

# Newsletter of Alfords Point Public School

# TO THE POINT

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# **Excellence, Innovation & Success in a Caring Environment**

Friday 28 September 2018 Term 3 Week 10 Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Today marks the end to Term 3. I would like to congratulate the students on their efforts over the past ten weeks and thank the Alfords Point School Community for making me feel so welcome.

I would especially like to acknowledge the PSSA students who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship at PSSA today. This morning Alfords Point PS played against Menai PS for cricket, t-ball and softball. Menai PS were unfortunately unable to field full teams resulting in students from Alfords Point playing for Menai so that both schools could enjoy the game. I congratulate Anthony, Ryan, Jordan, Lucas D, Brandon, Wesley, Lincoln, Lucas P, Zane, Lotu and Casey. Well done!

I wish all our students and their families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to coming back refreshed and ready for a busy Term 4.

#### Term 4

All students and staff return to school for Term 4 on Monday 15 October. Please make sure you add this date to your calendars. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed ready for another great term of learning.

Teachers have asked if parents can check that their child/ren have all the necessary stationery supplies for school for the start of term 4. A busy year so far may mean some items like pencils and glue may need a top up.

#### **Tell Them From Me Survey**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement.

Research indicates that partnerships between home and school improve student learning outcomes. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is open now and closes on 26 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. Please click on the following link to access the survey <a href="https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/b8b6p">https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/b8b6p</a>

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Oct 15 P&C Meeting 7pm

Oct 18 Kindi Start 2019 2pm Parent Workshop
Oct 19 Stage 1 Swimming Program Begins

Oct 19 Summer PSSA

Oct 25 Leadership Day School Captains

Oct 25 Summer PSSA

Oct 29 School Spectacular Rehearsal

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#### Night of Celebration - date for the Diary

At the end of each year we host our special Night of Celebration. At this event we celebrate the wonderful learning, achievements and impressive skills of our students and school community. This year the date of our Night of Celebration will be Tuesday 11 December. This event takes place at Menai High School. We look forward to sharing this event with you. Further information will be available next term.

#### **Summer Uniform**

Summer uniform is to be worn after the holidays. Please make sure that students still have a labelled jumper or jacket with them as the mornings can be cool. Summer uniform is grey shorts, blue shirts and grey socks with black shoes for boys. The girls' uniform is the school tunic with white socks that fold down at the ankle and black shoes. Little anklet socks are not part of the uniform. Of course our hat is definitely part of the uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Kindergarten Enrolment

If you have not enrolled your child as yet in Alfords Point Public School please come up to the school and we will give you an enrolment form and help you if you are unsure of what to do. It is really important that we have your enrolment form as this allows us to communicate dates coming up for Kindergarten 2019 and we would love everyone to be informed and involved.

#### Safe People, Safe Places

With school holidays upon us it is a good idea for parents to reinforce Safe People, Safe Places message with your children.

Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots or other people;

Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times;

Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to;

Know where safe places are - a shop, service station, Police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the Police;

Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help - Police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust;

Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop;

If you are scared, call Triple Zero (OOO) and tell them you are scared.

Try to walk in pairs;

Try to walk on the side of the road opposite to the traffic - ie with cars coming towards you.

# Annette Wein Principal

#### **OBSTACOOL**

#### Obstacool = Outstanding

What a perfect way to end the Term and the Premier's Sporting Challenge. All students participated in the Obstacool course on Monday. It was great to see the level of fitness and enthusiasm everyone possessed, even the teachers! Thank you to the whole school community who helped raise money for educational supplies. At last check we raised close to \$4000 which is an extraordinary effort! Prizes for those students with the most funds raised will be issued next term when all money has finalised. Well done Alfords Point Public School.

#### **Aaron McKrell**

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **PSSA Results**

Alfords Point Public School v Menai Public School—-all teams won.

## Schools Spectacular Ice Block Tuesdays

In support of our Schools Spectacular team we will be fundraising by selling frozen treats each Tuesday in Term 4.



On Tuesday 16 October, our Schools Spectacular team will be selling frozen juice cups at lunchtime for \$1.

Thank you for your support.















