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# Waterfall Public School Possum Post

Term 1 Week 7 2022

## Principal's Message



### Week 8:

#### Monday 21 March

- ❖ **HARMONY DAY** – students to wear orange.

#### Tuesday 22 March

- ❖ Scripture lessons

#### Wednesday 23 March

- ❖ NRL – wear Sports Uniform

#### Thursday 24 March

- ❖ Canteen Open

#### Friday 25 March

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen Open
- ❖ Gymnastics – wear Sports Uniform

### Week 9:

#### Monday 28 March

- ❖ **P&C AGM** – 7pm - onsite

#### Tuesday 29 March

- ❖ Scripture lessons
- ❖ Acknowledgement of Country Incursion

#### Wednesday 30 March

- ❖ NRL – wear Sports Uniform

#### Thursday 31 March

- ❖ Canteen Open

#### Friday 1 April

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen Open
- ❖ Gymnastics – wear Sports Uniform

### Week 10:

#### Monday 4 April

- ❖ **Incursion with Uncle Shayne.**

#### Tuesday 5 April

- ❖ Cross Country
- ❖ Jollybops Science incursion \$6 note to follow

#### Wednesday 6 April

- ❖ NRL – wear Sports Uniform
- ❖ Kindergarten 2023 Open Day

#### Thursday 7 April

- ❖ Canteen Open

#### Friday 8 April

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen Open
- ❖ P&C Easter Egg Hunt and celebrations
- ❖ Last day of Term 1

### The Countdown is On....

Our students are engaging in lessons about past and future as they become aware of the history of Waterfall PS as we prepare to celebrate the 120 Year Anniversary on April 2.

We are excited to share an afternoon of markets and outdoor cinema with students, families, and the wider community.

*Time to Celebrate!*  
*120 years!*

**WATERFALL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS**

**MARKETS FROM 3PM AND MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING DISNEY'S ENCANTO**

**SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2022**

Get ready to be transported back in time as you walk through our historical photo room. Then head out to the many market stalls!

We have something for everyone:

- ❖ face painting for the kids
- ❖ D.I.Y slime class
- ❖ Live band
- ❖ coffee and cake
- ❖ ice cream
- ❖ international food cuisine options

Finally find your spot to settle in for **ENCANTO UNDER THE STARS**. Start time 7pm. Bring a picnic rug or blanket to sit on. Graze from our food trucks and enjoy **ENCANTO OUTDOORS**.

**WATERFALL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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Entry 3pm

\$10 Family tickets  
2x adults + 3 kids  
\$5 Single tickets  
Tickets at the gate

I am pleased to say that I have had a huge response from the wider community in the Sutherland Shire and we are anticipating a turnout of visitors in the hundreds.

You can imagine there is a daunting amount of work and preparation required to execute this prestigious event. If you are able to volunteer some time before the day to help move furniture and prepare the school grounds to be looking their best, please let us know as many hands make light work.

You may also be able to assist by dropping in some chocolate bars which we will use as prizes for our planned fundraising games.

All these small gestures will assist in raising funds for student resources and this is something we would like to achieve on the day.



Waterfall PS students will be given a rostered activity to assist with on the day of the markets and we look forward to letting them represent our school in the community with pride and excellence. Students should arrive at school at their allotted time in full school uniform and make themselves known to staff. Amongst the festivities and celebrations, we hope to show all of our visitors that we are a school with strong values of community, care and collaboration.

### Canteen Update

I want to thank parents for their consideration and patience during the canteen closure last fortnight. I can confirm that all students are receiving their lunch orders this week and we have communicated between the Cockatoo Café and the school office to double check on orders already paid for.

While we are catching up on orders, there has been little response to the Harmony Day meal deal scheduled for Monday March 21, therefore, the decision has been made to cancel the event. Although students can still come to school dressed in orange and will be engaging in activities which unpack and explain the meaning of Harmony Day.

