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# Waterfall Public School *Possum Post*



# Principal's Message

### Term 4 Week 1 2022

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### Playgroup every Tuesday 10am – 12pm Week 1 – PBL Focus –Compassion and Collaboration

### Friday 16 September

- PSSA T-ball round three 8am at Heathcote
- Library borrowing
- Basketball session skills and drills

### Week 2– PBL Focus –Learning and Friendship

### Monday 17 October

- Canteen open
- Intensive reading program

### <u> Tuesday 18 October</u>

- Canteen open
- Scripture
- Intensive reading program
- Music program

### <u>Wednesday 19 October</u>

- Tennis Begins
- Library with Mrs Giddins
- Intensive reading program

### <u>Friday 9 September</u>

- Students to wear sports uniform
- PSSA T-ball round three 8am at Heathcote

### Week 3 – PBL Focus –Equity and Excellence

### <u>Monday 24 October</u>

- Canteen open
- Intensive reading program

### <u> Tuesday 25 October</u>

- Canteen open
- Scripture
- Intensive reading program
- Music program

### <u>Wednesday 26 October</u>

- School Photos students to wear full school summer uniform
- Tennis
- Library with Mrs Giddins
- Intensive reading program

### <u>Friday 9 September</u>

- Students to wear sports uniform
- PSSA T-ball round five 8am at Heathcote

Welcome Back to Term 4 - Exciting News

### Congratulations Mrs Bremner!!

Mrs Bremner has been appointed through merit selection as the Assistance Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APCI). She will begin this role in 2023 for 1 day a week. Mrs Bremmer's role will be to support strong instructional leadership models in our school, coordinate professional learning for teachers, monitor student outcomes, and support families to be key partners in student learning. We are extremely lucky to have Mrs Bremner continue in her role as the classroom teacher Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Thursdays being her APCI role where she will be off class working closely with myself and teachers on class.

### Congratulations Mrs O'Mara!!

Mrs O'Mara has been appointed through merit selection as our permanent School Administrative Officer (SAM). Mrs O'Mara will continue working 4 days a week – Tuesday -Friday, keeping consistency in the office. We are fortunate to have Mrs O'Mara and her wealth of experience and knowledge in providing administrative, financial and student wellbeing support and assistance in relation to office and classroom activities, including but not limited to the following school settings: the office, sick bay, library, and canteen.

Please join me in congratulating both Mrs Bremner and Mrs O'Mara. WOOO HOOO we are so lucky!!!!



### Welcome Flynn!!

This term we have a new family starting with us. Welcome to Flynn who joins us in Year 3. Welcome to his parents Ashleigh, Tom and siblings. Please join me in warmly welcoming them to our school.



### Long Day Care Centre Onsite

As discussed at pervious P&C meetings, I am currently investigating the requirements for hosting an early childhood (including a preschool) service here at Waterfall Public School.

The first step in this process is to understand the demand for such a service from our wider school community.

The Department of Education is reaching out to families in the Waterfall Public School community and wider community, to understand the need for an early childhood care service.

If you would like to access an early childhood service on the school site for your child/ren (aged between 0 – 5 years) now or in the future, please complete this short survey by **4 November 2022**: https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/Early-Childhood.

The information you provide will remain confidential and will only be shared with Early Childhood and Canteens Licensing team within School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW).

The Department of Education has an Early Childhood, Canteens, and Uniforms team within SINSW who specialises in this area and is assisting me with this process.

The results of this survey will give us a wider view of what the wider school community's needs are, and will influence whether we progress to the next stage in the process of establishing a service onsite. For SINSW to progress with this option, there must be sufficient demand to ensure a service would be viable. SINSW would then need to run an open tender process with the early childhood sector, to attract an early childhood provider to run the service.

There are significant building requirements to meet current Early Childhood National Regulations, which means that our existing school assets would need to be modified or expanded to create a new facility on site. This would require significant investment and take time to deliver, which ultimately means that it can take up to two years to have a fully operating service on our school site.

While there is no guarantee that we will get a service at this stage, the more evidence of demand and need in our community, will mean a higher likelihood we will receive a response if the Department was to release a tender for a service.

### **Further information**

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch by calling our school office.

I ask for your support with sharing this survey with anyone you know who may have children that will benefit from having these facilities available in the near future.

This information will be further unpacked at our next P&C meeting which will be held onsite Monday 17 October at 7pm. If you are unable to come in, a zoom link will be sent via Skool Loop on Monday.

### PSSA Update:

Fingers crossed for no rain so PSSA can go ahead tomorrow. Isabella, Rocco and Sophia along with Miss Hobden will need to be at Heathcote public school at 8am for training. I will send a text message to parents if PSSA is cancelled. Best of luck to our students for their first time representing our school at PSSA.

### New date for School Photos

**Wednesday 26 October** – <u>School Photos</u> have been moved due to the National Day of Mourning - Public Holiday on Thursday 22 September.

To order school photos, visit the website: <u>www.donwoodphotography.com.au</u> and use the school code **339617.** Packages and inclusions are available online to select and order. Family photos can also be ordered online **prior to photo day**.

If you wish to pay by cash you can send the correct amount in an ordering envelope and hand it to the school photographer on photo day. Please note that payments go directly to Don Wood Photography, not via school payments.

### Tennis Sessions Next Term

From Week 2 in Term 4 our students will be participating in weekly tennis sessions at Waterfall Tennis Courts with Sean Hibbert Tennis Academy. After the success of the "come and try" tennis session in Term 2, we have successfully gained funding to run the tennis program for seven weeks next term. We look forward to lots of hits and giggles every Wednesday. If your child has a tennis racquet you are welcome to send this along, but the school also has enough for everyone.

