

Newsletter of Alfords Point Public School TO THE POINT

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Friday 21 September 2018 Term 3 Week 9 Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Emergency drills

On Tuesday we conducted an emergency evacuation drill as part of our yearly review. The drill provided the school with the opportunity to review current procedures to ensure we are ready to respond in an emergency.

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 10 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.

Kindergarten 2019 Workshop

On Tuesday afternoon we held our second parent workshop for Kindi start. This workshop was presented by Mr John Walters, author of the Parent Assisted Immersive Reading program known as PAIR reading. Alfords Point Public School has run this wonderful reading program for the last few years and it has helped parents to understand the importance of their input in their child's education, especially reading. Parents at our workshop were extremely appreciative of the information they gathered that is backed heavily by research. Our partnership with our parents is so valuable even before children come to school.

NAPLAN

2018 NAPLAN result have been sent home to Year 3 and 5 students who participated in the assessment this year.

2018 Naplan results for Year 3 and Year 5 have been posted home this week. Parents should expect to receive their child's result in the coming week. We are very pleased with our school's overall results, but over the coming weeks we will be looking closely at both our Literacy and Numeracy results and what we can do to continue school improvement. If you would like to discuss your child's results with classroom teachers, please feel welcome to make an appointment.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Sept 24	Obstacool Fundraiser Kindi Start 2010 2mm Decent Warkshan	
Sept 26 Sept 27	Kindi Start 2019 2pm Parent Workshop Krispy Kreme Delivery	
Sept 28 Sept 28	Schools Spectacular Rehearsal/PSSA Last day of Term	
Oct 15	First day Term 4 all Students Return	
Oct 18 Oct 19	Kindi Start 2019 2pm Parent Workshop Stage 1 Swimming Program Begins	

OUR VALUES AT ALFORDS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL ARE AS SOLID AS A ROCK

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 <u>https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/b8b6p</u>

Annette Wein Principal

OBSTACOOL

Obstacool is finally here! On Monday the giant obstacle course will be set up and ready for all the students to participate. As a reminder, for each sponsor please fill out the details of **who, how much and the date** when the money was collected. Return the sponsorship form and any money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class to the yellow box in the school office by next Monday 24 September (Week 10). You may also use the school's online money deposit system (parent online payments).

It is recommended that all students bring a bottle of water on the day and wear appropriate sun protection such as a school hat and sun screen. Students will be running around and getting down and dirty, so we advise everyone to wear suitable shoes for running and comfortable **older clothing** so that if it becomes dirty it doesn't matter.

We thank everybody for their support and look forward to Monday with great anticipation.

Aaron McKrell

SPORTS NEWS

Regional Athletics Carnival

Well done to Zane, Aya and Amy who competed at the Sydney East Regional Athletics Carnival last Tuesday. They represented our school and the Engadine Zone proudly. A special congratulations to Amy who was awarded 1st place in the Junior Girls High Jump. Amy will now represent Sydney East region at the NSW PSSA carnival in October.

PSSA Results

Girls Softball v Engadine West loss, Junior Girls T-Ball v Engadine West won, Junior Boys T-Ball v Engadine West loss, Boys Cricket v Engadine West loss

Carolyn Rider

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Stage 1—Ben and Anthony, Stage 2—Natasha, Stefan and Luke, Stage 3—Tim and Jacob

GOLD MEDALS

Stage 3—Tim

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T3, Week 9	
KD	Jayden
K-1J	Isla
1-2M	Ashleigh
1-2PK	Sienna
3-4B	Jacob
3-4R	Lavinia
4-5M	Sasha
5-6D	Luca
5-6L	Jessica

Schools Spectacular Ice Block Tuesdays

In support of our Schools Spectacular team we will be fundraising by selling frozen treats each Tuesday this term.



On Tuesday 25 September, our Schools Spectacular team will be selling frozen juice cups at lunchtime for \$1.

Thank you for your support.



THE POINT CAFE

Thank you to all those who have volunteered and helped.

Monday No volunteer

Wednesday Samantha Lollback

Thursday Julianne Parsons

Friday Closed



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