



Newsletter of Alfords Point Public School

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Term 1 Week 9

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

I would like to thank the wonderful Alfords Point community for your support during this challenging time. We have received lots of positive feedback and compliments as we move to providing online learning for students.

It is incredible to think that only one week ago our world was a different place. The social connections that we enjoyed in our community have been paused for a while, as we move into a new mode of living and learning. What we hope as we navigate through this challenging period, is to come out the other side of it (which we will) with a new appreciation for the simple things in life. We know that our school will return to its colourful, noisy, bustling environment when it is safe to do so.

The health advice on schools remains unchanged. The Government and Department are encouraging parents/carers to keep their child/children at home from Tuesday 24 March to contribute to supporting the community response to COVID-19.

The school's doors will remain open for students who are not able to stay at home.

Parents are encouraged to access the Learning from Home resource which provides practical advice on how to best create and support a productive learning environment in the home. Parents can find out more information on learning from home by using the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learningfrom-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>.

We are currently establishing an online platform that the whole school can use to allow students to connect and engage with their teachers. The teachers are currently engaging in professional learning each day to enhance the online experience. This will assist with the submission of completed tasks and support learning. Further information will be provided next week. In the interim, students are welcome to return completed work to school in a labelled plastic sleeve or envelope and leave in the letterbox or front office drop box. Students can also contact their teacher if they have a question via alfordspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and they will respond in a timely fashion.

Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated as we try to keep students, staff and parents safe during this difficult time.

The school will continue to provide updates to all our families as they occur via email, Alfords Point Public School Facebook page and skoolbag.

**Annette Wein
Principal**

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

BASC Vacation Care

If Parents/Carers require Cindi Kindi Vacation Care could you please contact Cindy and let her know as soon as possible.

SPORTS NEWS

Fun Run

On Tuesday students participated in a Fun Run and yes, they all had fun. Before the Fun Run commenced house war cries were chanted. Although the house groups were small they certainly were able to blast the playground with loud and cheery levels of noise. Judging was loads of fun with some very unique scoring. The Fun Run was so popular that the students utilised the track for the remainder of the week during fitness times. Placegetters in the Fun Run have been included in this newsletter. Thanks to all involved it was fun!

APPS Fun Run Placegetters

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
<u>Kindergarten</u>	1 Ayrle D 2 Savannah G 3 Esther M	1 Louis G 2 Mason S 3 Mason F
<u>Year 1</u>	1 Amelia F 2 Amber R 3 Jessica D	1 Evan C 2 Francesco U 3 Sandro D
<u>Year 2</u> <u>Short course</u>	1 Piper D 2 Sarah R	1 Caleb W 2 Kosta K 3 Claudio S
<u>Year 2</u> <u>Long course</u>	1 Olivia D 2 Sarah R 3 Ariana M	1 Evan W 2 Kosta K 3 Caleb W
<u>Year 3</u>	1 Lila H 2 Tahlia R 3 Scarlet V	1 Anthony K 2 Archie S 3 Ibrahim H
<u>Year 4</u>	1 Sophie S 2 Ebony K 3 Hayley W	1 Patrick R 2 Tyson M 3 Patrick M
<u>Year 5</u>	1 Erika M 2 Bethany R 3 Lavinia S	1 Stefan K 2 Leon C 3 Lincoln W
<u>Year 6</u>	1 Jessie H 2 Madison H 3 Sophie S	1 Elijah K 2 Zane M 3 Max W

Debbie Burke

SRC NEWS

As Easter is fast approaching and we all like to celebrate the 'Easter Spirit' at Alford's Point Public School we have decided to continue with our SRC Easter 'Eggstivities'. Students in Years 3-6 may complete their Easter dioramas at home and they can email through the final picture of their completed project. All photos are to be emailed to alfordspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Students in K-2 may still complete the Colouring Activity and once it is decorated and coloured they may drop it off in our school's letterbox. We will create a digital presentation with every entry and show case these in assembly at a later date. The colouring competition is attached as a separate document to this week's newsletter for you to print out. If you are unable to print from home, feel free to collect a copy from our front office. May all entries please be submitted by Tuesday 7 April. We will be very excited to see the creative talents of every student in the lead up to Easter.

Maria Panourgias & Emily Townsend

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our Annual Public Speaking Competition is scheduled for later in Term 2. Public speaking is taught to students to help them develop the skills necessary to become confident, clear and focused speakers and it is part of the English Syllabus. It allows students to develop the skills necessary to be able to speak and communicate with class members, teachers, peers and other individuals about a topic of personal interest. In addition, it assists with building greater self-esteem. The public speaking challenge instills confidence, encourages the reluctant speakers and recognises the talented ones. Impromptu speeches also demonstrate a student's ability to organise information, create and logically structure a speech to suit the topic and the audience and to convey an opinion convincingly. The prepared speeches for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 are to last for 2 minutes, Years 3 and 4 for 3 minutes and Years 5 and 6 for 4 minutes. Impromptu speeches for Kindergarten, Years, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are to last for 1 minute and Years 5 and 6 for 1.5 minutes. Students are given 5 minutes preparation time for impromptu speeches. Class competitions determine the students who qualify to progress to Stage Finals. Teachers will include activities in the send home packs related to public speaking. The holidays may be an opportune time to start creating, organising and practising students' prepared speeches.

Nick John, Debbie Burke and Kim Dobson



UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours for 2020

The uniform shop will next be open on **1 April 2020** and then once a fortnight on Wednesdays of every **even** week, starting from 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall for **online orders only**.



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- ✳ School newsletters
- ✳ Notices
- ✳ Events
- ✳ Cancellations
- ✳ Reminders
- ✳ ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!



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




AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE SUTHERLAND SHIRE SQUADRON

Air cadets for boys and girls aged 8 years and older

Flight training - real-life flight simulator and flying school

Aviation courses - flight, navigation, meteorology, engines, radio

Camping, camouflage and bush survival

Flying days, physical training and sporting events

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NOW WELCOMING BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS

Since its inception in 1934, the Australian Air League has provided opportunities in aviation to boys and girls across Australia. Sadly, however, a girls squadron has never been founded in the Sutherland Shire. Until now!

We are pleased to announce that from 2020, Sutherland Shire Squadron will be opening our doors to both boys and girls, meaning that the young ladies of the Sutherland Shire will now have access to the same opportunities in aviation as the young men.

We are currently accepting submissions of interest from female cadets 8 years and older looking to join the Australian Air League Sutherland Shire Squadron or simply find out more about what is involved and the opportunities available. To register your interest, please send an email with your details to:

oc.sutherlandshire@airleague.com.au