

Alfords Point Public School



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Term1 Week 3 2021:

12 February 2021

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 15 February	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 18 February	Junior and Senior Dance auditions
Monday 22 February	K-2 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 23 February	3-6 Meet the Teacher
Friday 26 February	Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday 2 March	Engadine Zone Swimming Carnival
Monday 15 March	P&C meeting 7pm
Thursday 1 April	School photos (Please note this is a change of date)

Principal's Message – Annette Wein

Week 3 has seen our students settling into routines and getting to know their new classmates and teacher expectations. A full list of our 2021 staffing is included in this newsletter. Thank you for following our mandatory COVID guidelines, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. The Alfords Point community has been exceptional in supporting our safe routines.

The QR code is located on all gates and at the office. Please check in with the QR code if you are entering the school site and complete the visitor declaration in the office.

The morning routine is going well. Thank you for kissing and dropping students at the gate. The kindergarten students are settling into their new school and developing their independence.

Induction Assembly

On Tuesday morning we held our Induction Assembly for the newly elected 2021 house captains and vice captains, library monitors and Semester 1 SRC members. Congratulations to each and every one of these students for their willingness to take on these roles and activities within our school. I would also like to acknowledge the settled and respectful behaviour of all the students during the assembly. Well done!

School Resources and textbooks

Today the note outlining the cost and itemizing the resources required for the 2021 academic year went home. 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.

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.

Dance

Today we have sent home notes with students who expressed an interest to join a dance group in 2021. Auditions for the Junior and Senior dance troupes will be held next Thursday from 9-11am. Notes will then be 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

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an extra curricula activity students with outstanding fees will not be able to participate.
The dance program will begin in week 5.

Canteen

Parents/Carers are asked to ensure they include their child's class when ordering online. Please also check that you have clearly labelled your child's lunch satchel with their name and class for 2021. Thank you for your assistance.

The Canteen will operate on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Term 1. Please submit orders online.

Meet the teacher 2021

We will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in week 5. At this meeting the class teacher will introduce you to class procedures and routines for 2021.

Due to the current COVID guidelines **only one parent/carer can attend this meeting**. We are also unable to have students or siblings attend the meetings or be onsite during this time. Sessions are limited to 1 hour in duration and parents/carers are required to leave the site promptly at the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Information will be sent home if you are unable to attend.

Monday 22 February

5pm – 6pm

KD, K/1L, 1/2T and 1/2M

Tuesday 23 February

5pm – 6pm

2/3P, 3/4R, 4/5D, 5/6B and 5/6D.

All meetings will be held in your child's 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.

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 2021 P&C meeting is the AGM and it will be held on Monday 15 February 2021 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.

Parents/Carers attending the P&C meeting will be required to sign in using the QR code at the gate upon entry into the school. The external visitors form will also be required to be completed by all attendees.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 26 February Alfords Point Public School will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. Students are asked to bring a pair of gloves. Students will only be within the school grounds for this activity.

Juice Cup Tuesday

From next Tuesday 16 February 2021, year 6 will be hosting 'Juice Cup Tuesday' to raise funds for

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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.

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.

Year 6 farewell parent fundraising committee

Each year the school holds a year 6 farewell to celebrate the end of primary school for our students. In order to assist families with the cost, year 6 hold fundraisers during the school year with all funds allocated to the year 6 farewell. In past years funds raised throughout the year have fully covered the cost of the farewell for each student.

We are currently looking for year 6 parents who would like to organise the fundraising for the year 6 farewell. Please contact the office if you would like to assist.

Debbie Burke and Aaron McKrell

School Counsellor

I would like to introduce myself as the school counsellor of Alfords Point Public School. I am a member of the school's Learning Support Team and my role is to support student wellbeing, learning and behaviour in the school setting. I am available to provide brief counselling support for students, focusing on student engagement at school. I can also administer assessments to help identify student learning support needs in order to assist teachers to plan support for students in their class. I can also support families to access support services outside of school if needed.

Your child's teacher will keep you informed of any concerns they may have for your child's learning, wellbeing or behaviour. Should concerns arise, teachers can refer students to the Learning Support Team. The Learning Support Team may decide that school counsellor assessment or intervention is

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appropriate. You will be informed of this decision and will be asked to sign a permission note if you agree with the referral.

If you would like your child to have school counsellor assessment or intervention, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact me directly by phoning the school.

I work at Alfords Point Public School on Wednesdays.

