



Newsletter of Alfords Point Public School

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Friday 28 June 2019

Term 2 Week 9

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

This week marks twelve months since I joined Alfords Point Public School. As I reflect back over this past year I am very thankful and proud to be a part of such a great school community.

Next Friday marks the end of Term 2. It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year already! The students have worked extremely hard and should feel very pleased with themselves. Likewise parents should be proud of their children and their success. I congratulate all students on their efforts!

I would like to thank my staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the term and you, the parents for your continued support and co-operation and our wonderful students who are growing and maturing into responsible reflective learners.

The holidays are a great opportunity to restock stationary in preparation for next term as well as giving us a chance to rest, relax and recharge. I would like to wish our whole community a safe and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Staff will be participating in professional learning on Monday 22 July. **Students will return on Tuesday 23 July 2019.**

Our School Playground

Students who arrive before 8.30am to school are to follow very strict procedures in our school playground. Our mornings are very cold and we do have our Cindi Kindi that students may attend if parents are committed to work. If your child is here before 8.30am they are to sit on the silver seats outside the canteen/hall until the teacher is on duty. Students are not permitted to play handball or any other game while waiting for the teacher on duty. We need to abide by the rules. Thank you for your co-operation.

Kindergarten 2020

Kindergarten 2020 interviews for students enrolling at Alfords Point Public School are underway. If your child is starting school in 2020 and you haven't made contact with the school could you please complete the application and return it to the school office. If you know someone whose child is starting school next year and they would like to enrol at Alfords Point Public School please ask them to contact the school.

The orientation program for 2020 Kindergarten starts on Wednesday 18 September 2019.

Parents in Partnership

Fete

The P&C are currently busy organising the 2019 Alfords Point Public School fete which will be held on **Saturday 26 October 2019**. Every class will have a stall and parent helpers are required to assist on the day. Each class needs a parent coordinator for their fete stall. The role of this person is to oversee the successful running of the stall on the day, liaise with parent helpers, organise the stall roster and stall set up.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 3	Movie Night - save the date
July 5	Last day of Term 2
July 22	Staff Development Day
July 23	All students return start Term 3
July 29	P&C Meeting 7pm in the Library
Aug 7	Education Week Open Day
Aug 8	Menai Marketplace Performances

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The P&C is currently in need of parents to fill these roles for various classes. Please save the date in your calendars and keep a look out for information over the coming weeks about the fete. If you are able to assist could you please contact the P&C or school office.

P&C Committee – Volunteers Required

The P&C committee is currently looking for new members to fill some vacant roles. They require a P&C Treasurer and uniform shop assistance. If you are able to fulfil either roles could you please contact P&C.

Kindergarten Literacy Workshop

Thank you to Mrs Dobson and Mr John who hosted a Kindergarten Literacy workshop for parents on Thursday 27 June 2019. Parent had the opportunity to observe how literacy is taught in the classroom and interact with the children whilst they were learning. The session was a wonderful opportunity to pick up some tips and ideas for how to support and assist your child at home. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend, the children love having the opportunity to share their day with their families.

On Tuesday 30 July at 9.10am the teachers will hold a Numeracy Workshop in the Kindergarten rooms. Please mark the date in your diaries. We look forward to our current Kindergarten parents and 2020 Kindergarten families joining us in the classroom.

Dancing Stars Concert

Congratulations to the Senior Dance Troupe, Junior Dance Troupe and Boys Dance Group who performed on Tuesday night at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre in the **Dancing Stars Concert**. The children were very excited to represent Alford's Point Public School and their performances were excellent. Thank you to Mrs Brown, Mrs Rider, Mrs Davis, Mr McKrell and Mrs McDonald for their efforts in preparing the children for their performance and their attendance on Tuesday night.

Athletics Carnival

I would like to congratulate all the students on their excellent behaviour and efforts at the Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. It was a great day, made all the better by the clear blue sky and a wonderful opportunity for many of our parents and grandparents to join us. Thank you to those who were able to help. It made the day such a success. A very big thank you to Mrs Burke and the staff for their efforts in delivering such a great day for the students

Reporting

Student reports will be sent home on Thursday 4 July, Week 10. We have followed the same reporting procedures as last year.

All students except for Kindergarten and special learning needs students will be given an overall A to E for English and Mathematics. The comments will reflect their progress in English and Mathematics in line with the syllabus documents. This scale is explained on the front of each report. Below is an explanation of the A to E scale.

A-Outstanding The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B-High The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C-Sound The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D-Basic The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competences in the processes and skills.