We are hoping to source and sell 6 packs of Hot Cross Buns for \$6 in the week leading to Easter. If you would like to order some Hot Cross Buns via the Cockatoo Café, please pay via cash or POP before Wednesday 23 March. Please note the payment as "Hot Cross Buns" and the amount of 6 packs you would like to order.



### Naplan Update

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will have a NAPLAN practice test on Thursday 24 March, which will assist in checking that computer equipment is working and also give students a taste of NAPLAN online so they know what to expect next term and can feel calm and prepared.

### Kindergarten 2023

Staff are already preparing for Kindergarten 2023. We are hosting an open morning on Wednesday 6 April for all parents wishing to come and meet our team and ask lots of questions about our school. Please pass this information on to any parents and families in the community. You are our best form of advertisement, and your advocacy of the school can only make it bigger, brighter and better.

	 <b>Open Day Kindergarten 2023</b> Wednesday 6 April 9.30am – 10.30am		<b>Kindergarten Transition Sessions</b> Monday 14 November 9.30am – 10.30am Tuesday 22 November 9.30am – 10.30am Wednesday 30 November 9.30am – 10.30am Wednesday 7 December 9.30am – 10.30am	
	 <b>Personalised Tours</b> If you are unable to attend our Open Day, please call the school on 9520 9638 to make an appointment for a personalised tour.		 To discover more about our school of excellence find us on Facebook <b>Waterfall Public School</b> or visit our website: <a href="https://waterfall-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/">https://waterfall-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/</a>	



### Playgroup:

Playgroup is on every Tuesday at 10am. We are excited to have them back onsite. If you know anyone who would be interested in coming to playgroup please let them know to contact the school office.

### Acknowledgement of Country and Incursion with Uncle Shayne

We are hosting an Aboriginal Education incursion for our students on Tuesday 29 March and Monday 4 April. Aunty Calita an Aboriginal Education Officer will be working with our students in writing an Acknowledgement of Country reflective of our school and its environment. This will then become our personalised Acknowledgement of Country for school. Uncle Shayne our Aboriginal Elder who works with the Royal National Parks Education Centre will be visiting with our students on Monday 4 April teaching students about Aboriginal Histories and Culture. Aboriginal Education is part of our school curriculum.

### Book Club Issue 2

Book club Issue 2 is now open. Please go online prior to the 22 March if you wish to have your books delivered to school free of charge. Brochures are available in the classroom and all orders go towards raising reward money for the school library book collection.

### Stewart House Donation Drive 2022

Your child will be receiving a Stewart House envelope. Your donation supports the children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT.

Every year 1,700 public school children attend Stewart House next to Curl Curl Beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During their 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing. Any donations no matter how small help keep this program running for students.



### Schools For Schools Initiative

Many people have been affected by the recent floods and sadly many have lost their homes. In an effort to help out Waterfall Public School is honoured to be able to reach out to, help and support one of our flood affected schools in any way we can. This will strengthen our connections with our flood affected schools. It will raise our student's awareness and from this initiative we may even develop life long friendships. More information will follow as to what we will be doing to support these schools.

*I have caught many students being good!! Please remember to keep an eye out in your letterbox!! Principal Post Cards are on their way!!*

*Lilly Morabito  
Principal*



## In the Hot Seat with Mrs Morabito

### We Welcome Miss Laura Evans to Waterfall Public School



*Why did you choose to be a teacher?*

I chose to be a teacher because I had some amazing teachers when I was at school, and I loved the way they had an impact on me. They were also inspiring, so I decided that I wanted to do the same for other kids.

*What subjects do you like to teach? Why?*

I like to teach Reading, Art and History.

Reading – because it is a subject you can see lots of growth and is rewarding for the students when they can read and blend letters to make words and also understand what the text/story is about.

Art – because there is no right or wrong in art and students can express their feeling through art and it can be messy.

History – because we can learn about our past and it is interesting to see how things have changed.

*What are your first impressions of WPS?*

- Warm
- Welcoming
- Family Community
- Fun

*What are you looking forward to at WPS?*

Getting to know all the students and working with them to achieve their goals in learning and working with the community. I am also looking forward to being part of the 120 Year Celebrations.