

Newsletter of Alfords Point Public School

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Term 2 Week 1

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. This term is looking to be action packed with the calendar filling fast. Please add the information and dates listed below to your diaries.

Over the holidays a number of building projects were completed around the school. The children and teachers returned this week to rooms that have been thoroughly cleaned, freshly painted and new carpet installed. The boys and girls toilets were painted, new downpipes installed on the admin building and the verandas were all painted. The school is looking lovely and fresh after all this work.

As from this week the newsletter will now be published every fortnight. Parents are encouraged to download the skoolbag app, follow the school Facebook page and visit the school website as these sites will provide information to families.

Term Calendar

A calendar of events was sent home this week. We have a number of events taking place this term with the Mother's Day stall, NAPLAN, Athletics Carnival, Dance Performances and a parent Bushfire Plan meeting. Please mark the dates in your diaries and keep the calendar somewhere handy so you don't miss any important dates.

School Photos

The 2019 School photos have arrived at school and were distributed to students on Tuesday. Please check your child's bag or speak to their class teacher if you have a problem.

Values Assembly

We are holding a values assembly on Tuesday 7 May at 12.15pm to celebrate all those students who have displayed the value of Friendliness and Acceptance. This term we are looking at the value of Friendliness and Acceptance. This is about accepting all students, making friends and being friendly to everyone. All are welcome to our assembly.

Mother's Day Stall

Our P&C are hosting their annual Mother's Day stall on Thursday 9 May. Notes were sent home this week. Our students enjoy having the opportunity to shop for something special for their Mum, Grandmother or someone special. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Election Day BBQ

The P&C will be holding an Election Day sausage sizzle on Saturday 18 May 2019. In order for the day to be

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| May 7 | Values Assembly 12.15pm |
| May 8 | 'Adopt a Farmer' - Bring loose change and wear a splash of blue |
| May 9 | Mother's Day Stall |
| May 13 - 24 | Naplan (Yr 3 & Yr 5) |
| May 17 | Walk Safely to School Day |
| May 20 | P&C Meeting 7pm |
| May 24 | Zone Cross Country |
| June 4 | Athletics Carnival |
| June 5 | NSW Fire and Rescue Bushfire Plan Community Meeting - save the date |

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

a success, parents/carers are asked to volunteer to assist with cooking and serving during the day. Many hands certainly make light work. If you are able to assist for an hour or two during the day could you please let the P&C know.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and students undertake tests in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy. This year our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be doing the NAPLAN Online; however, the Year 3 writing test will be done on paper. NAPLAN at our school will run from Monday 13 May – Friday 24 May. Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive further information about the test schedule next week.

School Uniform for Term 2

As always autumn weather can be very changeable. Over the next weeks students will wear summer uniform. At the beginning of Week 4 all students will have a choice of winter or summer uniform. It is a good idea for students to wear the light weight jacket in the classroom and keep the heavier weight jacket for wearing outdoors. At the beginning of Week 5 all students need to be dressed in our winter uniform.

Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday 17 May it is Walk Safely to School Day. We would love everyone to participate in this initiative. Even if you drive to a certain point, park your car and then walk safely to school. That is of course for parents who live out of the area. The objectives of this initiative are:

- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create walking habits at an early age.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To ensure that children hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote and improve the use of public transport and reduce the level of traffic congestion.
- To reduce vehicle emissions to help tackle climate change and improve air quality.

On this morning we will be providing a Healthy Breakfast. Good nutrition is essential for good health and a good breakfast is vitally important for good nutrition. Breakfast gets the metabolism going and helps prevent a slump in concentration during the late morning hours. A note will be sent home with further information next week.

NSW Fire and Rescue Bushfire Plan Community Meeting - 5 June 2019 – save the date

Alfords Point Public School in conjunction with other local schools has organised for NSW Fire and Rescue to attend a parent meeting to assist families living in Alfords Point and the surrounding areas with their fire plans in preparation for the fire season. Further details will be available closer to the date. Please mark the date in your diary.

Opportunity class placement in 2020

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. If your child is in Year 4 this year and you are considering placement in an Opportunity Class for 2020, information about how to apply is available online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

An intention to apply note was sent home last term. If you have any questions about an OC placement please see your child's class teacher or myself. Applications open Tuesday 30 April and close Friday 17 May 2019. Parents/carers must apply online between **Tuesday 30 April and Friday 17 May 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted. The opportunity Class placement test will be held on Wednesday 31 July 2019.

