



POSSUM POST

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Term 3, Week 7, 2019

Principal's Report

The term has been a very exciting period of time celebrating students learning through our highly successful Open Day on Wednesday 28th August. We hope our community enjoyed our students' wonderful achievements in performance and classroom programs.

It was also wonderful to see our community join in our Space themed disco on the 16th of August. I thank all parents and staff who volunteered their time to ensure these events were successful.

PUNCTUALITY

We have seen during the colder winter months, a significant and concerning drop in punctuality to school. School commences at 9am and often students miss important messages and learning when they arrive late.

We seek our parents support in ensuring students arrive on time.

Parents are also requested to sign students in when late or leaving early as this is a legal requirement of the DET.

Students arriving late should be accompanied by a parent to the office sign in desk and not arrive unescorted.

Even a few minutes late each day can accrue to many lost valuable learning hours throughout the year.

SCHOOL FEES

We endeavor to keep cost to an absolute minimum for our families however we urgently request contributions from parents for outstanding financial accounts.

Our very small school relies on the support of all parents in paying for student textbooks and resources.

As Term 3 comes to a close, many families have still not paid these accounts in part or full.

Partial payments are accepted at any time.

Your child's Band Fees directly pay our teacher Ms Hardiman, so we ask any outstanding Band Fee accounts be settled as soon as possible.

Our school is aware and sensitive to, the high costs associated with young families and when possible we spend valuable time applying for grants for sport and other programs, to save families further expenses.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is a symbol of collective pride in our school, particularly when visitors are present or the students are visiting other sites.

Please ensure your child is in school uniform each day. Coloured trackpants, leggings/stockings and jackets (other than school mid green) are not acceptable uniform. Leggings can be worn under dresses but not as pants. We have a uniform shop run by Jenny Benn that can assist you in purchasing new and used uniform items at a reasonable price. Please label all clothing. A Stubby brand laundry marker from the supermarket is \$3 and will save a lifetime of searching through unclaimed unmarked lost property.

OUR DIARY !

During WEEK 5 - Many of our students represented our school at the Zone Athletics Championships at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track. Congratulations to all our representatives on your sportsmanship and support of other athletes in our team. Well done Nicholas, Jayde, Laura, Colt, Zac, Ryley and Rachell!

During WEEK 6 students visited Scarborough Public School with our friends from Otford School, enjoying a Book Week celebration performance with Morris Gleitzman, famous Australians childrens' author.

This was followed by our very successful Book Character Parade and Open Day concert on Wednesday, along with well supported fundraising events such as the Year 6 Cake Stall, Sock Sale and School Book Fair.

A special thank you for all the volunteers who baked for Evie's stall and Mrs Westbrook for organizing a wonderful Book Fair. Thank you also to Claudia Trotter for organizing a coffee cart for parents and visitors to enjoy.

The Fathers Day stall last Friday was full of excited mini shoppers purchasing gifts for dad. Thank you to Sascha Beau for organizing the stall and to the parents who helped on the day.

On Sunday 25th August, the Helensburgh Lions Club Brick Fair was held, raising funds for local schools including Waterfall.

Congratulations to Isabella for winning a great Lego prize and thank you to all our families who sold raffle tickets and attended on the day.

During WEEK 8 Rachel and Lee will represent the school at the District Public Speaking competition at Marton Public School.

These two fine young orators are becoming very successful in this area and we wish them all the best from our school community!

During WEEK 9 all students from Years 3 to 6 will attend the Golf Day at Boomerang Golf course with Otford Public School.

Travel will be by shared bus with Otford at a cost of \$6.50 each student. More details will follow shortly.

During WEEK 10 we will hold our final assembly of the term and we welcome all families to join us and celebrate our students' progress in learning, both academically and socially.

SCIENCE PROJECTS

This week Year 1 to 6 students received an outline for the Science Research project each student will work on over the next 5 weeks.

They may require some parent / family support and we would appreciate your involvement in helping them complete their project.

The project is due at the end of Week 2 next term, with some afterschool Science Club time In Week 1 and Week 2 , to finalise some projects.

All students from Year 1 to Year 6 are asked to complete a project, with a friend or individually. Kindergarten may do a simple project if they wish.

These projects will be displayed at our Science Fair next term, with Yr 3-6 projects progressing to the University of Wollongong Science Fair at the end of November.

BASC

We appreciate the generous work of Fikry Bassiouni and his team at *ShireChildCare Australia* for the great service the Before and After School Care Centre provides to families.

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.

Best Regards,

Penelope Passmore

Principal 2/09/19

Dates for TERM 3 as at 2/09/2019

Tuesday 3rd September

Southern Sydney Environment Network-Meeting at our school.

Tuesday 19th September.

Ms Passmore on Long Service Leave until end of Term. (9 days)

Ms Maddocks, Relieving Principal, Mr Moody and Mrs De Martin assisting.

Wednesday 19th September

Golf Day at Boomerang Golf Course with Otford PS - Opal card and \$4 for bus from Otford.

Wednesday 25th September

Final Term 3 assembly

2.30 All Welcome.

Term 4

Monday October 14th

Staff and students return to school

WATERFALL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS!!

Every week here in Waterfall BASC we usually have a weekly focus and last week's focus was baking and one of the children's ideas was to have cup cakes as a dessert after the afternoon tea, it's a great idea that made the children very happy but we wanted to make it more fun and exciting so we decided to have different icings and toppings so each one of them can decorate his/her own cupcake in a different and creative way.

It was really good to see the children very happy and excited about doing something that they really like and we are thinking to do that again in another week.

Best Wishes, Adam(Coordinator) and team members Marnie and Carol.