E-Limited The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills

2019 Education Week & Open Day – Every Student, Every Voice – save the date

This year Education Week is in Week 3, Term 3, 5 August to 9 August 2019. Our school will be celebrating the achievements of all our students throughout the week. Wednesday 7 August 2019 will be our Open Day festivities including open classrooms, the Biggest Morning Tea, School Performances and Public Speaking Competitions. On Thursday 8 August our dance groups and choirs will be performing at Menai Marketplace at 9.30am. We look forward to celebrating Every Student, Every Voice. Parents/Carers and visitors are welcome to attend, please save the dates in your calendars.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

The second NAIDOC dance and voice program lesson is on Thursday 4 July 2019. Please ensure all notes and monies have been returned by Wednesday. Students with outstanding payments will not be able to attend.

Premier's Debating Competition

Round 3 and 4 Premier's Debating Competition debates will be held on Wednesday 3 July at Alford's Point Public School.

Round 3 debate will be held at 10.30am against Mortdale Public School and the Round 4 debate against Hurstville Public School will begin at 11.30am. We wish the debating teams well as they prepare for the final two debates. Thank you to Mrs Brown for facilitating this program and the opportunity for the students to be part of this program.

Annette Wein
Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Classes completed their public speaking competitions this term with all students delivering a prepared and an impromptu speech. The teachers commented on the quality of the speeches and were proud of each and every student for giving it a go. Public speaking is a useful skill that can help people of all ages throughout their lives. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the Semi Finals.

Stage 1 Semi Finals:- Lina K, Hannah K, Isla W, Sarah R, Anabella J, Lila H, Sophie T, Emily R, Isla H, Ben J, Oliver J and Olivia D.

Stage 2 Semi Finals:- Folau T, Piper B, Ashleigh M, Charlotte C, Tyson M, Patrick R, Eva K, Jana D, Maddison B, Sophie S, Natasha S, Ahmad H, Lincoln R, Lucas D, Lucas P, and Wesley S.

Stage 3 Semi Finals:- Sophie C, Abigail S, Madeline K, Jay K, Cara R, Sasha C, Zac N, Jessie H, Ayla K, Indianna O, Gurleen K, Paris M, Luca C, Marianna T, Madison H, Anastasia M, Joshua B and Cecilia T.

All semi-finals will be completed by the end of term. Once again well done to everyone. All students have put in a wonderful effort and are to be congratulated for their hard work. Thank you to the families for your input. Finalists will be notified before the end of term so they can continue to practise during the holidays and are ready to present the speeches at the Annual Alford's Point Public School Finals during Education Week 3, Term 3, Wednesday 7 August, where all family and friends are welcome to attend.

Nick John, Debbie Burke and Kim Dobson

Please report trespassers in the school grounds to:
School Security **1300 880 021** OR
Sutherland Police Station **9542 0899**



SRC NEWS

Movie Night

Just a reminder that next Wednesday night is Movie Night. The last day for ticket sales will be on Monday as numbers need to be finalised for the purchase of supper. The K-2 session is from 4.30pm to 6.15pm. The 3-6 session will run from 6.30pm to approximately 8.15pm. Remember to wear warm comfortable clothing (pyjamas) and bring along a small pillow and blanket. Supper is included with the ticket purchase and there will be a lucky door prize. Please return Movie Night notes by Monday 1 July 2019 if your child is attending. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Please note that the Movie Night is only for Alford's Point Public School students.

A Big Thank you to our SRC

Congratulations to all Semester One SRC. You have all done a great job in providing suggestions for charity, attending our meetings, collecting donations and being part of our School Representative Council. Next Term, we will be voting for our new Semester 2 SRC. This is an exciting time for kindergarten as they will also be able to join the SRC team in Semester 2. Elections will take place in Week one.

Mrs Panourgias and Miss Townsend

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 19 June we had our third and final attempt with perfect conditions for students to compete in the Annual Alford's Point Public School Athletics Carnival. The venue had dried out from all the rain and was just right for our events. Illawong Athletics Inc. supplied the long jump equipment and PA, along with a staff member to open the track. Our students looked the part dressed in their house colours, and participated well, gaining lots of house points. They cheered on their peers, showing team spirit, chanting war cries and they looked spectacular whilst marching.

We began the day down at the long jump pits where the students 8-12yrs leapt long lengths and over each of their three jumps improved doing PBs. Whilst this was happening the students K-2 arrived and settled in for the day. Next was the March Past and it was very impressive. The teams marched around the track finishing in a formation in front of spectators who made the most of this wonderful photo opportunity. For the ninth year the purple team marched beautifully to complete the formation. Participation by the students in the 50, 100, 200 and 800 metre track events saw fast times. Congratulations to Halle M who broke two records. Halle now owns the 11yrs Girls Long Jump record with a distance of 3.95m and the 11yrs Girls 200m - 32.50sec. Danny S broke the SNR Boys 200m record - 30.58sec. Anthony K now owns the 8yrs Boys 50m record - 15.97sec.

