



Newsletter of Alfords Point Public School

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Term 1 Week 3

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Students have been placed in their 2020 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. A list of staff roles and classes is included in this newsletter.

Canteen

We are in urgent need of assistance to run the canteen next week. If you are able to help on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday could you please contact the school. Unfortunately, if we do not have helpers the canteen will need to be closed on these days.

Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information evenings will be held next week 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 Alfords Point Public School. Parent information sessions will be held on the following days and times:

ES1-	Monday 17 February	6pm – 7pm	KD classroom
Stage 1-	Monday 17 February	5pm – 6pm	1/2P classroom
Stage 2 -	Tuesday 18 February	5pm – 6pm	3/4R classroom
Stage 3 –	Tuesday 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.

Dogs on School Grounds

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed to be brought into the school grounds. If you are outside the school gates with your dog waiting for your child we ask that you ensure there is a safe amount of distance between the dog and the gate so that students and families can enter and exit safely. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Contact details

It is very important that the school has up to date contact details for all children. Could you please notify the school if your details have changed so that we can update our system. Your attention to this is appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 17	P&C meeting 7pm
Feb 18	Ribbon and Induction Assembly 9.10am
Mar 3	Engadine Zone Swimming Carnival
Mar 16	P&C meeting 7pm
Mar 20	Grandparents/Harmony Day
Mar 30-April 1	Stage 3 camp
April 3	Cross Country
April 6	School Photos

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

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 2020 P&C meeting is the AGM and it will be held on Monday 17 February 2020 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.

Induction Assembly and Swimming Carnival Ribbons Assembly

Parents and Families are invited to join us for the Induction Assembly on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 9.10am. The Induction Assembly is for our new SRC representatives, Library Monitors and House Captains. After the assembly, we invite parents, the SRC, House Captains and Library Monitors to join us for morning tea to celebrate. At this assembly students will receive their ribbons from the swimming carnival.

School Resources and textbooks

Today students were issued with the textbooks required for the 2020 academic year. The note outlining the cost and itemising the resources went home last week. Thank you to those families that have finalised payments. Parents can make payments via POP, cash or card. 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.

Dance

Thank you to all the students who auditioned for the 2020 dance groups. Notes have been given to successful applicants with details outlining rehearsal day and times as well as payment requirements. The junior, senior and boys dance program is an extra curricula activity and as such the school is unable to subsidise costs for participants. Unfortunately, as this is an extra curricula activity students with outstanding fees will not be able to participate.

Junior and senior dance group rehearsals begin next week.

Rehearsals times are:

Boys dance:	Monday 8.15am -9am	starts Monday 24 February 2020
Junior dance:	Tuesday 8.15am -9am	starts Tuesday 18 February 2020
Senior dance	Wednesday 8.15am -9am	starts Wednesday 19 February 2020

Safety Around Schools

Parents and motorists are once again being warned to slow down in school zones and refrain from illegal parking. Drivers need to abide by the school zone rules and obey parking signs around schools which are designed to help keep children safe. The following tips are to remind parents of their responsibilities when dropping and picking their children up from school.

- Ensure your child wears a seatbelt when travelling to and from school in the car.
- Take into account road signs, drop off and pick up your child on the school side of the road.
- Ensure your child uses the footpath side of the road to get in and out of a car.
- Ensure your child uses the school pedestrian crossing to cross the road.
- Encourage your child to hold a grown up's hand when crossing the road.
- When your child gets off a bus, tell them to wait until the bus has gone before they find a place to cross a road.

NO STOPPING means you cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON. This is to keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children, so both have more time to avoid crashes.

NO PARKING means you can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times. This is to provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

BUS ZONE means you must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus. This is to provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up.

2020 Staff List	
Mrs Dobson	KD classroom teacher
Miss Townsend	KT classroom teacher
Mr John	1/2J classroom teacher
Ms Passaris	1/2P classroom teacher
Mrs McDonald	1/2M classroom teacher
Mrs Panourgias	3/4P classroom teacher (Monday – Thursday)
Mrs Ryder	3/4R classroom teacher and Relieving Assistant Principal
Mr McKrell	4/5M classroom teacher
Mrs Davis	5/6D classroom teacher
Mrs Burke	5/6B classroom teacher
Mrs Lombe	Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher (RFF) (Monday and Tuesday) and K-2 Assistant Principal
Mrs McNamara	Teacher Librarian (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mrs Brown	Learning and Support (Tuesday – Thursday), 3/4P (Friday) and Year 3-6 Assistant Principal
Mrs Hampton	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mrs El-esh	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
Mrs McGrath	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)
Mrs Adderley	School Administration Manager (SAM)
Mrs Miller	School Administration Officer (SAO)
Mr Crittenden	General Assistant (Monday and Tuesday)
Mrs Davis	School Counsellor (3 days per month)

