



Waterfall Public School

Possum Post

Term 1 Week 9 2022

Principal's Message



Term 1

Week 10:

Monday 4 April

- ❖ Incursion with Uncle Shayne.

Tuesday 5 April

- ❖ Cross Country – Postponed
- ❖ Jollybops Science incursion \$6

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

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 25 April

- ❖ ANZAC DAY – DAWN SERVICE AT HEATHCOTE 5.30am – 6.30am – All welcome.

Tuesday 26 April

- ❖ SDD – Staff will be attending Menai PS for Professional Learning. No supervision at school

Wednesday 27 April

- ❖ STUDENT BEGIN TERM 2
- ❖ ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY 9.30am

Thursday 28 April

- ❖ Canteen non operational. Canteen will be up and running in Week 2

Friday 29 April

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen non operational. Canteen will be up and running in Week 2

P&C UPDATE – THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our outgoing P&C. Staff and students would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of each and every P&C member. 2021 saw another difficult year with many obstacles. COVID lockdown made it once again difficult to fundraise. However, our fabulous P&C never gave up and with the odds stacked against them they still found ways to raise funds to improve the learning of our students. The outcome of their hard work and with the support of our wonderful parent community P&C generously provided the following:

- New projector – which has made a world of difference for our students.
- ePM readers – which supported student reading during learning from home and is still being used daily in the classroom.
- Soundwaves – a program assisting students with phonological awareness and spelling.
- Our talking sticks with our school motto and values – showcasing the collaboration between students, staff and parents and embracing the culture of the school.

From the minute I walked through the front gates I have felt welcomed by our parent community and I can honestly say that the trust, the collaboration, communication and partnership between all stakeholders has strengthened. I am certain that this will continue with our incoming P&C for 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected P&C for 2022:

Sascha Beaumont – President

Stacey Hampton – Vice President

Ressie Davis – Vice President

Jenny Benn – Treasurer

Sascha Beaumont – Secretary – it was decided at the AGM that Sacha will be supported by all elected P&C members with this role. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

120 YEAR ANNIVERSARY POSTPONED

At Monday night's P&C meeting it was decided that our 120 Anniversary Celebrations be postponed. Unfortunately, this was an extremely hard decision. But due to flooding of our oval, the heavy rainfall, the winds, unpredictability of weather and the grounds being unsafe for public access we felt it was necessary to postpone our event.

However, a new date has been set - **SAVE THE NEW DATE: Saturday 7 May 2022 with a 2pm start time!!**

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work that Stacey has done along with her team. Stacey's vast knowledge of events management and her get up and go we can do this attitude has brought much interest into this event. We can't wait to open up our school to the wider community and share all our wonderful learning spaces and the history of our small school with a big heart on Saturday 7 May. If you would like to help out in any way please call Stacey or the school office. Our 120 Anniversary celebration is shaping up to be a most monumental event. Remember to bring those dancing shoes and fingers crossed the sun shines leading up to the event.

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.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION INCURSION:

We had Auntie Calita and Belinda visit our school on Tuesday 29 March to work with our students on writing our very own personalised Acknowledgement of Country. This was an invaluable and rich incursion where students were immersed in learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. Each and every student has contributed to the writing of our Acknowledgement Of Country and Mrs Bremner and I can't wait to share this with our community. You will be just as proud of your children as Mrs Bremner and I are.



SCHOOL FEES/EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS

Waterfall PS staff are dedicated to ensuring our small school students don't miss opportunities afforded to students in larger school settings. We often plan excursions, incursions, specialised learning programs and inter school activities to broaden the approach to education and classroom learning.

To be able to continue this vision, we ask for support from our wonderful families. If you have not yet contributed to your child/ren school costs for 2022, we ask that you discuss a payment plan that does not put too much pressure on your family.

A gentle reminder that there is a cost of \$6 for our valuable JollyBops science incursion on Tuesday 5 April, this payment should be *made before the day of the incursion* to ensure all planning, timetabling, risk assessments and invoices can be completed so that the day runs smoothly.

