

SNIPPETS

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From Kylie's Desk

Term 1 Week 6 | Mon 4 Mar 2019

2019 Term 1 Calendar

Wk 6 Mar

- 5 Hunter Swimming Carnival
- 7 Basketball Coaching Stage2/3
Hack-a-thon Newcastle Uni
- 8 5/6P Assembly @2.30pm

Wk 7 Mar

- 12 Welcome BBQ/Parent Info
Session 5pm start
P&C AGM in library
- 13 Zone Rugby League
- 15 2L Assembly @2.30pm

Wk 8 Mar

- 21 Harmony Day
- 22 Ride Safely to School Day
5/6B Assembly @2.30pm

Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Thank you to the parents who came along to share a coffee with me on Friday morning. I hope you found it useful. I am looking forward to our next 'Coffee with Kylie' session. Let me know if there is something you would like me to talk about at our next catch up.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS

This week we will begin our Scripture and Ethics Program. We are currently running a scripture class for each year level (K-6) and an Ethics program for Stage 1 and Stage 2. All students not participating in either Scripture or Ethics will be supervised in class and will complete meaningful activities such as reading.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST for 2020

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2020 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Thursday 14 March 2019. The test centre for students for our school is:

Tomaree High School
Salamander Way
SALAMANDER BAY NSW 2317

Letters were sent to the families who had applied on Friday to confirm this information.

STAGE 3 WRITING

This year we are focussing carefully on our students writing and last week I was fortunate to have some Stage 3 students bring some writing to my office to share with me. In this writing piece they were experimenting with adjectives.

The dark, aggressive and loud dog walked into the disgusting, horrifying and messy yard.

The big, evil, rabid dog walked into the yard. In his disgusting mouth was a sweet little innocent mouse that was captured while eating cheese.

The infuriated, loyal, guardian dog walked into the precious, beloved, jade coloured yard. In his drooling, puffing, spikey mouth was the garden infiltrating, vermin also known as the mouse!



PBL

Our 3 core values are **RESPECT**, **RESPONSIBILITY** and **EXCELLENCE**.

This week we are focussing on
Responsibility
Make Good Choices

WELCOME BBQ INFORMATION EVENING + P&C AGM

Our Parent BBQ will be held this Tuesday evening beginning at 5pm. Kindergarten will meet in their room at 5:00pm. All other classes will have their information session at 5:15 pm. Please be aware that staff will then come down to the BBQ to talk individually with families and to answer specific questions.

This will be followed by the P&C AGM in our school library.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday afternoon, all the students went around and collected a lot of rubbish around the school. Well done to all the students for keeping Australia beautiful one piece of rubbish at a time.

PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Always consider our student's safety when driving and parking around our school. I noticed on the Port Stephens Council website that rangers will shortly be checking that parents and carers are using our school zones correctly and safely.

Payments Due	Cost	Due by
Resource Pack	\$70	ASAP
Year 6 T-Shirt	\$18.50	ASAP



Garden Club will be selling succulents from \$2, fresh produce and herbs this Thursday morning near the canteen from 8.40am. All money raised goes back into the garden.



Tomorrow quite a number of students are at the regional swimming carnival in Lambton. Good luck everyone.



On Saturday the 16th March, Port Stephens Council will be hosting the first ever Seaside Scavenge at Robinson Reserve Anna Bay. This event has been designed to help promote the upcycling and recycling message to residents, visitors and business across Port Stephens.

We all know what a totally amazing place Port Stephens is to live and work. Our beaches, bays and National Parks are truly some of the most beautiful in the world. It is our responsibility as a community to help protect this incredibly unique environment, and Seaside Scavenge is just one of the ways we can do so.

Seaside Scavenge encourages community members to trade trash for treasure by collecting rubbish, exchanging this for tokens which can be "spent" at the onsite pop up vintage markets. The event promotes litter education, community collaboration and business engagement through a fun and innovative approach.

What you can do to help

Encourage donations to the Seaside Scavenge at any of the below drop off locations:

Port Stephens Visitors Information Centre, 60 Victoria Parade, Nelson Bay.

Ph: 1800 808 900.