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

I would like to introduce myself as the school counsellor of Alford's Point Public School. My role is to support student wellbeing, learning and behaviour within the school setting. I am available to provide brief counselling support with individual students with a focus on building student engagement. I can also administer assessments with individual students to investigate any difficulties with learning, wellbeing or behaviour. I assist teachers by providing advice, strategies and information to support students in their class. I can also support families to access support services outside of school if needed.

The school counselling service is confidential. Your information remains private, and will be shared with other school staff only with your permission. The only exception to this is where there is information that somebody's safety is at risk, and then I must inform the Principal in order to ensure people's safety.

Referral to the school counsellor is through your child's classroom teacher, so please keep them informed of any concerns you may have about your child's learning, wellbeing or behaviour. Your child's teacher will also keep you informed of any concerns they may have for your child at school. Should concerns arise, your child's teacher will discuss these with you, and then make a referral to the Learning Support Team. The Learning Support Team will prioritise my caseload. You are also able to contact me directly by phoning the school to make an appointment or have a discussion over the phone.

Alfords Point Public School receive 1.5 days per fortnight of school counsellor service. I work at Alfords Point Public School on Wednesday mornings in even weeks and all day Wednesday in odd weeks.

Kate Davis

School Counsellor

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 5 February 2020, all students in Years 3 to 6 and eight very tiny eight year old Year 2 students attended our annual swimming carnival at Revesby Swimming Pool. The weather very kind to us and very suitable for a day in the outdoors. Students enjoyed the opportunity to cool off in both pools. 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 (698 pts), second was Red Rosellas (580), third Green Lorikeets (544 pts) and fourth was Blue Kookaburras (454 pts). 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 Alfords Point Public School community members who officiated and helped to make the day a huge success: - Izzy Zahab, Jessica and Sheridan Burke, Aysun Ozer, Jeanette Sale, Kelly Guy, Angela Riley, Claire Kotevski, Jessica Traynor, Nez Kadri, Christina Richards, Shelley McGeachie, Karen Morgan, Sigrid Appel, Kelly McQuhae, Carly Smith, Marcia Bruen and Annmarie Hola.

Ribbons for the first 3 placegetters in each event will be presented next Tuesday, 18 February, at a special 9.10am assembly in the school hall. Family and friends are most welcome to attend. At this same assembly we will be presenting the 2020 house captains, the 2020 library monitors and the 2020 semester 1 class SRC with their badges, again everyone is welcome.

Congratulations go to Patrick R who swam extremely well in the 10years boys 50m freestyle event. Patrick broke the very long-standing record and is now the new record holder with a time of 36.97seconds.

The squad of students selected to represent our school at the Engadine Zone Carnival has been announced and those students will compete on Tuesday 3 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 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 Alfords Point Public School Cross Country Carnival on Friday 3rd 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 Engadine Zone PSSA are presently in the process of organising calendars.

Good Luck to Marie T who next Monday will be attending the Engadine Zone Tennis trials and to Liam C who next Wednesday will be attending the Engadine Zone AFL trials. The following week Madison H and Luca W will be attending the Engadine Zone Basketball trials and Lotu H, Zane M and Ali A will be attending the Engadine Zone Rugby League trials. All of these students will be representing both themselves along with our school. We know they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school whilst displaying their skills on both the court and field.

Debbie Burke

SRC NEWS

Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent their class this Semester in the Student Representative Council. Our new SRC will be inducted during our special assembly next Tuesday 18 February at 9.10am. During this assembly, we will also be inducting our new Sports House Captains and Library Monitors for 2020. After the assembly, we invite parents, the SRC, House Captains and Library Monitors for morning tea in our library.

SRC Representatives Semester 1, 2020

Class	Representatives	
1/2J	Sarah R	Zac S
1/2M	Piper	Aslan
1/2P	Ariana	Francesco
3/4R	Lila	Oliver
3/4P	Abbey	Tyson
4/5M	Noah	Stefan
5/6D	Lachlan C	Joy
	Jordan	
5/6B	Sibel	Zena
	Marcela	

Maria Panourgias & Emily Townsend

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to our new Library Monitors: Jamilah, Gurleen, Josh B, Simone, Joy, Sophie, Ayla, Marcela, Jessica M, Sasha, Cecilia and Madison.

