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Term 3 Week 3

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Education week

The theme for Education Week this year was '*Every Student, Every Voice*'. The theme underpins our ambition for every student at Alfords Point Public School to be known, valued and cared for. In addition to equipping our young people with the skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world we are providing multiple opportunities for the students to contribute within our school setting. We are all leaders at Alfords Point Public School!

Thank you to everyone who joined in our Education Week Open Day celebrations on Wednesday. We had a fabulous day sharing some of the wonderful learning that occurs in the classrooms as well as having the opportunity to showcase our wonderful talents and community spirit.

It was a pleasure to be a part of the audience on Wednesday afternoon during the Public Speaking finals. The afternoon delivered high quality entertaining speeches from all students and I congratulate all participants on their efforts.

Thank you to the parents who helped to organise, cook and serve our hungry students and guests. Our sausage sizzle lunch was delicious and a huge success. We raised \$694.50, with all funds raised going towards the Year 6 farewell.

Alfords Point Public School provided an excellent example of Public Education on Wednesday. The children were very excited to share their learning with their visitors. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make it a day full of fun and learning.

The World's Biggest Morning Tea

A very big thank you to our whole school community who generously supplied everyone with a fantastic morning tea on Wednesday 7 August. For just a gold coin donation everyone enjoyed cakes upon cakes. Thank you to the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to make this a very successful fundraiser. We raised \$410.55, with all money raised going to the Cancer Foundation.

Menai Marketplace Performances

On Thursday 8 August the choir and dance students showcased our wonderful talents at Menai Marketplace. The Senior and Junior Dance troupes performed brilliantly and were dressed in their great dance costumes. The Boys' Dance group captured the audience's attention with their enthusiasm for their dance and the Year 2 Choir and Senior Choir sang beautifully. I received many positive comments about our performances and would like to congratulate all students and their teachers on such an outstanding effort.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Aug 12	SSSMF Junior Evening Concert
Aug 13	Special Sport and Event Photo Day
Aug 19	P&C Meeting 7pm in the Library
Aug 19 – 21	Life Education
Aug 21	Zone Athletics Carnival
Aug 22	SSSMF Senior full day Rehearsal
Aug 23	SSSMF Senior Evening Concert
Aug 26	Yr 4 High School Kid for a day

Lost Student Property

There is a very large growing pile of unclaimed student jumpers in the lost property basket. Please check and see if your child is missing some clothing. Could you also please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be easily identified and returned to their owner.

Parents/carers are asked to check that their child is bringing home the correct articles of clothing each day. It is very easy for the children to pick up someone else's jumper or hat without realising and put it on or in their bag. We have a number of families searching daily for labelled articles of clothing. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Tell Them From Me student survey – year 4-6

This term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. You may remember that our Year 4-6 students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is confidential, conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between Monday 26 August and Friday 25 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form is being sent home with students from Year 4-6 and FAQs for parents /carers is available via the above link. If you **do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 16 August.**

Partners in Learning

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.

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 on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our School will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

Semester Overviews

Term 3 is the beginning of Semester 2. The teachers have written an overview of what the expectations for students are during the semester. This affords parents and carers as part of our Parents in Partnership Program greater insight into what the children will be learning over the next two terms. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Sutherland Shire Music Festival

Junior choir and boys dance group - Today the junior choir and boys dance group performed at the matinee performance as part of the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival at Sutherland Entertainment Centre. The students will also perform on Monday night 12 August.

Senior choir and senior dance – on Thursday 22 August the senior choir and senior dance group will attend the full day rehearsal prior to the night concert on Friday 23 August.

I congratulate all the students on their efforts and for their participation. They are wonderful ambassadors for Alford's Point Public School. Thank you to the staff who have given their time to support the students in this extra curricula opportunity.

Dance classes

Dance classes will conclude in week 5 for 2019. Invoices for dance fees were sent home yesterday to families. It would be appreciated if accounts were settled by 16 August 2019.

Special Photo Day

On Tuesday 13 August all students who are involved in extra curricula activities such as sporting teams and dance will be photographed. I would like all students to wear their school uniform and to bring their extra curricula outfits with them. Please remember your sports shoes if you are in a sporting team. A note has gone home about this.

