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Term 1 Week 2

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Administration Building

On Tuesday the office moved out of the library and back into the administration building. We are very excited to be back in the newly refurbished building which has been freshly painted and had new carpet installed. We are still waiting on a few pieces of furniture to arrive but otherwise we are back to business as usual!

This week we welcomed our 2019 kindergarten students and their parents to 'big' school. The students have been settling in well and are quickly forming friendships and are learning all the new routines. A highlight of their week has been establishing their friendships with the Year 5 buddies who are doing a wonderful job in welcoming and guiding their younger peers.

Students in Years 1-6 have been placed in their 2019 classes and are working hard to establish new routines in their classes and involvement in school life. The staff are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning.

2019 Staff List

Mrs Dobson	KD classroom teacher
Mr John	KJ classroom teacher
Mrs Panourgias	1/2PK classroom teacher
Mrs Karatzis	1/2PK classroom teacher
Mrs McDonald	1/2M classroom teacher
Mrs Lombe	1/2L classroom teacher and K-2 Assistant Principal
Miss Townsend	3/4T classroom teacher
Mrs Ryder	3/4R classroom teacher and Relieving Year 3-6 Assistant Principal (Friday)
Mr McKrell	4/5M classroom teacher
Mrs Davis	5/6D classroom teacher
Mrs Burke	5/6B classroom teacher
Miss Bird	Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher (RFF) (Monday and Tuesday)
Mrs McNamara	Teacher Librarian (Monday and Thursday) Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher (RFF) (Monday and Thursday)
Mrs Naoum	Teacher Librarian (Tuesday and Wednesday)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 18 P&C Meeting 7pm Library
Feb 25 School Photos
Mar 5 Engadine Zone Swimming Carnival
Mar 18 P&C Meeting 7pm Library
April 5 Cross Country Coachwood Oval
April 8-10 St 3 Camp

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

Mrs Brown	Learning and Support (Monday – Thursday) and Year 3-6 Assistant Principal
Mrs Hampton	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Monday –Wednesday)
Mrs El-esh	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Tuesday – Thursday)
Mrs McGrath	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Thursday and Friday)
Mrs Adderley	School Administration Manager (SAM) (Tuesday –Thursday)
Mrs Miller	School Administration Manager (SAM) (Monday and Friday) School Administration Officer (SAO) (Tuesday –Thursday)
Mrs Browne	Relieving School Administration Officer (SAO) (Monday and Friday)
Mr Crittenden	General Assistant (Monday and Tuesday)
Mrs Davis	School Counsellor (3 days per month)

School resources and textbooks

On Friday 1 March students will be issued with the textbooks required for the 2019 academic year. The note outlining the cost and itemising the resources has gone home today. As a mother of 4 children I am very aware of how difficult the start of the year can be on family budgets. The school can facilitate instalments as well as a 'fees in advance' option. If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Photos

Our school photographs will be taken on Monday 25 February, which is week 5 Term 1. Envelopes have been sent home today. Family photo envelopes are available at the front office if required.

Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information evenings will be held in week 4 and are an opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child's teacher and for the teachers to share procedures and distribute new information so that parents and students understand school and classroom expectations. It is important for parents/carers to attend these sessions to gain knowledge about learning for your child at Alford's Point Public School. Parent information sessions will be held on the following days and times:

ES1-	Wednesday 20 February	5pm – 6pm	KD classroom
Stage 1-	Tuesday 19 February	5pm – 6pm	1/2L classroom
Stage 2 -	Monday 18 February	5pm - 6pm	3/4R classroom
Stage 3 –	Monday 18 February	6pm -7pm	5/6D classroom

Please note that this is a general information session. Individual parent teacher interviews will be held at the end of Term 1. As always if you would like to talk to your child's teacher please do not hesitate to request an appointment.

Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful day was had by all who attended our Swimming Carnival. We were fortunate to enjoy fantastic weather and experience a great day of competition. Our house captains and vice captains did a great job leading their teams in war cries and it was encouraging to see a high level of sportsmanship amongst all our students. Thank you to all the families who came along to support our students and to all who helped in volunteer roles throughout the day. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Congratulations and thank you also to Mrs Burke and staff for running such a successful carnival.

Additional Uniform options

The manufacturer has advised that there has been a delay with the delivery of the additional girls uniform items of skorts. Families will be notified upon their arrival.

I would like to clarify that the skorts and blouse are optional additional items to the girls uniform for students. There has been no change to the girls' tunic. Students may wear either option as part of the summer uniform.

The uniform shop which is located in the hall is open once a fortnight on Wednesday mornings of every odd week from 8.30am – 9.15am.

Parents are asked to purchase clothing from the uniform shop prior to the morning assembly as due to work commitments the shop will close promptly at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to leave orders for later collection at the office as this allows the uniform shop ladies time to put the orders together. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Walker and Mrs Cale for facilitating this opportunity for our school community.

Parents & Citizens Meeting

Our partnership with you the parents is one that is greatly valued. We cannot run our school without your valued input in the classrooms, at home and in leadership roles such as the P&C. Our P&C is such an important part of our school and it does raise valuable funds for all the students in our school. The first 2019 P&C meeting is the AGM and it will be held on Monday 18 February 2019 at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. Please come along and be part of making a difference to student learning.

Annette Wein
Principal

SCHOOL BUS

After School Bus

Transdev operate an after school bus service from the bus stop outside the school to the top of Alford's Point Hill. If your child uses this service please notify the school, in writing, of the days he or she will be catching the bus.