Looking forward to working with you all in 2020.

Kate McNamara

Juice Cup Tuesday

From next Tuesday 18 February 2020, year 6 will be hosting 'Juice Cup Tuesday' to raise funds for the year 6 farewell. Juice cups cost \$1 and will be for sale at lunchtime. All funds raised will go towards the Year 6 farewell held at the end of the year.

Debbie Burke and Lyndal Davis

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Term 1 Week 3

KD	Levi H
KT	Braith T
1-2P	Amelia F
1-2M	Hannah K
1-2J	Claudio S
3-4R	Grace H
3-4P	Nathan W
4-5M	Emilie M
5-6B	Zane M
5-6D	Alexis G



Education

NSW COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS

Modern Greek Language Lessons



Tharawal Primary School, Illawong

Classes Mondays Yrs 1-6 (4.00 – 6.30pm)

Gymea Greek Orthodox Church Hall

Classes Tues. Yrs 1-2 & Wed. Yrs 3-6 (4.00 – 6.30pm)

Enquiries: Fr Constantine 0418511212

Greek School lessons are run as non-for profit by
ST STYLIANOS CHURCH, GYMEA - GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours for 2020

The uniform shop will next be open on
19 February 2020 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.

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.

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



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- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
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PADSTOW

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Join Padstow Physie in 2020
Classes commence 17 February

Physie (also known as Physical Culture) is the perfect combination of movements designed to increase strength, fitness and flexibility.

Physie is an excellent low impact dance and aerobic activity suitable for girls (5+) and ladies. No experience necessary.

Designed with families in mind, our classes, uniforms, registration and competition fees are affordable. Physie is a low-cost way to learn to dance and keep fit with a touch of glamour and a lot of fun!

At Padstow Physie, we believe in **FUN - FRIENDSHIP - FITNESS**
These simple ideas **empower girls for life.**

Class times

Monday
4.00 - 4.45pm ... 5 - 8 years
4.45 - 5.30pm ... 9 - 12 years
5.30 - 6.15pm ... 13 - 1st Yr Seniors
6.15 - 7.00pm ... Open Seniors
7.00 - 8.00pm ... Now / Int Ladies
8.00 - 9.00pm ... Open Ladies

Wednesday
4.00 - 4.30pm ... Toddlers
4.30 - 5.15pm ... 5 - 6 years
5.15 - 6.00pm ... 7 - 8 years
6.00 - 6.45pm ... 9 - 10 years
6.45 - 7.30pm ... 11 - 12 years
7.30 - 8.30pm ... 13 - 1st Yr Seniors

Saturday
(commencing in March)
1.30 - 2.30pm ... Now / Int Ladies
2.30 - 3.30pm ... Open Ladies
3.30 - 4.30pm ... Open Seniors
6.30 - 8.00pm ... Practice venues too

Information and Registration Night
12 February 2020
Padstow RSL
6.30 - 8.00pm

Interested in joining? Contact our teacher Jill on 0408 814 005

Padstow Physical Culture Club

BJP PHYSIE

Best Kidz

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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

ALFORDS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL 2020 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Highlighted names are students who have qualified to represent APPS at the Engadine Zone Carnival in each event.

***** Denotes new record

Once all schools have submitted entry times for IM events that will then enable zone convener to determine the fastest eight swimmers who will be invited to compete in 200m IM event.

