



POSSUM POST

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Term 1, Week 6, 2019

Principal's Report

We are now at mid Term and Term 1 has certainly been a busy and industrious time of learning for our students! During Week 4 students enjoyed their Welcome to 2019 BBQ and Disco.

A special thank you to Zac's grandpa, Warren and Rocco's dad, Bruno for running our BBQ and all the parents who assisted in serving.

Mr Passmore's nifty beats were enjoyed by all and it was great to see our community enjoying themselves while supporting our precious little school.

Week 5 saw the Sharks NRL Club visit us and talk to the students about Resilience. Matt Prior, current first grade player, openly talked about the importance of being resilient, resourceful and respectful of others.

Students also enjoyed their Hot Dog and Icecream Day last Friday, with special thanks to Allison Cairncross and Aunty Joanne for running this event.

This week some of our swimmers competed in the Engadine Zone Swimming Championships and we congratulate Zac, Nicholas, Laura, Jayde, Rachel and Ryley on their sportsmanship and fine efforts representing their school. Thank you to Miss Clark who volunteered to manage the team .

Miss Clark reported all students competed enthusiastically with 5 personal best times!! Several students won or were placed in their heats. What a wonderful effort. Mrs Burke commented that Waterfall students were the most supportive and encouraging spectators to their team mates. Your school is very proud of you all.

This term students are enjoying using *Tinkercad* software to create 3D objects, developing both skills in digital literacy and design. This STEMshare library initiative allows small schools to use new often expensive, technologies as part of our digital curriculum.

Students have also participated in the Cool Australia Toyota Dream Car Challenge, designing cars of the future. Copies of students designs, which have been entered already, will be on display in the computer lab with outlines of their design vision.

The students have commenced rejuvenation of our vegie gardens, during Friday afternoon's sustainability lessons in Garden Club, with many thanks to Mrs Robyn Thorn for volunteering her time and expertise. Students are researching best crops to grow in Autumn and will be planting once weeding and soil preparation is complete.

In Science, students have been investigating qualities of soil and learning that Waterfall School is on a sandstone ridge (parent material), meaning soil quality is poor and requires the addition of organic matter for optimum plant growth. Stage 2 and 3 students will be conducting experiments on soil ph levels around the school during the next few weeks.

We are delighted to welcome our network of *Small Coastal Schools* to Waterfall Public School for our first joint Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 26th March.

We invite families to bring a chair or rug and come along and join us in supporting our students.

We will be selling hotdogs, icecreams and cold drinks on the day for all the community and the other schools and their visitors, and we seek volunteers to help us with this.

Please let the office know if you can help, or return the slip below to the orange box.

Next week our students will travel by train to Heathcote Public School to an exciting performance by *Opera Australia*. This will be a wonderful cultural opportunity for our students and we thank Mr Damien Field, Principal of Heathcote School, for the kind invitation to join them. Opal cards should be loaded with \$5 and permission note including \$8 ticket fee, returned to the office as soon as possible.

Our P&C Bunnings Cake Stall is next week (Saturday 16th March) and **we need your help** in providing baked items to sell. Last year's cake stall was a huge success, due the generosity of our community.

If you can help out by donating goods, let the office or Michelle Antony know, as soon as possible.

Next term we are very excited that the WPS Before and After School Care Centre will finally open. We thank parents for their patience. Special commendation is well deserved by Vicky Reid and Sascha and Kieran Beaumont for their unflinching commitment to this project, which will ensure the long term viability of our school. Parents are encouraged to register their child/children as soon as possible, as bookings are also being taken from other schools where their centres have long waiting lists. A high percentage of daily fees is rebated for working families.

Even if just for emergencies, a registration will ensure your child has care when required. **Please note School Staff will not be providing care before 8.30am or after 3pm from this time**, and families will be directed to the centre, as is practice in all other schools.

