



# POSSUM POST

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## Principal's Report

It has been a very productive month of learning and friendship for our students, as we approach the end of term and all the staff are very pleased with students' academic and social progress. Well done students!!

### OPERA AUSTRALIA

We thank Mr Damien Field, Principal Heathcote Public School for the very kind invitation to attend a wonderful performance of the Owl and the Pussycat at his school in Week 7. It was a fabulous cultural experience for the students.

BIKE AND SCOOTER TRAIL DAY was successfully trialed in Week 7 and was a fantastic initiative the whole school enjoyed.

We are now pleased to make this a regular part of our program, on alternate Wednesdays to Assembly week, dependent on weather.

Our students are displaying great talent and we'd love to enter a team in next year's Primary Mountain Bike Championships at Thredbo!

At this year's recent event we were thrilled to follow Kane's progress in the High School Championships.

### HARMONY DAY

We were pleased to have such a large crowd of parents and family join us for Harmony Day in week 8. It was great to see our students singing so beautifully and supporting the day with lots of orange accessories. Well done students!

### SMALL COASTAL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

It was an absolute pleasure to share our carnival with the students, staff and parents from Otford and Scarborough Public Schools last week.

The weather was perfect for running and I was delighted to see the high participation rate of our students. Congratulations to Rocco, Nicholas and Jayde who were champions at the carnival and well done to all other students on your fine efforts.

A very special thank you to Allison Cairncross for coordinating our "canteen" and all our wonderful parents and family members who helped out. I also wish to acknowledge the wonderful coaching and marshaling from Year 11 students from Heathcote High School who were so enthusiastic and supportive of all the students.

### Vegetable Patch

Thank you to Mrs Robyn Thorn who volunteers each Friday helping students prepare the Vegie Patch for growing winter crops. Red onions will soon be sprouting! Students are reminded to bring gardening gloves on Fridays.

### P&C Elections 2019.

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C executive for 2019.

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

The new committee is:

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| Sascha Beau                            | President                |
| Michelle Antony and Allison Cairncross | Vice Presidents          |
| Claudia Trotter                        | Secretary                |
| Jenny Benn                             | Treasurer                |
| Sascha Beau                            | Fundraising Coordinator  |
| Michelle Antony and Jenny Benn         | Fundraising Team         |
| Jenny Benn                             | Uniform Co-ordinator     |
| Sascha Beau                            | Canteen Coordinator      |
| Kate Bowron                            | Canteen Committee        |
| Sascha Beaumont                        | P&C- BASC representative |

### Easter Hat Parade

We look forward to our community joining us on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.30am for our annual Easter event.

Students are to make their hats at home and bring their hats to school and leave in classrooms on Friday to ensure they are intact for the parade.

The event will consist of a recess Year 6 Fundraising Cake stall and Guessing competition, student performances, Easter Hat Parade, P&C raffle draws and a BBQ lunch. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for students.

Visitors including toddlers, are encouraged to participate too!

### Anzac Day

This year we are holding our Anzac Service on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April 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 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.

### Seeking volunteers

The school has been invited to lay a wreath at the Heathcote Dawn Service. I am seeking students from Year 4 to 6 whose parents would like their child to represent the school at this very special event. School blazers will be provided for the service. Please see me if you are able to help. Thank you.

### We need your help!

Monday morning assembly are very important.

Staff go through the events of the week with students and remind them of the requirements and expectations of students.

We are always happy to have our parents and family members join us but respectfully remind



## End Term 1/2 2019

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
Combined Easter Service

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
11.30  
Easter Hat Parade  
Raffles, Yr 6 cake stall, BBQ lunch

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Students return to school  
10.30am Anzac service  
BASC Centre Opens!

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
Director School Education  
visits school.  
Ms Jennifer French

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
2.30- ASSEMBLY  
All welcome

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
1.30pm Open day for new  
families

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
7pm P&C All welcome  
Library

**Tuesday -Thursday  
14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN tests Yrs 3 and 5

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
1.30pm Open day for new  
families.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Zone Cross Country,  
Heathcote Oval

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
Small Coastal Schools  
Athletics Carnival- 9am  
Bulli High School  
All welcome.  
Travel by train

**14<sup>th</sup> June**  
Regional cross Country,  
Miranda Park

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Semester 1 school reports  
go home.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
**MAJOR EXCURSION K-6**  
All students to UOW Space  
Planetarium

**\*\* \$30 per student\*\***  
Travel by minibus





them it is not appropriate to hold conversations or call out during the assembly as it unsettles the students when their concentration is required on the announcements. Thank you for your help.

### CHANGES TO MEDICATIONS

Recently a student casually advised staff that they did not require their medication that day. School staff then spent time contacting the parent to confirm what they were to do. It is parents responsibility to advise staff of changes in medication.

We cannot accept oral messages from students which contradict the doctors written instructions.

There are very strict protocols around administering medication at school and we ask parents to respect and adhere to these protocols.

### EARN n LEARN

Thank you to Ms Maddocks who is co ordinating our school's efforts this year. We encourage families to shop at Woolworths and collect tokens from friends and family to support our little school's fundraising. The last Earn n Learn in 2017, brought great new reading resources, class equipment and our beautiful tree swing for our students.

### OFFICE STAFF

As Mrs Reid our much loved SAM, leaves us for her "Knees Up" in hospital, we wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is back soon, ready to play in the Year 5/6 soccer team!

We welcome Mrs Stav on alternate Fridays, who will support Mrs Carmel Azzopardi ( a previous highly valued SAM at Waterfall) ,for next term.

Welcome also welcome back Miss Nina, Support Learning Officer, who has returned to Waterfall on a casual relief basis.

We hope you all enjoy your stay in our special school!

Best Regards,

Penelope Passmore  
Principal