Interested parents and carers must read Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020 available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/information-for-applicants>

Annette Wein
Principal

SRC NEWS

Next week on Wednesday on 8 May schools across our nation will be supporting the 'Adopt A Farmer' initiative. This is to support all farmers who are doing it tough with the crippling drought on the eastern side of Australia. On this day we will create a river bank with coins in our school playground. We kindly ask for students to bring in some 'loose change' and come to school wearing a 'splash' of blue. All funds collected will be sent to the Rural aid charity.

Maria Panourgias and Emily Townsend

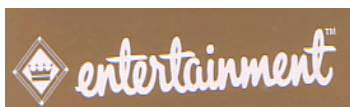
SPORTS NEWS

Good luck to Cecilia, Miriam, Bethani and Sasha next Monday at the Engadine Zone netball trials. We know you will be wonderful ambassadors for our school. The squad of students off to Engadine Zone Cross Country carnival will be announced next week. All selected runners will need to return the permission note and bus fare by Wednesday 15 May. Our annual Alford's Point Public School Athletics Carnival is fast approaching, Tuesday 4 June, at the Ridge Athletics Track. Continued training sessions similar to those that families did prior to the Cross Country Carnival will assist the students to be fit, ready and excited about the events they will race in on Tuesday 4 June. PSSA winter teams of netball and soccer are all organised and the students are very enthusiastic about the 8.15am training sessions followed by playing against other schools in our zone each Friday morning.

PSSA Results

Junior 1 Netball won, Junior 2 Netball loss, Senior 1 Netball won, Senior 2 Netball loss, Junior Maroon Soccer won, Junior Blue Soccer draw, Senior Soccer won.

Debbie Burke



Entertainment books were recently sent home to all families. Please return your Entertainment Book to the front office as soon as possible if you do not want to purchase, otherwise payment of \$70 can be made online or at the front office.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T2, Week 1

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| KD | Zac |
| KJ | Alex |
| 1-2L | Emily |
| 1-2M | Anthony |
| 1-2PK | Jonathon |
| 3-4R | Piper |
| 3-4T | Aliyah |
| 4-5M | Charlotte |
| 5-6B | Rihanna |
| 5-6D | Marko |

UNIFORM SHOP Opening Hours for 2019

The uniform shop will next be open on **8 May 2019** and then once a fortnight on Wednesdays of every even week, starting from 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall.

Orders can be left at the office.
Thank you

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MARLENE S

15 from Germany

Ever since I learnt about Australia, I have fallen in love with it! My older brother has been on exchange and my family has hosted, therefore I know how wonderful it is to create a "second family" on the other side of the world!

EMMA D

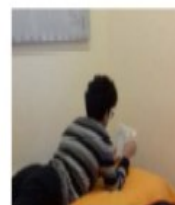
17 from Italy

With an easygoing and sensible nature, I care about people around me and I stand up for my values. Although I can be a little bit shy at the start, I'm kind, cheerful and open up when I get to know someone better!

Not-for-profit organisation, **WEP Australia**, is seeking volunteer host families for high school exchange students arriving this July!
Can you help?

Need to know:

- You choose your student
- Hosting is voluntary
- Students attend high school
- You'll make memories for life!



MARCELLO C

16 from Italy

I am bubbly, enthusiastic and always very happy! I aspire to become an actor. I participate in acting classes and I love singing and dancing. I can't wait to meet your amazing family and to make some Australian friends!

"If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family. Our daughter has a sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad." Nicole, three-time host mum.



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| Flip Out Caringbah | Monday | 4.00 - 6.00pm | starts April 29, 2019 |
| Bexley Public School | Monday | 4.00 - 6.00pm | starts April 29, 2019 |
| Kensington Park Community Centre | Wednesday | 4.30 - 6.30pm | starts May 1, 2019 |
| Anzac Oval Youth and Recreation Centre | Thursday | 4.00 - 6.00pm | starts May 2, 2019 |
| Brighton-Le-Sands Public School | Saturday | 10.00 - 12.00pm | starts May 4, 2019 |



Ready, set, go!
We're excited to say that Woolworths Earn & Learn has launched this week and we have started collecting stickers. The more stickers we collect the more equipment we can choose. Earn and Learn only runs for a limited time, so spread the word and get everyone helping you collect stickers, you can ask parents grandparents neighbours and friends. Between 1 May and 25 June collect as many stickers as you can, put them on sticker sheets and drop them in the box in the foyer at school. More sticker sheets are available from the front office if required.