Kate Davis

School Counsellor

Staffing for 2021

2021 Staff List	
Mrs Dobson	KD classroom teacher
Mrs Lombe	K/1L classroom teacher and K-2 Assistant Principal
Miss Townsend	1/2T classroom teacher
Mrs McDonald	1/2M classroom teacher
Ms Passaris	2/3P classroom teacher
Mrs Ryder	3/4R classroom teacher and Years 3-6 Relieving Assistant Principal Term 1
Mrs Davis	4/5D classroom teacher
Mr McKrell	5/6M classroom teacher
Mrs Burke	5/6B classroom teacher
Mrs Panourgias	Learning and Support (Monday – Friday)
Mrs McNamara	Teacher Librarian (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mr Watters	Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher (RFF) (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Miss Trajkovski	Learning and Support (Monday – Friday) Term 1
Mrs Naoum	Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher (RFF) Thursday
Mrs Hampton	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mrs El-esh	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Thursday and Friday)
Mrs McGrath	School Learning Support Office (SLSO) (Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mrs Ford	Relieving 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) Wednesday

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SRC NEWS

Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent their class this Semester in the Student Representative Council. On Tuesday, we had our Induction Assembling and our new representatives received their badges and read 'The Oath' aloud with Mrs Wein. We will have our first introductory SRC meeting next week and every first Tuesday of each month. The following students are our Semester One SRC Representatives:

Class	Representatives	
K/1L	Layla Z	
1/2M	Daniella T	Victoria H
1/2T	Hayley R	Zee D
2/3P	Medina A	Amy Z
3/4R	Isla W	Kosta K
4/5D	Patrick M	Marshall
5/6B	Ahmad H	Ashleigh M
	Jana D	
5/6M	Rhys C	Connor D
	Josh C	

Maria Panourgias & Emily Townsend

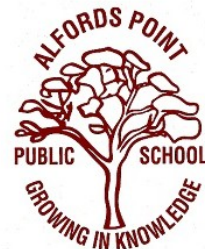
Swimming Carnival

Yesterday 71 students in Years 3 to 6 attended our annual swimming carnival at Engadine Swimming Pool. The weather was kind to us and very suitable for a day in the outdoors. Although things were quite different to past carnivals the students still enjoyed the opportunity to cool off during their events. Many points were gained for each house by students who competed in individual events and house relays. The winning house was the Green Lorikeets (484 pts), second were the Yellow Cockatoos (469 pts), the Red Rosellas were third (439 pts) and fourth were the Blue Kookaburras (421pts). 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 by example. They were so well prepared and displayed great leadership qualities. Included in this newsletter are the official results of all events. Students whose names are highlighted in yellow have qualified to represent Alfords Point Public School in the Engadine Zone Carnival, travelling by bus on March 2 to Engadine Pool. Could those students and their parents please discuss if they will be taking up the invitation to represent Alfords Point Public School and let Mrs Burke know by next Wednesday so that organisation can begin for submitting our school's entries. The carnival flowed along smoothly due to the willingness of all staff (both at the pool and back at school) to wear several hats enabling the carnival to be a huge success.

Ribbons for the first 3 placegetters in each event will be presented in the coming week at a special assembly in our school hall, again this is an event whereby no spectators are permitted.

Congratulations go to Patrick R who swam extremely well in the 11years boys age group. Patrick broke three very long-standing records quite convincingly that dated back as far as 1999. He now

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is the new record holder of the 11yrs boys 50m Freestyle, 11yrs boys 50m Breaststroke and the 11yrs boys 50m Backstroke. Congratulations Patrick.

Our next carnival will be the annual Alfords Point Public School Cross Country, students have already started their training for this event during Friday sport sessions.

Debbie Burke

P&C News

Monday is our first P&C Meeting for 2021 - and we are excited! All parents, carers and community members are warmly invited to attend onsite in Alfords Point Public School Library at 7pm.

The meeting will begin with our AGM - including recapping the year that was 2020, and electing our team for 2021.

Then we will have a brief General Meeting to kick off all the awesome stuff we have planned for this year!

We'd love to see parents and carers with children in all grades represented at this meeting!

Please come along!

P&C Committee

Conservatorium High School

Application to Audition for Conservatorium High School are NOW OPEN for 2022

Conservatorium High School is a specialist high school that accepts enrolments through audition.

Please find attached information regarding our audition process for entry to Year 7 through to Year 11 2022.

Please note that Conservatorium High School is a specialist performing arts high school with specific enrolment criteria, which requires students to audition.

February 2021 Expression of interest (EOI) to apply for an audition via Conservatorium High website

<https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au/2022-entry-application/>

25th June 2021 Applications close

9th August 2021 Auditions begin at Conservatorium High

September 2021 Students find out if they have been offered a place

To register for an audition, please complete the online application form located on our website: <https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au/2022-entry-application/>

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Sutherland Shire Council is seeking feedback from school communities on what you like about existing spaces and how they're used. Council also hopes to find out what can be done better.

The input you provide will help Council understand what our community values and will support Council to plan and maintain what's important as we try to improve our community's active life connected to nature.

By completing the survey, you will go into the draw to **win some great local prizes**, including a Family Pass to the Sutherland Leisure Centre or a voucher to the Sutherland Shire Plant Nursery.

Have your say via Council's [Join the Conversation](#) platform before 14 February 2021.



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