Stage 3 Financial Literacy program

Stage 3 will be participating in a financial literacy incursion next Thursday 15 August. A note has gone home to all students. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned before Thursday. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Burke.

Life Education – Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold Life Education Van will be visiting our school on **Monday 19th of August until Wednesday 21st of August (Week 5)**.

The cost of the session will be \$10.50. This includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and a sticker for each child. Your child's class will have a specific program that will address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum. Money and permission notes need to be returned by Wednesday 14 August.

A brief outline of the range of programs that will be seen by the children is listed below:

KD & KJ *Harold's Friendships*: Explores how to build friendships and care for others, feelings and emotions, safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs, safe places and people to turn to for help.

1/2L, 1/2M & 1/2PK *Growing Good Friends*: Unsafe behaviours, situations and environments, healthy food choices.

3/4T & 3/4R *Mind Your Medicine*: Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

4/5M, 5/6D & 5/6L *Relate Respect Connect*: Students explore building positive, safe and respectful relationships.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020

We are currently taking enrolments for students starting Kindergarten in 2019. If you haven't returned your enrolment form or have a child who is turning 5 by 31 July 2019, please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form and organise an interview.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Engadine Zone 2019 Athletics Carnival is being held at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track on Wednesday 21 August. Congratulations to those students who qualified to represent Alford's Point Public School. A note has been sent home to those students. Please return permission note and money by Monday 19 August 2019. Go team Alford's Point!

P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting will be meeting on Monday 19 August 2019 at 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. Please come along and be part of making a difference to student learning.

Annette Wein
Principal

SRC NEWS

Congratulations to the Semester 2 SRC Representatives that received their badges during our Open Day Assembly on Wednesday. We look forward to working with you this semester as we continue to support our school and community.

Biggest Morning Tea

On Wednesday our community saw an out pouring of delicious food for our Biggest Morning Tea. Thank you to parents and students for their efforts. We appreciate your gold coin contribution to go support the Cancer Council. The SRC are also to be commended for their enthusiasm towards promoting the event.

Maria Panourgias and Emily Townsend

SPORTS NEWS

Last week the field events were finalised and the placegetter ribbons were presented at our special assembly two days later. Well done to all those students who received ribbons. Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who supported the field events and attended the ribbons assembly last week. The points from both the track and field events carnivals have been tallied to give the overall 2019 Athletics' points. This year the Green Lorikeets were first, second were the Blue Kookaburras, third were the Red Rosellas and fourth were the Yellow Cockatoos. Attached is the overall carnival result's page.

The Alford's Point Public School squad that will be attending the Engadine Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 21 August at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track has been announced. Those students have been given all the necessary paperwork and need to submit the permission note and bus fare in the office drop box.

Congratulations to Luca on his selection in the Engadine Zone Cricket team. Luca will now complete as part of this team at the Sydney East carnival. We wish him well and know he will be a wonderful ambassador for our school and impress the selectors with his cricket skills.

PSSA Results

Well done to the seven Stage 2 girls and boys (Lincoln, Sophie, Madison, Hayley, Levi, Charlotte and Zena) who took up the opportunity to be part of the Junior Alford's Point Public School PSSA Soccer team today. We know you enjoyed the experience and you were an asset to the team.

Week 2 Results

Junior A Netball v Engadine West won, Junior B Netball v Heathcote East loss, Senior A Netball v Engadine West won, Senior B Netball v Heathcote East loss, Junior Maroon Soccer loss, Junior Blue Soccer won, Senior Soccer draw.

Week 3 Results

Junior A Netball won, Junior B Netball won, Senior A Netball won, Senior B Netball won, Junior Maroon Soccer loss, Junior Blue Soccer loss, Senior Soccer won.

Debbie Burke

STEWART HOUSE

Once again the Stewart House Clothing Appeal is on. The bags were sent home with the students last week. Please return them back to school by Tuesday 20 August for collection by Stewart House on Thursday 22 August. If you require more bags please collect them from the Front Office.

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



NUMBER CRUNCHERS/RUBRIK CHALLENGE

Good luck to Zac & Gurleen from Stage 3 who next Tuesday will attend Bangor School for a fun day of mathematical experiences. They will compete in a competition whereby answers to mathematics questions are calculated mentally and given in spoken form. Gurleen will also compete in the Rubrik Cube Challenge, the winning student in this category is the one who solves their jumbled cubes in the fastest time.