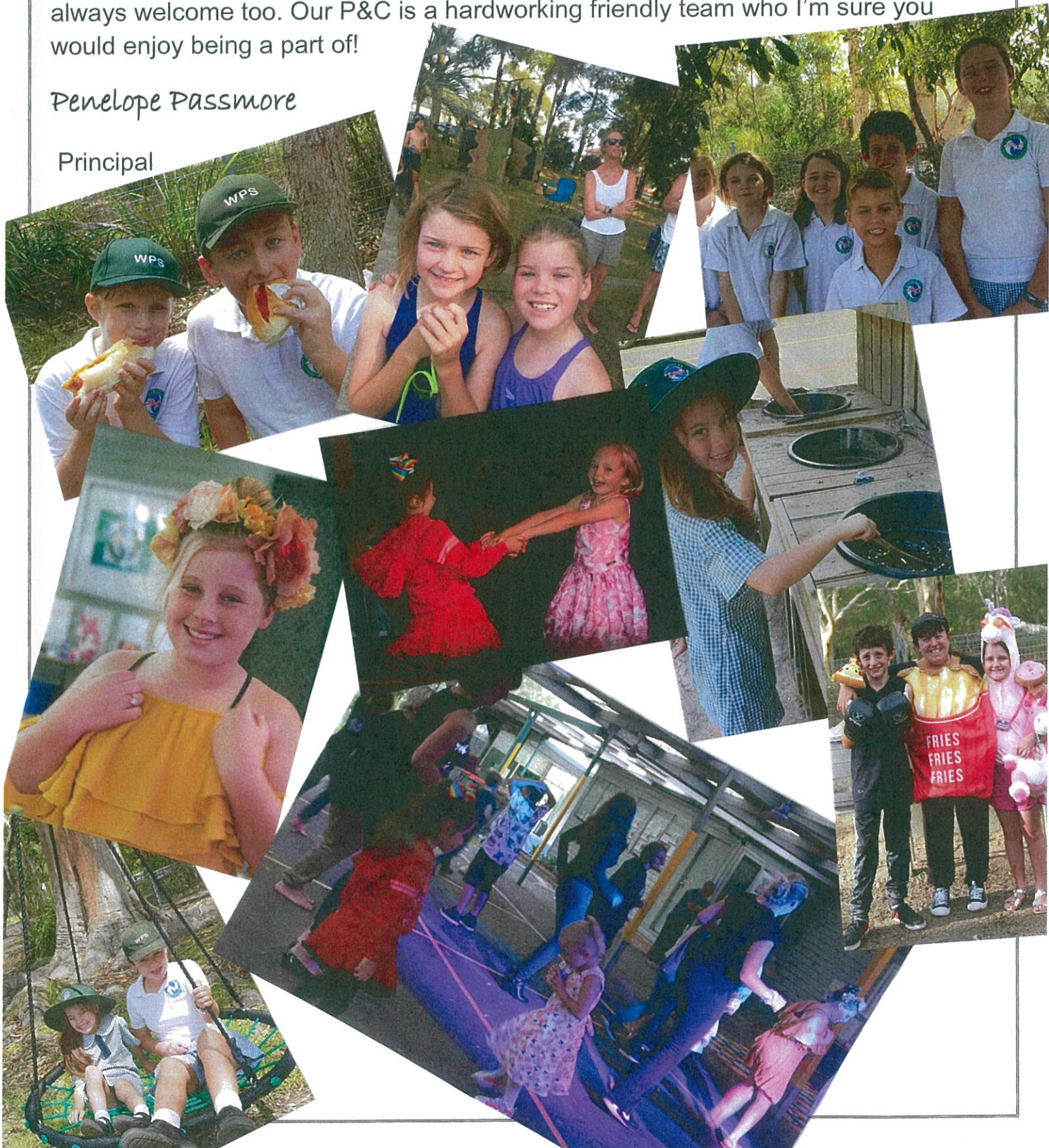
Thank you to all the families who have paid or are paying by instalment, the school resource fees. This is greatly appreciated.

Please note Term 1 Band Fees must be paid by the end of Term 1 or students cannot continue in Band program for Term 2. Fees must be up to date each term, as Ms Hardiman's account is paid directly by these fees.

On Monday 18th of March, at 7pm the P&C AGM is being held in the school library. We urge all families to consider having a parent or family member come along and be a part of the decision making process for our school. Community members are always welcome too. Our P&C is a hardworking friendly team who I'm sure you would enjoy being a part of!

Penelope Passmore

Principal



UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR

-Please keep in a handy place

TERM 1

Tuesday 12th March

Mr Moody on class.

Ms Passmore & Ms Maddocks to Mathematics Course.

Thursday 14th March

Excursion to Heathcote PS

11.30 am Opera Australia

(\$8 and loaded Opal card)

Saturday 16th March ALL WELCOME

P&C Bunnings Cake Stall

(donations required)

Monday 18th March ALL WELCOME

P&C AGM 7pm library

All welcome

Wednesday 20th March ALL WELCOME

Harmony Day 2.30pm Assembly

(students wear orange accessories)

All students performing

Tuesday 26th March ALL WELCOME

Smalls Schools X Country(time to be advised)

At our school. .BYO chair/rug

Hotdogs, icecreams and drinks for sale.

Friday 5th April

Finance Training

- Mrs Reid and Ms Passmore

Wednesday 5th April

Combined Scriptures Easter Service

Friday 12th April ALL WELCOME

Easter Concert and Hat parade, Egg treasure Hunt

11.00 Year 6 cake stall and raffle (donations required)

11.30 Concert and Easter Hat Parade

12.45 BBQ lunch

TERM 2

Tuesday 30th April

Students return to school

Before And After School care Centre opens!!

10.30 ANZAC Service ALL WELCOME



AM & PM
BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE