

TO THE POINT

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Friday 6 September 2019

Term 3 Week 7

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Student Attendance

A reminder to parents/carers that regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. There are a number of students who are regularly arriving late each day. All students who are not in attendance at the morning assembly need to go to the office with an adult to get a late slip before going to class. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. A fact sheet is located in the newsletter today which highlights the impact absence from school can have over a child's school years.

Emergency drills

Every year schools are required to review and update their emergency procedures. Over the next three weeks Alfords Point Public School will be conducting emergency drills as part of our yearly review. This will involve the school conducting a lockdown and evacuation drill. If you are at the school assisting during our drills, please follow the instructions provided by the teachers.

School Uniforms

With the weather starting to get warmer as we move towards the end of term, students have a choice of whether to wear full summer uniform or stay in their winter uniform depending on weather. Please do not put tights with the summer uniform.

Students have been reminded that they need to wear their school hat at recess, lunch and during sport. Students without a hat will need to remain under the COLA during these times. The school does not provide spare hats or encourage students to share their hat with friends. Parents/carers are reminded that the school hat ratified by the P&C is the **BOLAR HAT not a cap**. School hats are available for purchase from the School Uniform shop or our office when needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Partners in Learning - 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.

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 16	Menai High School Yr6 - Yr7 Test P&C Meeting 7pm in the Library
Sept 17	UNSW English Competition at 8am in the Library
Sept 18	Kindergarten Orientation 9 - 11am
Sept 19	UNSW Maths Competition at 8am in the Library
Sept 23	School Spectacular Rehearsal
Sept 27	Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day Last day of Term 3

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.

Please click on the following link to access the survey: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/r9n52>

Crazy Hair Day — Alfords Point Spring Fete

The fete is fast approaching and notes have gone home over the past few weeks about how to support our fete . One of the most successful stalls at our fete is the gift baskets. This relies heavily on donations from our school community. Every class has been given a note asking parents to donate certain items to our gift basket stall. We are holding a Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 12 September to support our gift baskets. What this means is instead of students bringing in a gold coin donation they bring in an item that is to do with their classes request on the gift basket note. We do rely on your generosity but all money raised for our fete goes to support our students, your children. Please be generous and please read the notes. Thank you.

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Morning (Kindi start)

The school is currently finalising enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. If you have not enrolled your child or returned your enrolment forms yet, please contact the school office. The Kindergarten Orientation program begins on Wednesday 18 September 2019. The Kindi Start program provides parents with valuable information about the school and assists preschool children in the smooth transition into big school. I look forward to meeting the 2020 Kindergarten students and their families during the orientation program.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 16 September 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

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Jayden, Charlotte, Sasha and Madeline who represented our school at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals on Thursday. A special congratulations to Jayden who came 9th, Sasha 6th and Madeline equal 4th in our region. Well done to all students, you were super spellers!

Carolyn Rider

UNSW ENGLISH COMPETITION

This competition will be held in the library at 8am on Tuesday 17 September.

UNSW MATHS COMPETITION

This competition will be held in the library at 8am on Thursday 19 September.

Carolyn Rider

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Luca C who has been selected as part of the Sydney East Cricket Team. He impressed the selectors with his talents on the pitch. Luca will now compete in the state cup, not only representing himself, but also Alford's Point Public School and the Engadine Zone as part of the regional team. Congratulations to Jayden C who accepted the offer to represent our school at the regional athletics carnival as part of the senior 4 x 100m relay team.

Today all students and teachers from Years 3-6, along with Mr John, enjoyed the glorious weather whilst at Coachwood Oval participating in summer sport. Many students trialed to be part of the Alford's Point Public School Summer PSSA teams in T-Ball, Cricket and Softball. All students hoping to represent our school during the summer PSSA competition have been given an expression of interest letter and this **must** be returned to school by 9am next Tuesday morning with a parent/carer's signature, if they are to be considered to represent and be part of an Alford's Point Public School team.

Debbie Burke

We're skipping through the Term!

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. Alford's Point Public School has already raised \$3000 so far, which means we are on our way to achieving the goal of \$5000.

It's not long until our Jump Off Day on 27 September so keep on practising those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause! Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details.

<https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/register>



Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you

Aaron McKrell
Coordinator

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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.