Good luck and have fun Zac and Gurleen.

Debbie Burke

MINDQUEST

On **Saturday 21** and **Sunday 22 September 2019** the 92nd NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend **MindQuest** will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at **St George Girls HS**. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art, and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$200 (including GST).
Brochures available at the Office.

THE POINT CAFE

Thank you to all those who have volunteered and helped.

Week 4 Volunteers:

Monday

Natasha Petkovski

Wednesday

Barbara Bricknell

Thursday

Rebecca Jones

Friday

Christina Richards

Week 5 Volunteers:

Monday

Volunteer Needed

Wednesday

Carly Smith

Thursday

Julianne Parsons

Friday

Alana Wittig

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T3, Week 3

KD	Amber & Ophelia
KJ	Elissa
1-2L	
1-2M	Moses
1-2PK	Sophia
3-4R	Daisy
3-4T	Levi
4-5M	Lucas
5-6B	Liam
5-6D	Sophie



UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours for 2019

The uniform shop will next be open on **21 August 2019** and then once a fortnight on Wednesdays of every **odd** week, starting from 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall.

Orders can be left at the office.
Thank you

ONE AGENCY

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Thinking of selling?

If you are thinking of selling, choosing the best agent to sell your property is an important decision.

Please don't hesitate to contact Sue Wilkes on 0409 000 336 for your no obligation, free market analysis at a time that suits you.

When you have your property appraised with Sue, mention Alford's Point Public School. When your property is sold a donation will be given directly to the school.

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?



Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0-18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 8303 7644 or email CapsMetroCentral@facns.nsw.gov.au



Family & Community Services



BEST KIDZ ELC CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENTS

- family run boutique centre
- cater for ages 18mths-6 years of age
- Opening hours 7:30am-6pm

Best kids prides itself on creating an intimate and personal environment, for all of our children and families. We work at higher staff to child ratios, we provide extra curricular activities including sports, music and dance! As well as regular excursions into the community and to symbio wildlife park

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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 warehouses 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 seniors card) (Inc. coach, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea)
LUNCH: Newmarket Hotel – 2 courses

Ameise Fashion/Elle Jewellery	Premier Brands	Fardoulis Chocolates
Bubblegum Factory	Barcs/Gordon Smith Basics	Peters of Kensington
Handbag Factory	FSW Shoes/Just Sport/Christmas World/The Base Warehouse	
Cards & Gifts	Manchester Importer	KB Toys

This is an Annual Fundraising Event (proceeds go to Alford's Point Public School)

To secure your seat and make a payment, please contact Keryn Roberts
Phone: 0414 680 765 or Email: k.loyd77@hotmail.com

Please RSVP with full payment by: Monday, 28 October

BIKE TO THE BEACH

FREE BIKE EVENT

Sunday 22 September 2019

Bring the family down for a great 5km cycle ride - from this year's starting point at Shorebird Reserve (corner Alexander Ave and Smith St) at Taren Point and ending at Wanda Beach.

- ☑ Supervised course along mainly offroad paths: easy for all ages.
- ☑ You must bring your own bike.
- ☑ Bikes must be in good roadworthy condition (including bell).
- ☑ All riders MUST WEAR a helmet.
- ☑ Free registration 10am-12pm (at Shorebird Reserve).
- ☑ Course open 10am-1pm.
- ☑ Activities completed at 2pm.

Free bike safety checks at the start, courtesy Endeavour Cycles.

For registration form, route map and more information:

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Bike2Beach

At Lucas Reserve, enjoy a free BBQ for participants, inflatable amusements for the kids, face painting, and a performance by a local brass band!

Enquiries: Mark Stuart
02 02 9710 0341
mstuart@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Wet weather: check online, or call
02 9521 5690 or 02 9545 2345
after 9am Sat.



Presented by Sutherland Shire Council as part of NSW Bike Week.

ENDEAVOUR cycles

Rideability CYCLE EDUCATION

PCYC SUTHERLAND



Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

5 August | 12 August | 19 August | 26 August
2 September | 9 September | 16 September
23 September

Cost: \$50 per child

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd., Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate

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