### Christmas Markets and Movie Evening Saturday 19 November

Thank you to all our parents who will be supporting the Christmas Markets and movie night in one way or another. Many hands make light work and you will be receiving a copy of the volunteer list with your allocated job. Please feel free to swap roles amongst each other and see Stacey.

Staff, volunteers and our amazing P&C are working extremely hard to finalise all the incredible market stalls, rides, movie snacks and entertainment for our inaugural Waterfall PS and P&C Christmas Markets and Movie Night. Please save Saturday 19 November 2022 on your family calendar as it will be an afternoon and evening of great entertainment and a really lovely way to share our beautiful school grounds with local community and visiting families.

We have secured an inflatable obstacle course, a petting zoo and an outdoor Laser Tag activity. Ride passes and movie tickets will be available to pre-purchase online as well as on the day. Links to tickets will be shared on Facebook, Skool Loop and via the newsletter and festival posters. Please share all our posts and information with family friends and community groups to ensure this event is a resounding success. All of the funds raised will be used to benefit the school and its students so it a team effort to make this the best it can be. Please call Stacey if you are able to donate raffle prizes or speak to a sponsor who would be interested in working with the planning committee, now is the time to let us know.

# Save the Date: Term 4 special events:

- School Photo Day Wednesday 26 October
- Presentation Day Tuesday 29 November
- Kindy 2023 Orientation Day Monday 14 November

Tuesday 22 November Wednesday 30 November Wednesday 7 December

- Taronga Zoo Excursion Tuesday 6 December
- Year 6 Farewell Wednesday 7 December
- Talent Quest Tuesday 13 December
- Studio 10 Live crossover TBA





# 2022 SUMMER PSSA DRAW

Competition Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> Sep – 2<sup>th</sup> Dec

#	POOL A	#	POOL B	Fields		Code		
1	Engadine West Green	9	Lucas Heights ANZAC Oval To		ANZAC Oval Top	At		
2	Yarrawarrah	10	Illawong		ANZAC Oval Bottom	Ab		
3	Engadine	11	Menai		Kingswood Oval	к		
4	Marton	12	Heathcote East		Heathcote Oval AFL	H1		
5	Tharawal	13	Heathcote White		Heathcote Oval Soccer	H2		
6	Heathcote Blue	14	Engadine West Gold		Akuna Oval	AO		
7	Alfords Point				The Ridge - Top (9&10)	Rt		
8	Bangor				The Ridge - Middle (3&4)	Rm		
*Fi	rst mentioned team umpire		The Ridge - Bottom (1&2)	Rb				

Dates		Рос	A la	Pool B			
16/9	5v6 (H1)	3v8 (AO)	4v7 (K)	1v2 (At)	10v9 (Rt)	13v12 (H2)	11v14 (Ab)
23/9	3v4 (At)	7v1 (Rt)	6v8 (H2)	2v5 (Ab)	10v13 (H1)	11v12 (Rm)	14v9 (Rb)
14/10	7v8 (Rt)	6v2 (At)	4v1(K)	5v3 (Ab)	10v11 (Rm)	9v13 (H1)	14v12 (H2)
21/10	7v5 (Rb)	6v1 (H1)	2v3 (At)	8v4 (AO)	11v13 (H2)	12v9 (Rm)	14v10 (Rt)
28/10	1v3 (At)	4v2 (K)	5v8 (Rt)	7v6 (H1)	9v11 (AO)	13v14 (Ab)	12v10 (H2)
4/11	3v6 (H1)	4v5 (Rt)	2v7 (Rb)	8v1 (Ab)	9v10 (Rm)	13v12 (H2)	14v11 (At)
11/11	8v2 (AO)	7v3 (Rt)	1v5 (Ab)	4v6 (K)	13v10 (H1)	12v11 (Rm)	9v14 (Rb)
18/11	6v5 (Rm)	8v3 (AO)	7v4 (Rt)	1v2 (At)	11v10 (Rb)	9v13 (H1)	12v14 (H2)
25/11 School Spec	4v3 (K)	7v1 (At)	6v8 (AO)	5v2 (Rb)	11v13 (Rm)	9v12 (Rt)	14v10 (Ab)
2/12	8v7 (Rt)	6v2 (H1)	4v1 (K)	3v5 (Ab)	11v9 (Rb)	14v13 (At)	10v12 (Rm)

\*School's SOFTBALL teams in Pool B versing Heathcote East PS will have a BYE EVERY WEEK as Heathcote East could not field a softball team

## Book Club Issue 7

Get in early and order some Christmas presents! Please email the office if you would like your order to be kept aside in the office and not given to your child/ren.



# Pre-book your tickets!

Our movies and market day is fast approaching! Make sure you don't miss out on tickets by pre-booking online using the QR codes below.



# WATERFALL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS CHRISTMAS MARKETS - 3PM AND A MINION MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS - 7PM SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2022 DECIAL APPEARANCE FROM SANTA \* LIVE BAND \* SCHOOL PERFORMANCES \* RIDES \* LIVE BAND \* SCHOOL PERFORMANCES \* RIDES \* RAFFLE PRIZES \* FOOD STALLS \* COFFEE \* CAKES \* SAUSAGE SIZZLE \* SILENT AUCTION \* GIFT STALLS \* FACE PAINTING \* LUCKY DIP \* GAMES \* CHRISTMAS CRAFT \* CHURROS \* SNOW CONES