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



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T3, Week 6

KD	One
KJ	Yvonne
1-2L	Emily
1-2M	Felisia
1-2PK	Archie
3-4R	Abdulrahman
3-4T	Jamerson
4-5M	Cooper
5-6B	Aaron
5-6D	Jay

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T3, Week 7

KD	Sandro
KJ	Evan
1-2L	Cameron
1-2M	Hannah
1-2PK	Jonathon
3-4R	Joshua
3-4T	Natasha
4-5M	Jessica
5-6B	Lucas
5-6D	Peter

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Stage 1: Victoria and Sarah

Stage 2: Abbey, Michael, Stefan, Erika, Sophie and Lachlan

Stage 3: Madison and Perry

BANNERS

Stage 2: Michael and Erika

Stage 3: Perry

BRONZE MEDALS

Stage 2: Erika

SILVER MEDALS

Stage 3: Elijah and Perry

GOLD MEDALS

Stage 3: Halle

THE POINT CAFE

Thank you to all those who have volunteered and helped.

Week 8 Volunteers:

Monday

Leisa St John

Wednesday

Angela Riley

Thursday

Rebecca Jones

Friday

Rachel Wright and Kelly Guy

Week 9 Volunteers:

Monday

Natasha Petkovski

Wednesday

Barbara Bricknell

Thursday

Julianne Parsons

Friday

Alana Wittig



UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours for 2019
The uniform shop will next be open on **18 September 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

Attendance Counts

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time your school starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



SHARKS BASKETBALL CAMP

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6 - 15

FOUR DAYS 9AM - 2PM
SEPT 30 - OCT 3

TWO DAYS 9AM - 2PM
OCT 8 - OCT 9

LEARN BASKETBALL SKILLS

SUTHERLAND BASKETBALL STADIUM

DOWNLOAD ENROLMENT: WWW.SUTHERLAND.BASKETBALL.NET.AU

EMAIL: ADMIN@SUTHERLANDBASKETBALL.NET.AU

PH: 02 9542 1999

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT !!!

FREE BALL & T-SHIRT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

ENROLMENTS CLOSE 25/09/19



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Building Bridges

When parents separate, they often live in two homes and kids need to find a way to build their own bridge between their parents' homes.

Building Bridges is a 90 minute workshop for children to discuss how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. This workshop is available for children aged between 8 and 12 years old.

Children will learn:

- to understand feelings about parental separation and conflict
- about changes in families following separation
- how to feel safe in the family
- to become emotionally stronger and more resilient
- consider succession planning and transition counselling

Tuesday, 4:00 – 5:30pm, 24 September 2019

Cost: \$15 per child

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah

Bookings essential (limited numbers) — phone 8522 4408



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Come along for a free class this term

25% off joining

We accept Active Kids vouchers

Enquire with Sensei Tony Hails

0403 808 265

www.ishinryukarate.com.au

Registration for Nippers at Garie Beach Now Open

We are holding our annual pool proficiencies at Engadine Leisure Centre on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September from 10am – 12pm in anticipation for nipper commencement on the 13th October.

Garie Surf Life Saving Club based in the Royal National Park at Garie Beach hosts Nippers from ages of 5 & up.

The Surf Life Saving Australia Nippers program builds Surf Awareness Skills, and Teamwork all at the same time as having fun with peers! Nippers is not just for children. Parents can get involved too!

If you are interested check out our website www.garieslsc.com.au; or contact nippers@garieslsc.com.au.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on the sand 😊



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

If you would like to arrange a tour or need more information call Best Kidz on 95437693 or email Info@bestkidz.com.au



School Holiday Activities

Free activities for primary school students at The Reserve Bank Museum

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.


Cost:
Free (Registration essential)

Booking Information:

- Expressions of interest are now open for the Spring school holiday period.
- For further information, session times, and to register your child please visit the Museum website.
- Registrations will close on 20th September at 5.00 pm.

 museum@rba.gov.au

 (02) 9551 9743

 Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000



Member for a Day: What would you say?

Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers and places rarely open to the public; give your first speech as a Member of Parliament in the chambers; be entertained by roving musicians.

FREE ENTRY
Activities
10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location
6 Macquarie Street –
opposite Martin Place

**The public café
will be open.**

Sausage
Sizzle
\$3.00
per person



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