes.

It was good to see the children from Year 3 to Year 6 giving their all at the schools swimming carnival. On behalf of the P&C, I wish those who are going to the next stage, all the best.

The Bunnings BBQ fundraiser that was down for 17<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled. It was decided that due to current parent resources that it would be too difficult to organise and fulfil the obligations set out by Bunnings Warehouse. We will look at fundraising on a smaller scale during the year. If you have any ideas, please write down and put in yellow box or bring to the next meeting, but it is asked that if you suggest, you can co-ordinate the event/fundraiser.

**COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS** – Don't forget to keep bringing in the Coles Sports Vouchers. Either put them in the box in the office or give to Sasha or Katie. There is also a box at Coles Engadine.

**EASTER HAT PARADE** – 29<sup>th</sup> March – More details to come, but raffle tickets and note will be handed out in a few weeks' time, asking for eggs and Easter donations. There will be assistance required to put raffle tickets together, hand them out and collect money. With help on the day required.

**AGM – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Nomination forms will be handed out a closer date. But please put in your diary. All positions will become vacant. If you wish to vote or nominate yourself for a position, you will need to be a current financial member. You are still able to be a member, if you would like to sit for a position, but you are required to pay the \$1 membership as soon as possible. It would be wonderful, if most families are represented.

There will be a general meeting held straight after the AGM.

**Second hand Uniforms and School Hats** - Don't forget we have second hand uniforms for sale for a small fee. Please see Belinda. Also, hats for sale, both the peak and wide brim, for \$12 each.

Thank you  
Sarah

## *Community News*

### **What is The Big Veggie Crunch?**

Did you know that only 5.4% of Australian children eat enough vegetables?

To encourage students to eat more vegetables, our school will be taking part in 'Crunch (as part of Vegetable Week) on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 11.30 am.**

Schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously.

### **What can you do to help?**

- Pack a container of vegetables (**not fruit**) for your child to eat on the day
- Keep serving up the vegetables at home!

If you require more information on what activities our school is doing over Vegetable Week, please contact the school or your child's teacher.



