



POSSUM POST

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Term 1 Week 9 2018

Principal's Report

It has been a very productive month of learning for our students, as we approach the end of term.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

I was delighted to attend the Leadership By The River program on Thursday 13th March. We were represented confidently by Jesse, Harry, Aurora and Evie who shared the Stage 3 Leadership Team's presentation on student leadership at our school.

Thank you to the parents who transported the students. We look forward to watching the leadership project for our school commence and wish Johnathan, Julia and Emily success in their presentation later in the year.

Congratulations to all students who participated in our Art Competition for promotional flyers. Congratulations to Emily, Rachel, Harry, Mark, Rocco and Julia for your award winning entries and a very big congratulation to Evie, our winning artist.

Artwork will be used for promotional material throughout the year, commencing last week with Rocco and Mark's work, which was used to advertise our open day sessions.

HARMONY DAY

We were pleased to have such a large crowd of parents and family join us for Harmony Day last Wednesday. It was great to see our students singing so beautifully and supporting the day with lots of orange accessories. Well done students!

Facebook

We are happy to announce, following a soft (trial) launch, our official School Facebook page is now officially active. Search for "Waterfall Public School" and you will see our logo come up. We would love all our families to follow and share our page. It is a great way to see what interesting and exciting learning activities our students are involved in each week.

A special thank you to Ms Kirsty Maddocks for her IT work with the DoE to make this happen. We will shortly launch our own Twitter site, however, parents can currently view activities at school at PPassmore12@Twitter.

Communi-Tea group.

We launched our Communi-Tea club last week, with special thanks to the Newton family for providing refreshments for the group and Jenny Benn for making scones! It is wonderful to have our community participating in our school.

Community Library.

Thank you to Mr Passmore who has built a community library to be attached to the 3/6 classroom for community use. The students will paint our library over the coming week so it can be in use before the holidays.

We encourage the community to borrow, read and donate to our new community reading hub.

Vegetable Patch

Our Environmental Leaders have been busy assisting students to prepare our patch for winter/spring crops.

A special thank you to Ms Julie Gallan from the Royal National Park Education Centre for her assistance in our project, and Ms Jennifer Porter for her leadership.

The students are looking forward to planting the crops and preparing the worm farms and compost bins.

Recently some of the Environment Leadership Team shared some educational posters they had made out of school hours, at assembly.

Congratulations to Laura, Rachel, Jack and Evie for your great initiative.

P&C Elections 2018.

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C executive for 2018.

We again thank the outgoing committee for their generous and dedicated service to our school and congratulate our new committee.

The new committee is:

Sascha Beau	President
Michelle Antony and Linda Muscat	Vice Presidents
Katie Lockett- Bowron	Secretary
Allison Cairncross	Treasurer
Sascha Beau	Fundraising Coordinator
Michelle Antony	Fundraising Team
Belinda Taylor	Uniform Co-ordinator

Easter Hat Parade

We look forward to our community joining us on Thursday 29th March at 9.30am for our annual Easter event.

Students are to bring their hats to school and leave in classrooms to ensure they are intact for the parade.

The event will consist of students singing, P&C raffle draws and our hat parade.

Visitors including toddlers, are encouraged to participate too!

Please note parking is available on the oval but **not before 9.00am.**

Cybersafety- An important message.

Shortly I will be contacting some parents regarding our concerns with some students' out of school hours internet activity.

We recently posted some information regarding *Cybersafety* on our Facebook for all parents to access. **Please note it is not appropriate for young students (ie. grades 3-6) to be participating in live game chatrooms with unknown members or to post publicly where anyone can see their activity.**

This is not a safe environment for our young people to participate in, and we urge all parents to be vigilant and supervisory of their childrens internet use.

Anzac Day

This year we are holding our Anzac Service on Tuesday 2nd of May which is the students first day of Term 2. This is later than usual because the actual Anzac Day is closer to the end of the student vacation this year. Students have been preparing some special songs and we are delighted that ex Waterfall Public School student and veteran Mr Les Ledwidge has agreed to be our special guest speaker this year. We invite all our Waterfall community to join us for our special service at 10.30am.

Best Regards,

Penelope Passmore
Principal

Term 1 2018

Thursday 29 March
Easter Hat Parade

Friday 30 March
Good Friday – no school

Monday 2 April
Easter Monday – no school

Tuesday 3 April
9.30am Open Morning for
new families

Wednesday 4 April
Assembly 2.30 pm

Thursday 5 April
2.30pm Open Afternoon for
new families

Monday 9 April
2.30pm Open Afternoon for
new families

Wednesday 11 April
9.30am Open Morning for
new families

Friday 13 April
Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 1 May
School commences
10.30am ANZAC Service



Leadership By The River



Veggie Patch



Harmony Day

Drop-off and pick-up by car

Make sure your children are in appropriate **child car seats** that are fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.

Always park and turn legally around schools and **avoid dangerous manoeuvres** like U-turns and three-point turns.

Always **give way to pedestrians**, especially when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop the kids off and pick them up on the **school side of the road** in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.

It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road** to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you are using pedestrian crossing areas where possible.

Always **hold your child's hand** up until the age of eight. Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road. Talk to your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road:

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb
- **Look** continuously both ways
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across

Your child's safety depends on you

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

