

Newsletter



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School P&C Meets on the second Tuesday of month during school term. All members of the school community are invited to attend.



Upcoming Events...

Thur Mar 1 Fri Mar 2	School Photographs
Tue Mar 6	Zone Swimming Carnival - Mingara
Tue 13 Mar	P&C Meeting
Thur Mar 15	High School Selective testing
Wed 21 Mar	Responsible Pets Program K-2 Hall
Fri Mar 23	Harmony Day – Family Picnic
Wed Mar 28	Rugby Union 7s Gala Day
Thur Mar 29	Easter Hat Parade Sydney North PSSA Swimming – Sydney Olympic Park
Fri Mar 30	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon Apr 2	EASTER MONDAY
Wed Apr 4	7s Rugby League Gala Day
PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGE	

PRINCIPAL REPORT NEWSLETTER WEEK 4 TERM 1, 2018

NAPLAN ONLINE 2018

Our school will be one of approximately 500 schools in NSW that will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online this year. This means our students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN assessments online rather than pencil and paper tests. The Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based, but all other Year 3 tests will be online.

Last year we participated in a school readiness test to prepare for the transition to NAPLAN Online. Our experience with the school readiness test confirmed that our school was ready to transition to online testing in 2018. Our teachers and students will be involved in preparation and practice activities in the lead up to NAPLAN this year. This will include participate in a practice test during March, where students will have a further opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will be asked in NAPLAN Online.

More information about NAPLAN Online, including the latest fact sheet for parents and carers, can be found on the NSW Department of Education's NAPLAN Online website:

WORKING WITH CHILDREN MANDATORY LAWS

As you would be aware any person working with children can only do so after receiving approval from a police check. Last year, over a number of months, families were informed that at the start of 2018 **any person** (in paid employment or **working as a volunteer**) will need to have completed a Working with Children Check (WWCC). These forms are submitted to any office of Services NSW for processing. Volunteer workers, whilst they must complete the paperwork **WILL NOT** have to pay the processing fee. Once the process is completed, the person will receive a WWCC number. From 2018 no person will be allowed to work/volunteer to help children without their WWCC number plus provide 100 points of identification and fill in an Appendix 5 Form which is available at our school office.

Links to the appropriate site for the application form can be found on our website.

P&C MEETING 2018

Our thanks and deep appreciation to the 2017 Executive team and P&C members for their efforts, hard work and continued support of our school and students during last year.

Congratulations to our Executive team for 2018–

Tom Radic	President
Casey Goy	Vice President
Tabitha Clark	Vice President
Nicole Farrell	Secretary
Erin Dipple	Treasurer

Sub-committee Co-ordinators:

B&A School Care	Fiona Reberger
Canteen	Erin Dipple
Uniform Shop	Mel Thompson
Fund Raising	Mel Thompson
P&C Regional Rep	Casey Goy

Our P&C is a terrific group of parents working to support the interests of our students and school community. We would love to see more families involved! The meetings are also an opportunity for families to hear about current initiatives within the school. We understand the pressures of busy family lives and ensure that our meetings conclude in a timely manner. Meetings commence at 7.00pm in the staffroom and conclude by 9.00 pm. at the latest.

23 February 2018 – Term 1 Week 4

SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH THE LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEAM

Students at our school achieve maximum outcomes when they are able to work in a caring, secure and supportive environment. The whole school community works together to provide quality educational programs and to meet the personal, social and learning needs of all students. Our Learning and Support Team is a group that meets regularly to discuss specific strategies to assist students requiring additional support in areas of learning, emotional and social development. The team consists of the principal, deputy principals, learning and support team coordinator, learning and support teacher, school counsellor, the child's class teacher and the Stage Assistant Principal. The Learning and Support Team coordinates the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of learning support plans.

Process of Referral to the Learning and Support Team

Students requiring additional support at school may be identified by teachers and/or parents. Through teacher and parent consultation these students may be referred to the school's Learning and Support Team. This team then discusses the most appropriate form of support and intervention for the student and communicates this outcome to parents/carers. In some cases, a referral to the Learning and Support Team may subsequently result in a referral to the school counsellor. In all cases, parents are asked to complete a referral to support the initial meeting and possible outcomes. All referrals to the school counsellor are prioritised by the Learning and Support Team according to level of need at school. Following intervention by the school counsellor, parents will be invited to discuss the outcome.

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss any issues affecting their child with the classroom teacher in order to determine whether a referral to the Learning and Support Team may be appropriate.

KURIWA ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG)

AECGs are Aboriginal community organisations which work with schools and communities to better the outcomes for Aboriginal Education. Meetings are open to our school communities and families are most welcome to attend.

The first AECG meeting for 2018 will be held on Monday 26 February at Killarney Vale Public School, in the library, from 5.00 – 6.00 pm.

VOLUNTEER SAFETY BRIEFINGS

As a part of our Workplace Safety procedures, we are required to inform visitors and volunteers to our school of our safety and evacuation routines. If you volunteer at the school in any capacity you are required to attend a briefing. I will be holding these briefings immediately after the morning assembly next week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. These are short and will not take up too much of your time, but they are necessary. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Michelle Dwyer
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

P.B.L THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: TRANSITIONS PBL TERM 1 WEEKS 3&4: CLASSROOMS

Week 3 - Focus: Safety
Week 4 - Focus: Respect



PLAYGROUND REWARDS FOR TERM 1 WEEK 3:
NIL

PLAYGROUND REWARDS FOR TERM 1 WEEK 4:
Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 4 Marley playground community reward winners:

- Kinder:
- Year 1: Kye M - IC
- Year 2: Michael P – 2HT
- Year 3:
- Year 4: Noah P – 4T
- Year 5: Annalise S – 5MC
- Year 6: Jett G – 6S

There were no playground reward winners from Kindergarten or Year 3 this week.

PROPERTY CENTRAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD: The Term 1 Week 3 winner of the Property Central Citizenship Award is Fletcher W of 6S. His award read "for being a thoughtful, well-mannered student who is kind to his peers" Congratulations Fletcher.

PROPERTY CENTRAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD: The Term 1 Week 4 winner of the Property Central Citizenship Award is Tara F of 6F. Her award read "Tara displays a positive attitude and growth mindset, is helpful to her peers and works conscientiously in class". Congratulations Tara.

One student per week will receive a Citizenship certificate from Property Central and a \$20.00 book voucher. There will be a different class chosen each week.

2018 Student Representative Council (SRC):
Congratulations to the 2018 SRC on being elected to represent your peers. Our first meeting was held on Tuesday February 20 where we discussed SRC roles and responsibilities the Term 1 PBL Rewards day on Thursday April 12 and the end of year major PBL rewards (Term 1 Week 11). The 2018 SRC is as follows:

CLASS	SRC REPRESENTATIVES
Captains	Jorja W / Jacob C
Vice-Captains	Ruby B / Finnegan O
6W	Georgia B / Austin C
6S	Charlette M / Jack W
6F	Zaya T / Toby B
5-6T	Giselle E / Josh H
5W	Ava B / Riley D
5B	Mia L / Sunny M
5MC	Isabella M / Cahm S
4W	Bella W / Zeb F / Zaylen E
4M	Anneka M / Jayden T
4T	Ivy W / Cody M
4G	Taylah T / Eli B
3H	Lacy M / Charlie M
3P	Semester 1 – Eden A / Bella K Semester 2 – Tate S / Georgie K
3WR	Charlotte S / Hayden R
3M	Sienna T / Benjamin R
2HT	Sabrina R / Sunny W
2CL	Holly H / Joshua R
2J	Indi V / Indy H
2B	Tess M / Riley P

Note: The School Captains will report to Kindergarten.
The School Vice-Captains will report to Year 1.

2018 BIKE LICENCES:
Congratulations to Hayden P of 5/6T and Nicholas G of 5/6T on obtaining their 2018 Bicycle licence.



2018 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS TIMETABLE: The 2018 School Photographs will be taken in Term 1 Week 5 on Thursday 1 March and Friday 2 March 2018. Students are asked to wear Bateau Bay Public School summer uniform. Please bring photo envelopes on the day of your child's class photograph. The Student Leadership group and the SRC will have their photos taken at 11.00am on Thursday. Family photograph envelopes can be obtained from the front office – family photos will be taken at 1.30pm on Thursday and Friday and 11.00am on Friday. The 2018 Photographs timetable is as follows:

2018 TIMETABLE

Time	Thursday 1 March	Friday 2 March
8.50 a.m.	3WR	2B
9.10 a.m.	5MC	KB
9.25 a.m.	4M	KL
9.40 a.m.	6S	KS
9.55 a.m.	4T	KD
10.10 a.m.	5W	KW
10.25 a.m.	6W	1C
10.40 a.m.	5-6T	1E
LUNCH	Prefects / Captains / SRC	Family / Others
11.35 a.m.	Scripture / Ethics	2J
11.55 a.m.	Scripture / Ethics	2TH
12.10 p.m.	4W	1M
12.25 p.m.	4G	2CL
12.40 p.m.	3P	1A
12.55 p.m.	3H	1HM
1.10 p.m.	3M	
RECESS	Stage 2 & 3 Family Photos	Family Photos
2.10 p.m.	6F	
2.30 p.m.	5B	

These times are subject to late change.

VISITOR BADGES:

Any parents wishing to enter the school to drop something off to their child is required to sign in the visitors book located in the front office and wear a badge. If the visit is in class time parents are NOT permitted to enter the child's classroom.



