

POSSUM POST

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Term 2, Week 6, 2019

Principal's Report

The term to date, has certainly been full of wonderful learning experiences for our students and as we head into the second half of term Waterfall Public School continues to offer a rich range of opportunities to challenge and inspire our learners!

During **WEEK 2** our Band performed for our first Open Afternoon of the year, impressing our visitors with their tone and focus. Well done to Ms Hardiman and our wonderful musicians!

During **WEEK 3** we enjoyed a brisk walk to school with many families joining us for our annual Walk Safely To School Day. Thank you to our families for supporting this important safety and fitness initiative.

During **WEEK 4** all students participated in National Simultaneous Storytime, joining in with students all around Australia, to enjoy and discuss the messages in "Alpacas with Maraccas."

The **highlight of WEEK 5** was the District Cross Country where Laura, Zac, Nicholas, Riley and Jayde represented our school admirably and on returning to school, were greeted with spontaneous warm applause from their school friends! A very warm congratulations to Jayde, who again qualified for the Sydney Region event next week, with a spectacular sprint to claim second place!

THIS WEEK our Tech Team of Jack, Rachel, Ryley, Nicholas and Lee will represent not only our school, but the NSW Department of Education at the Edu TECH International Congress and Expo at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. The students will present a workshop on robotics to visitors to the Congress. This is a wonderful, prestigious experience for our students and I am very proud of their efforts to develop their presentation! A very special thank you to Mr Darren Avery, DET Technology Advisor, and Ms Maddocks for their support of our team.

THIS WEEK we are also participating in the *Rainbow Fruit and Veg Challenge* with other schools as we try to win a prize for our school while eating healthily. Thank you to parents for supporting the Challenge as we have certainly had a lot of colourful fruit and veg at Crunch N Sip time so far this week!

I look forward to joining with you all at our community at a very special event tomorrow - the annual Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Research Funding. We seek donations and encourage community members to come along, enjoy a cuppa and cakes with friends and neighbours and help us raise much needed funds for this terrible disease.

Sadly, most of our school community-teachers, students, parent and friends have all been touched by cancer in some way. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, you may leave your donation with Carmel in the office or drop it in our orange security box.

Donations of cakes, slices and biscuits can be left in the staff room before school.

A special thank you to Mrs Jenny Benn for generously coordinating this very important morning tea.

CHANGES of DATES

Please keep the attached copy of event dates and dispose of the previous calendar.

Parents will note some dates have changed due to other events being scheduled on the same day which was beyond the school's control.

EARN n LEARN

Thank you to Ms Maddocks who is coordinating 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.

Thank you to Mrs Belinda Taylor who has approached other shopping centres to take a Waterfall donation token box.

These can now be found not only in Enagdine, but also Menai, Southgate and Miranda.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Parents are reminded that 2 uniform notes were sent home last week.

One was for orders of new uniforms and one was for orders from our pre loved uniform sale.

Please return orders this week, if possible.

Thank you to Mrs Benn and Mrs Beau for coordinating the uniform orders.

Parents are also reminded that boys winter pants are grey not green.

Girls should not wear black leggings but rather bottle green pants or trackpants.

School shoes should be black, with joggers kept for sports day.

I would appreciate parents support in discouraging students wearing coloured scarves and beanies that are not school colours, (Green/White) as they must be removed when representing the school on excursions and on social media, as we aim to present a quality uniform model at Waterfall Public School.

GROUNDS

I'm delighted to announce that the school has successfully applied for, and received a small grant from NSW Government Environmental Trust to create a *Nature Inspired Learning Environment* (NILE), which is under construction from the COLA to Parkview area.

We will be utilizing rainwater run off from the COLA downpipe to landscape a dry creek bed with native grasses, logs to sit on and a rustic learning table. It will be a gumleaf shaped area, which students have been developing designs for in their Visual Arts lessons.

We seek community donations of large tree branches and logs as well as unwanted sandstone rocks as these are quite expensive to procure along with the 120 native seedlings, pebbles and soil we need to purchase for the project. The school has access to a trailer and staff are happy to collect from donating families if required.

In recent weeks the school has installed clear vinyl blinds to enclose the library verandah, making the area more usable in inclement weather.

Concrete slabs have also been laid to mount the picnic tables on in our community playground area.

Further works are planned to ensure these tables and our tables near the COLA have shade pergolas installed before the next hot summer.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Our new awards system is going well, with several students achieving a Principals Award already this year.

At tomorrow's assembly at 2.30 pm, we will recognize and celebrate Merit Award recipients for Week 5 and Week 6 and present some more Principals Awards.

In the event of inclement weather, assembly will be held in the Parkview room, next to the staffroom.

SPORTS PROGRAMS

This term students have enjoyed participating in Gymnastics and will commence AFL lessons on Fridays from next week. These programs are provided free to students as Ms Maddocks has successfully applied for *Sporting Schools* Grants from the Federal Government. I am pleased to advise that we have successfully received approval for full funding of our sports programs next term as well. Thank you to Ms Maddocks for her commitment to the physical fitness of our students!