The carnival was a huge success and ran smoothly because our school community worked together whilst having fun and enjoying the activities. Thank you to those that made the success of our carnival possible:- the students, the teachers and Sigrid Appel, Hanady Nasser, Julianne Parsons, Adam Coe, Melissa Ursino, Hydrie Saleh, Simon Thomas, Jessica Traynor, Nick Sinnis, Sianee Wright, Houda Derbas, Lei Li, Kylie Smith, Cheryl Smith, Tracy Pownall, Tia Croft, Evan Fitzgibbon and Elaine Auciello.

The Kindy to Year 2 novelty carnival out in the middle of the ground was loads of fun. The students participated in many activities and I'm sure slept well that night. All results and place getters from this carnival have been published and attached to this email. The Alford's Point Public School squad that will be attending the Engadine Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 21st August will be announced in coming weeks once we have completed all the remaining field events, next term. Once again thank you and well done to everyone involved.

Our ribbons assembly last Tuesday was a huge success, supported by many family members. All students were great audience members and the entertainment provided by 5/6B&D girls and boys certainly entertained everyone. Once the High Jump, Shot Put and Discus events are finalised next term we will have another assembly to award those placegetters. Parents again will be most welcome to attend. Our half day field events carnival for students 8yrs-12yrs will be on Tuesday 30 July (weather permitting) on our back oval commencing at 9.15am. After the field events carnival is completed the points for both the track and field events will be tallied to determine the overall Athletics Carnival points

for 2019. So far from last Wednesday's carnival the Green Lorikeets are leading, second are the Blue Kookaburras, in third place are the Yellow Cockatoos who are narrowly in front of the Red Rosellas. These scores and placings could quite easily change once the field events have been contested. Once again congratulations and thank you to all who attended. It was a fabulous day.

Next Wednesday Cara R will attend the Sydney East Softball Gala Day at Woollooware. She will be representing herself, our school and the Engadine Zone. Congratulations on your inclusion in this squad.

PSSA Results - Week 8

Junior A Netball won, Junior B Netball loss, Senior A Netball loss, Senior B Netball loss, Junior Maroon Soccer loss 3-2, Junior Blue Soccer won 5-3, Senior Soccer won 3-0.

Debbie Burke

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Thank you everyone who has collected stickers during this promotion. Now that it's over, it's time to start collecting all those stickers from parents, teachers and friends of the school to begin counting them up. Please send any stickers you still have at home to school by Tuesday, these can be loose stuck on sheets. Half sheets are OK too as we have many stickers here to fill them up. All stickers have to be counted and submitted by Thursday so that the school can claim educational resources from the promotion.

Denese Adderley

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T2, Week 8

KD	Cherie
KJ	Reuben
1-2L	Cameron
1-2M	Hannah
1-2PK	Nathan
3-4R	Eva
3-4T	Diego
4-5M	Madison
5-6B	Talia
5-6D	Sasha

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T2, Week 9

KD	One
KJ	Liam
1-2L	Alexander
1-2M	Laith
1-2PK	Alira
3-4R	Connor
3-4T	Lotu
4-5M	Marianna
5-6B	Ali
5-6D	Madeline

SCHOOL BANKING

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the school banking program, for 1 hour on a Friday (usually in the afternoon), once or twice per term.

If you are able to help, please email the school office, or speak to the School Banking Coordinator Sarah Roberts. Thank you.

Thank you to the following volunteers for **Week 10**:
Hanadi Nasser
Yvonne Hassapis



UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours for 2019

The uniform shop will next be open on
3 July 2019 and then once a
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Ladies Day Out Shopping Event



Relax with the girls, enjoy a child free day out, and get a head start on your Christmas shopping with a variety of shops to suit your needs!

DATE: Sunday, 10 November 2019

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

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

RETURN: Approx 6pm.

COST: \$62 per person (\$57 with a senior's card)
(Coach, morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea)

This is an Annual Fundraising Event

(All proceeds go to Alford's Point Public School)

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

Please RSVP and make full payment by: Monday, 28 October

*** Thank you ***



TRY T-BALL AND BASEBALL DAYS

No experience necessary - Ages 4+, boys and girls (teams co-ed)

When:

- Sunday 21 July, 9am to 11am
- Sunday 4 August, 9am to 11am

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