Deputy Principal
Mark Waite



Operation Art is an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education. The Operation Art program provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of NSW. This year our school has decided to participate in this program and allow students to submit a work of art. Each artwork will be displayed at school but unfortunately we can only select one piece for submission to Operation Art. This is due to the fact that there is an entry fee of \$95 for each artwork. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are able to enter a piece with the size being a minimum of A4 (30x 21cm) to a maximum of A2 (42x 60cm), with a maximum depth 5mm. The submitted artwork will be framed and exhibited at Sydney Olympic Park. One hundred and fifty works are selected for further exhibition opportunities including fifty selected for a tour series and then given to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The theme for each artwork is a cheerful and uplifting subject appropriate for display in hospitals. Judges will look for a work that will make the viewer smile. There are seven major categories of work that students can use to create their artwork. Drawing, painting, mixed media, print making, photography, fibre and electronic. If you access the website at:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/node/9224/view>

you will be able to view examples of entries using each medium. The entries will be due at school on Friday 6th April. We will exhibit the entries at school and submit the winning school entry in the first week of Term 2. The due date for submission of our school's entry to Operation Art in Sydney is Friday 11th May. Our school hopes that your child will be able to take part in this initiative and have the opportunity to have their work exhibited at school. Please make sure that your child's name, age and class are displayed on the back of their artwork.

Ross McGowen
Coordinator



Regular School Attendance

Information for parents and carers of children in, or about to enter, Kindergarten



Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why must I send my child to school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 - and until they turn 17 - students must be:

1. in school, or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (eg TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or
4. in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Once enrolled children are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction.

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student

attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student's absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged. It is the responsibility of parents or carers to make sure that their children attend school each day that the school is open for instruction or other activity. It is important to understand that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Must I send my child every day?

YES. While education is not compulsory until your child turns six, we require you to send your child on every school day as a condition of enrolment. This is for a number of reasons. First, the learning in kindergarten is essential preparation

for your child's whole educational career. This is a time where your child's teacher can focus carefully on your child's learning needs for the future. Kindergarten also provides a chance to sort out any difficulties or problems as they arise. Secondly, having a good routine and being punctual are important skills for your child to develop.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child's hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified. Information on how schools can support parents to manage head lice infestations can be accessed from the student health section of the Department's website at <http://www.>

schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php. Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Head lice, is not a valid reason for prolonged absences from school.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

What should I do if our family is going on holiday in school time?

Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and request leave and/or an exemption from school.

Depending on the circumstances and duration of leave, you may ask the school to provide tasks that can be completed while your child is absent.

Must my child attend all activities, including daily fitness and sport?

YES. Sport and other fun activities help the healthy physical development of children. As a normal school activity, students must attend.

Do not keep your child away from school for the following

- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Minding other children

- For routine check ups or care such as hair cuts
- Minor family events.

Medical and other health appointments for your child with specialists such as dentists or doctors should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and the reason for your child's absence.

All absences must be explained to the school at which the child is enrolled. The principal of the school has the right to question parents' or carers' requests for their child to be absent from school, or an explanation given for a child's absence from school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or Aboriginal student liaison officer, regional officers who support school attendance initiatives. These officers can work with you and the school to discuss the issues and provide support.

Who are home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers?

Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers have been specially trained to help you with your child's attendance.

They work with school communities to encourage all students to maintain regular patterns of attendance.

For further information about the Home School Liaison Program you should contact the program manager at your local Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact numbers

can be found at the website address: www.det.nsw.edu.au/contactus/index.htm or by telephoning 131 536.

Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?

- Won't get out of bed
- Won't go to bed
- Can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag ...
- School lunches not ready
- Dawdles over breakfast
- Homework not done
- Watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- Mum planning a day out
- Test / presentation at school
- Child or sibling birthday
- Child screams and won't let you go.

Here are some suggestions which are based on 'setting regular routines'

- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting/ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- Set time for daily homework activities
- Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- Be firm, children must go to school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child's hand into that of a teacher and then leave.



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Approaching Your School

A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

NB No parent should directly approach another person's child.

Teachers, parents and community working together for successful schooling.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	* Directly contact your child's teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of own child	* For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information. * For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or Stage Assistant Principal. * To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.
Actions of other students	* Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. * Contact the Deputy Principals for serious playground problems.
School policy or practice	* Contact office. State nature of inquiry and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	* Contact the teacher directly in the first instance. * Arrange to meet directly with the Assistant Principal and staff member concerned.

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the 'Inclosed Lands Act' to:

- direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

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Years 1/2

- > Space Science
- > Mummies and Pyramids
- > Greek Gods and Goddesses; Writer's Workshop



Years 3/4

- > Actor's Workshop
Write, Rehearse, Perform
- > Robots and Machines
Will Save the World
- > Chemistry Ready, Set, React!
- > Construction Mathematics



Years 5/6

- > Make Science Fun -
Ten YouTube Experiments
- > Cells, Microbes and DNA
- > Digital Filmmaking
- > Order in the Court

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