All students using this service must tap on and off with a valid Opal card. Transdev will be conducting random visits to schools to reinforce the message of the need to tap on and off with a valid card.

Below is information regarding the eligibility for a School Opal card.

Students need to live a minimum distance from their school to be eligible for a School Opal card, as follows:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.

If your child is not eligible for a School Opal card then you will need to purchase a Child Opal card.

More information can be found on the Transdev website. <https://www.transdevnsw.com.au/opal-tickets/school-opal/>

Anne Brown
Assistant Principal

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



SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday all students in Years 3 to 6 and six very tiny eight year old Year 2 students attended our annual swimming carnival at Revesby Swimming Pool. The weather was glorious and the opportunity to cool off in both pools was enjoyed by students. Many points were gained for each house by students who competed in individual events, house relays and novelty events. Bonus points were awarded for war cries. The sea of colour during Mexican waves was quite a pleasant spectacle for the supporters. The winning house was Yellow Cockatoos (708 pts), second was Green Lorikeets (678 pts), third Blue Kookaburras (654 pts) and fourth was Red Rosellas (630). I was very proud of the students as they demonstrated great sportsmanship and participated keenly in events. The new house captains did a splendid job inspiring their houses and leading them in the war cries. They were so well prepared and displayed great leadership qualities. Included in this newsletter are the official results of all events. The carnival flowed along smoothly due to the expertise of the staff and parent helpers. Thank you to all who attended to support our students. A big thank you to the following Alford's Point Public School community members who officiated and helped to make the day a huge success:- Adam Coe, Hanady Nasser, Julianne Parsons, Rachel Wright, Tina Richards, Johnny Petkovski, Marcia Bruen, Annmarie Hola, Megan Brice, Carola Wildeboer, Sigrid Appel, Carlene Garbutt, Lisa Sinnis, Kelly Guy, Kelly McQuhae, Carly Smith, Claire Kotevski, Jessica Traynor and Elaine Auciello.

We are hoping to hand out ribbons to the final placegetters in each event at Monday 25 February's assembly at 9.10am whereby family and friends will be most welcome to attend. However, this date is still to be confirmed due to the refurbishment of the administration block along with the back order delivery of our school ribbons from the supplier. We will confirm the date of the swimming ribbons assembly as soon as possible.

The squad of students selected to represent our school at the Engadine Zone Carnival will be announced next week and those students will compete on Tuesday 5 March at Engadine Pool. Good luck to those swimmers. Again this year during the novelty events we promoted the non competitive safety stroke of 'Backscull'. Students participated in water drills giving them the opportunity to practice this stroke in shallow water and many students swam several laps of backscull in the 50m olympic pool. This was a fun way to get wet whilst providing the students with a survival strategy to use if the need arises. The students have also been reciting in assembly the chant '*Don't panic, roll on your back and float, think don't sink*' as a reminder of how to safely move in the water, should they get into difficulty. Participating in training sessions/lessons will increase the students' fitness levels and enable them to enjoy the water with confidence, ability and safety. It also enables the children to participate in many, many fun activities and the skills they develop will stay with them throughout their teenage and adult years. Why not even think about joining a swimming club at a nearby pool (Menai Swim Club operates out of Menai Swim Academy pool on Friday nights) or in the summer months a Nippers Club at the beach?

Our next carnival will be the annual Alford's Point Public School Cross Country Carnival on Friday 5 April at Coachwood Oval. Put this day in your diary as again family and friends are welcome. Trials for winter PSSA teams of soccer and netball will be held in the coming weeks. More information will be passed on next week as the first PSSA meeting was yesterday afternoon and we are presently in the process of organising our calendars.

Debbie Burke

SRC NEWS

Next Wednesday 13 February, students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be voting for their class representatives for our student council. Students who have been at our school for a full term and have not been in the SRC for the last three terms are eligible candidates. The names of our representatives will be in next week's newsletter and our Induction Assembly will be held on Tuesday 19 February at 10.15am in our school hall.

Maria Panourgias & Emily Townsend

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Sutherland Police Station **9542 0899**



THE POINT CAFE

Monday
Volunteer needed

Wednesday
Barbara Bricknell

Thursday
Rebecca Jones

Friday
Pam Ryan



UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours for 2019

The uniform shop will next be open on **13 February 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

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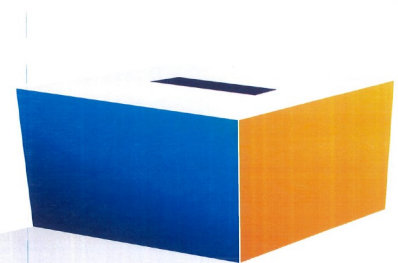
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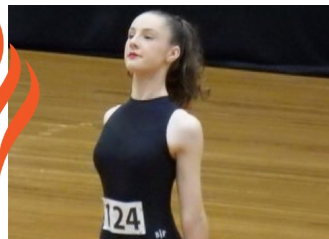


Brand New Club !!

Monday classes at Padstow RSL starting 18 February

Come and join the fun, Bring a friend!!

Physie is a mix of jazz, contemporary and aerobic dance.
Innovative choreography to fun, upbeat pop music.
From 4years to Ladies.



Monday Class Times

4-8yrs.....4.00-4.45pm
9-12yrs.....4.45-5.30pm
13-1st yr Seniors....5.30-6.15pm
Seniors.....6.15pm-7pm
Novice/Int Ladies...7pm-8pm
Open Ladies.....8pm-9pm

2nd class to be advised
Contact Jill 0408 814 005



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