Drop off Dates: any day from now up until Thursday 14th March

Drop off Times: Monday to Sunday 9am to 5pm

Birubi Surf Club (please go to Crest Kiosk upon arrival)

Address: James Paterson St, Anna Bay

Drop off Dates: Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March

Drop off Times: 9am to 11am and 2pm to 5pm

For more information on Seaside Scavenge contact Council's Economic Development and Tourism Team on 49880255 or feel free to check out the website here www.seasidescavenge.org or www.facebook.com/seasidescavenge

We look forward to seeing you at the first ever Seaside Scavenge in Port Stephens!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At Shoal Bay Public School we demonstrate our PBL Values: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and EXCELLENCE in all settings

Respect

Shoal Bay students respect themselves, others and the environment.

Be caring

Be cooperative

Be polite

RESPECT

Respect involves everyone being polite and respectful to each other, their belongings and the environment.

Responsibility

Shoal Bay students are safe and responsible in all their actions.

Be safe

Make good choices

Own your own actions

RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility involves being a dependable and reliable person that is committed to keeping themselves safe, following through their obligations and taking responsibility for their actions.

Excellence

Shoal Bay students strive to do their personal best.

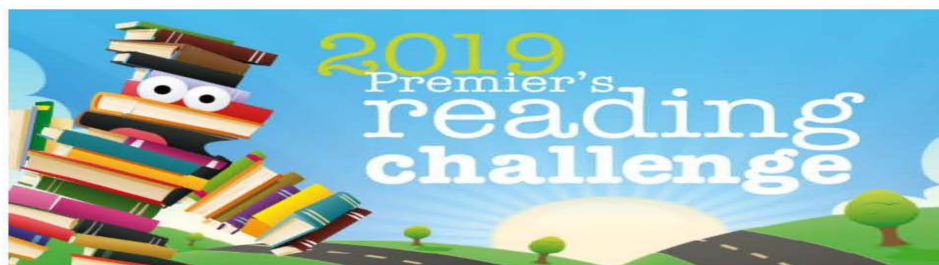
Be prepared

Be involved

Be your best

EXCELLENCE

Excellence involves everyone being active learners who are prepared for learning and strive to achieve their personal best.



The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge is open from today! (March 4th 2019)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child has been invited to take part in this year's NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). This is a program that encourages students to read quality fiction and non fiction books from a selected list nominated by the premier's office.

What does the challenge involve?

To become involved in the challenge, students in Kindergarten to year 2 need to experience **30 books** which will be done at school with their class teachers to complement the reading that is being done at home.

For years 3-6 students need to read **20 books**, 15 of these books must be on the PRC booklists and 5 books can be their own free choice. These will be recorded on the website which can be accessed at home or at school

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

PRC books can be found in our school library, in the local council library or at home. Students and parents are welcome to drop in before and after school to borrow. Due to popular demand, we usually limit PRC borrowing to 3 books per child. For the PRC booklists, please visit: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

In addition, all books can either be read in paper format, or electronically on devices that the children may have at home.

All books need to be read and recorded online by 30th August 2019. Students will receive a special PRC bookmark when they are half way through the Challenge and a certificate from the PRC team on completion.

PRC Certificates will be awarded in Term 4.

I will be giving the students more information this week in library lessons.

Good luck everyone!

Mrs Swartz (Teacher Librarian)

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." – J.K. Rowling

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**Do something
life-changing
this year**

Teach ethics at your
local school



**For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class
at your local school and help children develop skills for life.**

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what's true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at a school near you. Training and support is provided.



Visit
PrimaryEthics.com.au
to learn more

Primary Ethics seeks volunteers to help meet the need for ethics classes for children across NSW. While over 32,000 children in government primary schools benefit from ethics classes each school week, many more children are missing out.

Primary Ethics is the not-for-profit organisation that is authorised to develop and deliver special education in ethics to children in NSW.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life.

Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Opportunities are also available for behind-the-scenes roles including coordinators and regional managers.

**"In time, not very
much time at all,
it will be the decisions
of the children we
teach today that will
shape the world."**

– Dr Simon Longstaff
The Ethics Centre

Only about an hour a week

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