



# POSSUM POST

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## Principal's Report

Term 1, Week 3, 2019

Welcome to another year of learning and friendship at Waterfall Public School. A very warm welcome especially to our new students and families! We hope you enjoy your journey in our lovely friendly school!

We are looking forward to celebrating the start of our new school year with our school community at our family BBQ and Disco on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We hope all our families can join us !

The term started with a huge splash, with the unexpected swimming carnival date being moved to the second day of school! A huge thank you to all the families who were inconvenienced, but supported the students by organising travel arrangements. Congratulations to all our students who represented our school so enthusiastically and with great sportsmanship. Mr Moody and Mrs Westbrook reported all students displayed wonderful behavior and a desire to have ago and do their best. The coming Zone carnival will see many of our students representing our school and we look forward to hearing of their achievements as they represent our school. Good luck to all our competitors.

Thank you to all the families who have paid their school fees. The resources provided will ensure the students will have every opportunity in their learning. Parents can pay these fees by installment at the office on request.

Within this newsletter there is a timetable of our weekly programs.

Please place it on your fridge or noticeboard to help organize equipment each day.

Also attached is an outline of information shared at the parent meeting last Wednesday for your information.

Last Monday the first 2019 P&C meeting was a positive, friendly meeting with lots of great ideas discussed. I encourage parents to consider joining us for our AGM on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and be a part of improving what is already a great little school.

*Penelope Passmore*

Principal

## Our Staff Team

Welcome back to Mrs Reid who is relieving office manager for this Term 1.

Office days are Mondays and Fridays and alternate Wednesdays.

Mrs Loretta Reid is our school counselor, on alternate Fridays.

Ms Maddocks and Ms Passmore co teach the K-6 class.

Miss Wood is our Numeracy and Literacy support teacher (volunteer) on Mondays.

Mrs Westbrook and Ms Nina are Support Learning Officers in our classroom.

Mrs Westbrook is also our Library assistant (Tuesdays) and website coordinator.

Mr Reid is our general assistant ,on Wednesdays.

Mr Ruggero is our IT support and Miss Zara Clark is our casual admin support officer.

Mr Shaun Moody, Mr Sean Corcoran and Mrs Christine Quinnell will be the class relief teachers.

The school counsellor and class teachers are available for interviews with parents by appointment, through the office or emailing the school.

## Term 1 2019

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Band commences.

Welcome back Miss Hardiman!

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

ASSEMBLY 2.30pm

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

6.30-8.30pm Family disco and BBQ

**\*\*Come as your favourite character or party clothes\*\***

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Hot Dog and Icecream Day

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Zone Swimming Carnival

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

ASSEMBLY 2.30pm

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

AGM P&C library 7pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Harmony Day

**\*\*Students wear orange clothes and accessories\*\***

**ASSEMBLY-All students performing.**

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

ASSEMBLY 2.30pm

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Combined Scripture Easter Service

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

12.00 Easter Hat parade, Concert and BBQ. **All students performing.**

**\*\* (Students wear mufti and make Easter Hat to bring to school) \*\***

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

## SCHOOL ORGANISATION TIMETABLE 2019

MONDAY

Homework goes home.

Miss Wood-Literacy & Numeracy Support

TUESDAY-

Scripture  
Library  
Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

Nans and Pops Reading Tutors  
Assembly- alternate weeks  
( 2,4,6,8,10 )

THURSDAY

Band

FRIDAY

Sport





It's great to be back learning with all my friends!





## Parent Meeting 6.2.19

Class organisation –single class but grouped into small groups for graded Literacy and Numeracy-individual learning plan for each student

Routines and Timetables –see attached sheet in Possum Post

Assessment and Benchmarking-each child is assessed for current levels in Literacy and Numeracy at start of term and re-tested during term to track progress.

Textbooks and online resources-not all students will complete all pages in textbooks-each child is matched to appropriate instructional tasks for their individual growth.

Areas of investigation-

Continued focus on sustainability- vegie patch.(Friday garden club/ Cooking club)

Hazelhurst Art Gallery Visual Arts Excursion Term 1

Focus: Expression through art-range of media, what is art?

Excursion to Minamurra Rainforest (Term 4)

Focus: wet and dry rainforest

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Moon landing- excursion to UOW Planetarium.

(Monday 1st July)

UOW Science Fair, (2-6 students) School Science fair and Science day (K-6)

Premiers Reading Challenge , Premiers Sporting Challenge (K-6)

School Spelling Bee (K-6) District Spelling Bee(3-6)

School and District Public Speaking(K-6)



Changes to assembly –all students will have the opportunity to lead assembly throughout the year, supported by school leadership(Stage 3), who will run all formal assemblies,e.g Anzac Day.

Awards system- Each assembly, 3 students chosen, every 5 awards equals a Principals Award, 4 Principals Awards equals School Citation at Presentation Day.(Term 4 )

Formal Student Reports-home end of Term 2 and Term 4

Swimming Scheme (K-6) Term 4, Engadine Pool. 2 weeks intensive swimming scheme.

Combined Athletics (Small Schools Carnival, Wed, 3rd July)

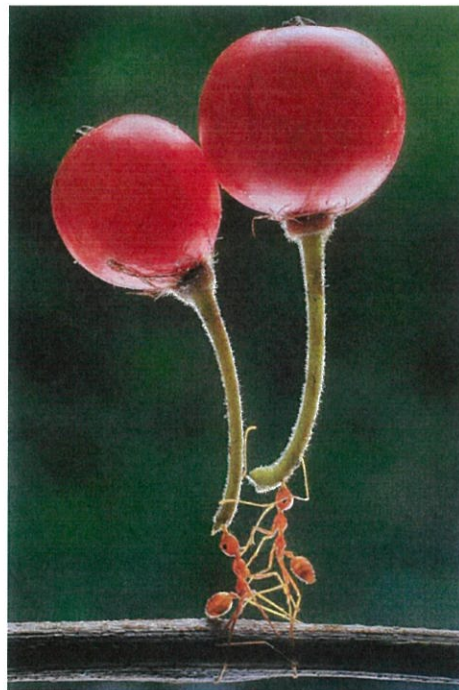
K-6 attend.

School Cross Country, possibly with Otford and ScarboroughPS (K-6)

Band Program –Students from Year2 to 6, Thursdays.

Welcome Disco and BBQ Term (22.2.19) Come as your favourite character or party clothes.

SMALL SCHOOLS HAVE MIGHTY HEARTS!





The Mobile Van is coming  
to a site near you!

**Menai** (Bookings open 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

Club Central, 44 – 60 Allison Crescent, Menai.

**Engadine** (Bookings open 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Club Engadine, access via Caldarra Avenue, Engadine.

**Huskisson** (Bookings open 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Husky Sports, 336 Huskisson Road, Huskisson.

**La Perouse** (Bookings open 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Aboriginal Community Health Centre, 1 Elaroo Avenue, La Perouse.

**Cronulla** (Bookings open 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Cronulla Sharks Leagues Club, 461 Captain Cook Drive, Woollooware.



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(printed on your letter).

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