Boys 100m Freestyle 1 Patrick R 1.26.23 2 Lucas D 1.38.08 3 Lincoln W 1.42.72 4 Lucas P 1.46.47	Girls 100m Freestyle 1 Sasha C 1.46.19 2 Maroela R 1.47.70 3 Jessie H 1.49.31 4 Simone R 1.49.51	8yrs Boys 50m Freestyle 1 Jayden P 1.02.22 2 Rhett T 1.14.75 3 Ibrahim H 1.21.53 4 Kayden W 1.27.44	8yrs Girls 50m Freestyle 1 Sarah R 1.01.16 2 Mia H 1.03.28 3 Isla W 1.07.70 4 Anabella J 1.31.66
9yrs Boys 50m Freestyle 1 Anthony K 59.90 2 Ben J 1.01.34 3 Patrick M 1.26.69 4 Joshua C 1.38.30	9yrs Girls 50m Freestyle 1 Ashleigh M 1.05.75 2 Lina K 1.05.88 3 Sienna S 1.11.86 4 Sophie O 1.14.38	10yrs Boys 50m Freestyle 1 Patrick R 36.97***** 2 Lachlan C 52.82 3 Michael S 1.10.30 4 Jayden K 1.10.59	10yrs Girls 50m Freestyle 1 Hayley W 57.42 2 Sophie S 1.10.29 3 Rihanna H 1.12.69 4 Abbey S 1.15.64
11yrs Boys 50m Freestyle 1 Lincoln W 44.73 2 Lucas D 45.75 3 Lucas P 49.19 4 Luca W 1.02.57	11yrs Girls 50m Freestyle 1 Jessie H 48.34 2 Sasha C 48.74 3 Lavinia S 48.88 4 Simone R 52.15	12yrs Boys 50m Freestyle 1 Casey R 46.24 2 Zane M 48.24 3 Elijah K 54.78 4 Max W 1.10.75	12yrs Girls 50m Freestyle 1 Maroela R 48.56 2 Indiana O 1.06.42 3 Marianna T 1.07.87 4 Anastasia M 1.11.32
Jnr Boys Backstroke 1 Patrick R 46.82 2 Jayden P 1.04.94 3 Anthony K 1.07.08 4 Ben J 1.07.35	Jnr Girls Backstroke 1 Isla W 1.06.59 2 Hayley W 1.09.12 3 Ashleigh M 1.14.06 4 Sienna S 1.15.26	11yrs Boys Backstroke 1 Lincoln W 49.75 2 Lucas D 57.43 3 Lucas P 57.75 4 Luca W 1.05.44	11yrs Girls Backstroke 1 Jessie H 56.25 2 Sasha C 58.69 3 Simone R 59.87 4 Jessica M 1.11.72
Snr Boys Backstroke 1 Casey R 57.38 2 Jordan K 1.06.76 3 Zane M 1.07.62 4 Max W 1.12.82	Snr Girls Backstroke 1 Maroela R 1.06.64 2 Madeleine B 1.10.61 3 Marianna T 1.17.78 4 Jamilah B 1.18.11	Jnr Boys Breaststroke 1 Patrick R 55.16 2 Anthony K 1.15.16 3 Michael S 1.26.84 4 Marshall R 1.28.67	Jnr Girls Breaststroke 1 Hayley W 1.08.59 2 Maddison B 1.19.17 3 Isla W 1.20.40 4 Mia H 1.21.96
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Jnr Boys Butterfly 1 Patrick R 55.00 2 Jayden P 1.37.45	Jnr Girls Butterfly 1 Sophie S 1.32.01 2 Sarah R 1.34.83 3 Sienna S 1.38.18 4 Isla W 1.39.54	11yrs Boys Butterfly 1 Lincoln W 59.44 2 Lucas D 1.01.16 3 Lucas P 1.07.72 4 Luca W 1.07.96	11yrs Girls Butterfly 1 Lavinia S 1.01.68 2 Jessie H 1.08.16 3 Erika M 1.11.06 4 Simone R 1.12.99
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Snr Boys 200m Medley (IM) 1 Lincoln W 4.08.24 2 Lucas D 4.13.32 3 Luca W 4.50.53 4 Lucas P 5.08.71	Snr Girls 200m Medley (IM) 1 Jessie H 4.43.90 2 Simone R 5.03.25 3 Sasha C 5.13.00 4 Erika M 6.14.20	Jnr Boys 200m Medley (IM) 1 Patrick R 3.50.07	Jnr Girls 200m Medley (IM) 1 Ashleigh M 6.13.47 2 Isla W 6.22.64 3 Sienna S 6.24.45 4 Ebony K 7.00.00
Snr Boys Relay Team 1 Red Rosellas 2 Green Lorikeets 3 Blue Kookaburras and 3 Yellow Cockatoos	Snr Girls Relay Team 1 Yellow Cockatoos 2 Green Lorikeets 3 Red Rosellas 4 Blue Kookaburras	Jnr Boys Relay Team 1 Yellow Cockatoos 2 Green Lorikeets 3 Red Rosellas 4 Blue Kookaburras	Jnr Girls Relay Team 1 Green Lorikeets 2 Yellow Cockatoos 3 Red Rosellas 4 Blue Kookaburras

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!

