

### **Newsletter of Alfords Point Public School**

# TO THE POINT

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

Friday 26 October 2018 Term 4 Week 2 Dear Parents, Staff & Students

#### World Teachers' Day

Today, 26 October 2018 is World Teachers Day. I would like to acknowledge the brilliant work the teachers do at Alfords Point Public School and thank them for their investment of time, commitment, energy and love for the job. Our teachers ensure that every child is known, valued and cared for at Alfords Point Public School.

#### Lost property

There is an increasing pile of clothing located in the lost property basket. Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that we can return them to their owners. The lost property basket is located in the library.

#### **Contact details**

It is very important that the school has up to date contact details for all children. Could you please notify the school if your details have changed so that we can update our system. Your attention to this is appreciated.

#### Communication from the school

Information regarding activities and events are published in the weekly school newsletter, on the term calendar and paper notes are sent home with students. Please check your child's bag and return permission notes promptly to the school. During 2018 Alfords Point Public School's website has been updated. Staff have been undergoing training so as to be able to use the new platform. Part of this training includes trialling the publication of some notes onto the website during Term 4. In 2019, the school will be publishing all notes onto the website so that parents can access from home. The school will advise all families once all notes are available on the website.

#### **Selective High Schools**

Applications for selective high school placement for Year 7 in 2020 are now open. An intention to apply form has been distributed to all Year 5 students this week. If your child will be entering Year 7 in 2020 and you wish to apply to a selective High School, detailed instructions on how to apply are available at <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7</a>

The application website is now open and applications close on 12 November 2018.

#### Classes 2019

Planning has begun for classes in 2019. If you know that your child will not be attending school at Alfords Point Public School next year, could you please contact the office. This will greatly assist us in accurately planning classes for 2019.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 29 School Spectacular Rehearsal Nov 1 School Spectacular Rehearsal

Nov 1 Leadership between the Rivers School Captains

Nov 2 Summer PSSA/Stage 1 Swimming Nov 8 School Spectacular Rehearsal Nov 9 Summer PSSA/Stage 1 Swimming

Nov 12/13 Stage 2 Camp

#### 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 and will be commencing at 5.15pm. We look forward to sharing this event with you. Further information will be available in coming weeks.

#### Stage 2 Camp

Stage 2 Camp is fast approaching with the camp being held on 12 and 13 November at Rathane. The teachers are finalising all paperwork and require all permission notes to be completed and returned to the school. If you have not returned all information for your child, please send into the school on Monday. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Rider or Mrs Burke.

## Annette Wein Principal

#### **INVICTUS GAMES**

On Thursday 25 October a group of our Stage 3 students attended the Invictus Games at Homebush. After a very early start we filled our seats at ANZ stadium for what was the beginning of an awesome day. First up we heard from two previous Invictus Games competitors, Tony and Mikaylia. Their stories of resilience and bravery were inspiring and set the scene for the day. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. We then spent the morning at the Athletics track watching competitors from all over the world reach personal goals and make friends. We had prime position trackside and were able to meet and encourage many of these competitors. A highlight being an opportunity to high five these competitors and gain their signatures whilst seeing them achieve personal bests. We rounded out the day with the chance to play wheelchair basketball. This was very exciting and not always as easy as it looked. Best of all it made it possible for everyone to play.

#### Jennie Lombe Assistant Principal







#### THE POINT CAFE

Thank you to all those who have volunteered and helped.

**Monday** Sarah Moore

Wednesday Angela Riley

Thursday Haley O'Hara

Friday Christina Richards

### **SRC NEWS**

This week we have had our first SRC meeting for Term 4. All members have been busy voting for new playground ideas that have been suggested by all SRC members. All results are being collated and in the upcoming weeks there will be more exciting news to follow.

#### Maria Panourgias and Carolyn Rider

#### **SPORTS NEWS**

Good luck to Amy B next Wednesday at the NSW State Athletics Championships being contested at Homebush. Amy will be competing in the Junior High Jump representing herself, Alfords Point Public School, Engadine Zone and the Sydney East Region. We are hoping she jumps a PB height.

#### **PSSA Results**

Girls Softball v Lucas Heights won, Junior Girls T-Ball v Lucas Heights loss, Junior Boys T-Ball v Lucas Heights loss, Boys Cricket v Lucas Heights loss.