CROSS COUNTRY, ANZAC DAY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (SDD)

Cross Country has been postponed due to parts of the course being underwater. A new date will be announced next term.

ANZAC Day Assembly will be held on Wednesday 27 April which is the first day back in Term 2 for students. The assembly will begin at 9.30am and with COVID regulations permitting you will be most welcome to attend.

On our Staff Development Day, Tuesday 26 April staff will be attending professional learning at Menai Public School. We will be engaging in upskilling ourselves on the new K-2 Literacy and Numeracy syllabus and wellbeing. There will be no staff on site after 11am.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please send in a written order form for any lunch orders in week 10 as the school office won't be attended as Mrs O'Mara will be on leave.

COVID UPDATES:

- If a person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, they must self-isolate away from everyone else in the house for 7 days from the date of their positive test. They must follow the advice for [people testing positive to COVID-19](#) which includes, how to self-isolate effectively. If the person is unable to safely self-isolate by themselves (e.g. due to their young age), a parent or carer should self-isolate with them.
- The entire household must also self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive person's test. They should follow the advice for [people exposed to COVID-19](#) and [take a test](#) as soon as possible, have another test on Day 6 and at any time COVID-19 symptoms appear.
- If another person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, that person must restart their 7 day self-isolation period from the date of their positive test, even if they don't have any symptoms.
- Other household members who test negative, do not need to re-start their 7 day self-isolation period. They also do not have to self-isolate again anytime in the following 14 days **unless they test positive**.
- People who test positive to COVID-19 and complete their 7-day self-isolation period **do not have to test or self-isolate** as any type of contact for **12 weeks after their release**.
- Self-isolation means staying at home or at your accommodation. This means you cannot drive your children to school or day care; you must ask someone else to do this. You must only leave self-isolation to get medical care or in an emergency. For more information, read the [self-isolation rules](#).

Please refer to the [NSW Government's COVID-19 pages](#) if they have questions or concerns about testing and isolation requirements as this information can change.

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 for of advertisement, and your advocacy of the school can only make it bigger, brighter and better.

Lilly Morabito
Principal



In the Hot Seat with Mrs Morabito

Meet Zac



What do you love most about Waterfall Public School?

The thing that I love the most is probably the canteen because it has yummy food, I like the basketball hoop and play equipment because we can always play basketball. I like how we have a tub with a variety of different sized basketballs this really helps the little kids so they can play too and be involved.

What subjects do you like? Why?

I like sport, science and maths

Maths is fun because it is always challenging you – you should always challenge yourself – it's good that you can choose the amount of dice you can roll and the amount of digits you can work with this expands and improves your skills and knowledge. Everyone works at their own pace and feels good about themselves when they get things right.

Sport – because it gets us warmed up it's good exercise and we all come together and play games.

Science – you get to work with different materials – like cardboard, foil and balloons. You can use these things to make a boat and make it go across the water only using a balloon the air of the balloon pushes it across and all the physics makes it really fun.

What are your favourite hobbies?

Gaming and body boarding

If you were Principal for a day what would you do?

If I was Principal for a day I would give most of the students more playtime but I would still make them do work. I would make it so there was no literacy in the morning, sport is from 9-10am recess from 10 -11 maths from 11-12 with science until lunch and then sport again from 2-3pm.

Time to Celebrate!
120 years!



WATERFALL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
PRESENTS

MARKETS FROM 3PM
AND
MOVIE NIGHT
FEATURING



8 APRIL 2022

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SCHOOL

15 McKell Ave,
Waterfall 2233 NSW

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POSTPONED - NEW DATE MAY 7 2022

NEW DATE: SATURDAY 7 MAY 2022

TIME: 2pm - MARKET STALLS

TICKETS SOLD AT THE GATE!!

MOVIE START TIME 6pm

2022

Stallholders Apply
Volunteers Req'd



Magician
Face Painting
Easter Scramble
Market Stalls
Lions BBQ
Delicious Food
Entertainment
Amusements

Helensburgh LIONS
Easter Bunny Buzz



Saturday 16th April

9am - 3pm

Charles Harper Park, Helensburgh



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