BASC

We urge parents to consider utilizing this service. Casual visits can be booked in on a daily basis. The \$60 family registration fee has generously been sponsored for all Waterfall PS families by our P&C.

Our BASC requires continued community support for this service to be viable.

It is a fantastic option for parents working back, shopping on the way home or unwell.

The children enjoy a delicious breakfast /afternoon tea and social fun with other children and qualified care workers.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our canteen opening is drawing closer- all whitegoods have arrived and we await the arrival of the pre ordered custom cabinetry to complete the kitchen. Students are very excited about the impending opening of the *Cockatoo Café* !!

MRS REID

Our much loved SAM continues to recover well from her knee operation but has now been advised she requires surgery for another matter and will need to remain on leave until mid next term. We miss her very much and wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Carmel Azzopardi has kindly agreed to remain with us until Mrs Reid is well enough to return. Mrs Reid thanks everyone for their well wishes and is closely keeping on eye on the school via the school social media. We are hoping she can visit us before the end of term.

Best Regards,

Penelope Passmore

Principal

Colourful Crunch & Sip Challenge

Week 6, June 3rd - 7th 2019

Bring a rainbow of different fruit and vegetables to get points for the Crunch&Sip® challenge this week



FAMILY DAY CARE CHILDCARE INFORMATION SESSIONS



Join us for a coffee, meet our Educators and learn how Sutherland Shire Council Family Day Care can meet your child's early education and care needs.

Saturdays	4 May 27 July 12 October	9.30am	Gymea Bay Resource Centre 276A Gymea Bay Road, Gymea Bay
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REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE:
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/careinfo

For enquiries: T 02 9710 0466
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SUTHERLANDSHIRE

CHILDREN'S
SERVICES

Dates for Remainder TERM 2

Wednesday 5th June

The Biggest Morning Tea

Library, 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Thursday 6th June

K-6 to Heathcote High School

M.A.D. Concert

(OPAL card requ)

Friday 7th June

EduTECH TEAM to International Congress,
Darling Harbour

(OPAL card requ)

***Good luck to Lee, Jack,
Rachel, Ryley and Nicholas!***

Monday 10th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 11th June

Small Coastal Schools

Athletics Carnival,

Bulli High School

****Meet at station, 8am for 8.17 train****

(Opal card requ)

Thursday 13th June

CREATE SOUTH

Sutherland Entertainment

Centre 7pm

Good luck Rachel!

Friday 14th June

***NRL lessons start**

***Regional Cross Country,
Miranda Park.**

Good luck Jaydel!

Monday 17th June

***Selected St 2 students**

Visual Arts Program

Royal National Park

***7pm P&C meeting**

Library, All Welcome

Tuesday 18th June

Back Up Athletics Carnival date

Tuesday 25th June

Final Gymnastics lesson

Friday 28th June

Student Semester 1 reports sent home.

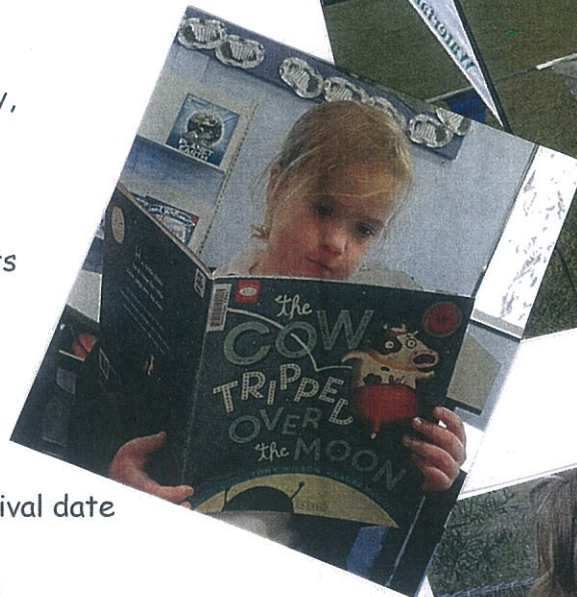
Monday 1st July

Multi Cultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

***Good luck Evie, Rachel and Lee)**

Friday 5th July

Pizza and Pyjamas Day- Last day of Term 2.



Dates for TERM 3 as at 4/6/2019

Monday 22nd July

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 23rd July

Students return to school

Friday 26th July

SCHOOL NAIDOC recognition

Cultural Immersion Day,

Led MS ZARA Clark

Monday 29th July,

NEW DATE!!

UOW Science Space Planetarium Excursion

(\$30 each) incl Bus)

Friday 16th August

School Disco with DJ Mr Passmore

Outer Space themed costumes

Wednesday 21st August

District Athletics Carnival, Sylvania Waters Track

Monday 26th August

K-6 to Scarborough Public School

Book Week Performance with Morris Gleitzman

(\$11 plus Opal card)

Monday 2nd September

K-6 School Swimming and

Water Safety Scheme

Commences

(daily for 2 weeks)

At Engadine Pool

(Opal card daily)