#### **Debbie Burke**

#### Alfords Point Public School Special Photographs Orders

The special groups photographs are on display at the school office and may be ordered by completing an order envelope available from the school office. Please place payment of either cash or cheque in the envelope. Credit card payments can be made online through the The School Photographer website www.theschoolphotograher.com.au. Please enter your order number on the envelope and return to the school office by **15 November 2018.** The photos are \$16.00 each, 2 for \$30.00, 3 for \$42.00, 4 for \$52.00 or 5 for \$60.00. Any additional orders over 5 photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T4, Week 2	
KD K-1J 1-2M 1-2PK 3-4B 3-4R 4-5M 5-6D 5-6L	Claudio Emily Levi Thomas Anastasia Lotu Jeremy Aya Sophie



## 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 30 October, our Schools Spectacular team will be selling frozen juice cups at lunchtime for \$1.

Thank you for your support.

### SHIRE TENNIS ACADEMY

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BLAXLAND DRIVE ILLAWONG

**NOW WITH CLASSES ON SATURDAY MORNING!** 

## NEW SATURDAY COMP - Miniball

For the first time ever we will be starting a Saturday basketball Competition at Sutherland and we would love for your school to join!

#### This is an amazing opportunity to start basketbal because:

- First Saturday comp ever LOTS of first time basketballers
- Separate Boys & Girls comps
- Very low cost \$400/team (\$50/player if 8 players on the team)

#### Here are the basic details:

What: Summer Miniball Competition

When: Saturdays

Where Sutherland Basketball Stadium

**Training:** Organise your training or we can organise training for you

Games: First Game - 17th Nov, Last Game - 9th March 2019

\*\*No games in the school holidays

Ages: Kindy, U8's, U10's & U12's

Cost: \$400/team (includes 10 games)

#### TWO EASY WAYS TO JOIN!

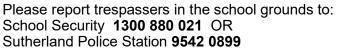
1. Get a group of friends together and create your own team

2. Nominate as an individual and we can add you to a team

Email all enquiries to: Development@sutherlandbasketball.net.au









#### **FACT SHEET**

## ROAD SAFETY FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Do you have children starting kindergarten next year? Starting school is very exciting for your child. They may not be thinking much about safety, but you should.

Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. They will need your help to spot the dangers around traffic.

Sutherland Shire Council wants all children to be safe going to and from school - and that depends on you. Act safely when driving or walking around schools so our children will learn to be safe too.

#### DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint in the car that is fitted and used
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit and keep a sharp lookout in school zones as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Up until the age of eight, always hold your child's hand whenever cars and other vehicles could be around. Park your car and walk them to the
- school gate.

  Drop older kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.

- Avoid calling out to children from across the road because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the
- kerb side of the road, away from passing traffic. If walking to school, plan your trip so you use pedestrian crossings where possible

#### STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Every time children cross the road, remind them to:

- Stop one step back from the kerb
- Look for traffic to your right, left and right again
- Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic
- Think whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

This brochure has been developed from the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety website http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Find out more about Australian Road Rules at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

#### SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND SCHOOL



What does it mean? You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.



What do they mean? You CANNOT stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON.



BUS ZONE What does it mean? You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you

are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.











(All proceeds go to Alfords Point Public School & Best Kidz Early Learning Centre)





\$62 per person (\$57 with a senior's card) COST

Covers coach, morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea

DATE: Sunday, 11 November 2018

7.30am sharp - please arrive by 7.15am. DEPARTURE:

MEET: Oriana Drive, Illawong (top oval near Menai High School)

RETURN: Approx 6pm.

> Elle Accessories/Ameise Fashion Deb's Hidden Treasures Premier Brands Outlet Shire Sweets & Gifts/Manchester Gordon Smith Outlet Stax Lollies, chocolates, nuts & more FSW Shoe Warehouse Card & Gifts Clearance Outlet Handbag Factory Outlet Random Harvest/Cosmetics Factory Corelle Brands Outlet

To secure your seat and to make a payment, please contact Keryn Roberts Phone: 0414 680 765 or Email: k.lloyd77@hotmail.com

Please make your payment by: Friday, 26 October



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Community Fun Day 12pm - 5pm Mimosa St, Heathcote East Obsatcle Course | Maze | Stunt Jump | Jumping Castle | Food and more Colour Dash 2km at 1pm | 5km at 2pm | 10km at 3pm



Early Bird Tickets from just \$20 | Register by 30 Sept. to receive discounts www.hepscolourdash.eventbrite.com.au

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