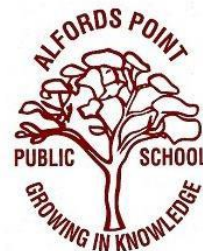


# Alfords Point Public School



## To The Point

Term 4 Week 9 2021:

3 December 2021

### Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 8 December	Canteen open
Thursday 9 December	Canteen open
Thursday 9 December	Christmas Food Drive
Monday 13 December	K-6 fun day
Tuesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell – school hall – 6pm-9pm
Wednesday 15 December	Canteen CLOSED
Thursday 16 December	canteen CLOSED
Thursday 16 December	Last day for students
Friday 17 December	Staff Development Day – staff only

### Principal's Message

As we draw to the end of 2021, this will be our final newsletter for the year.

As a community, we have navigated through the unprecedented experience of 13 weeks of learning from home and then adapted as we returned to face-to face learning with changing guidelines almost weekly.

Thank you sincerely for your ongoing co-operation to keep our students and our community safe by following our local procedures and guidelines.

We have a number of activities occurring during the last two week of school. Please refer to the 'what's on this week' Facebook post and email for specific details.

I would like to wish all our families a happy Christmas and restful break. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

The Department of Education will update the restriction and guidelines in preparation for the new school year. Information on the 2022 guidelines will be shared with parents/carers early in Term 1.

### Industrial Action

On Tuesday 7 December 2021, there will be industrial action taken by members of the NSW Teachers Federation. Our school will not be affected and will remain fully operational.

### Student Christmas cards

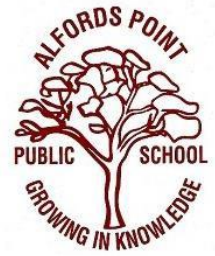
It is that time of year where we traditionally see students bringing Christmas cards with chocolates and candy canes to school. This year we ask that students bring cards and write a lovely message to their friends and leave any food items at home. Our friendly students are always keen to share treats with each other and given the current restrictions, it is best if no food items are shared at school.

### Mask wearing at school

Over the past few weeks NSW Health has eased a number of restrictions in the community and the Department of Education has updated some guidelines for NSW Public Schools. Please be aware that the guidelines around adults wearing face masks when entering a school site have not changed.

All Parents/Carers who enter the school site to visit the school office, attend the uniform shop or to drop off and pick up children from Jubilee Alfords Point OOSH Before and After School Care are still required to wear a mask at all times. Thank you for your support and assistance in following the NSW Department of Education guidelines.

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### **Student health – Allergies and Anaphylaxis**

Parents/Carers are reminded that we have a number of students with health care needs including allergies and anaphylaxis. To keep our school a happy and safe environment for all, we ask our students not to share food and request parents/carers refrain from sending nut products to school as these students are in danger of having an extreme anaphylactic reaction if they are exposed to nuts and nut products of any kind. This is particularly important at the moment. Please be mindful if you are popping treats in your child's lunchbox that they are nut free.

Parents/Carers are advised that the teachers do not hand out birthday cupcakes to other students at recess and lunch. These treats are saved for home time and placed in students' lunchboxes so they can be consumed when the children get home.

I would like to bring your attention to a new Nutella product that is currently being advertised on television. Please be aware this product contains nuts and presents a problem for our Anaphylaxis students if consumed at school. I thank you for your support in reminding your children not to share food at school and being mindful of what you send to school in your child's lunchbox.



### **Canteen**

The canteen will be closed in week 11, December 15 and December 16 for stocktake. Students will need to bring their recess and lunch to school everyday. Please mark these dates in your diary

### **Farewell to Staff**

We have a number of staff who will not be returning to Alfords Point Public School in 2022. We wish Ms Passaris and Mr Watters all the best as they move onto new schools next year. Mrs Hampton is retiring and is looking forward to spending more time with her family and growing number of grandchildren. Mrs Ford has been on leave in Term 4 and is returning to her substantive school. On behalf of the students and staff I thank them all for their contributions to Alfords Point Public School and wish them well in the future.

### **Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 farewell will be held on Tuesday 14 December 2021 in the Alfords Point Public School hall. The cost of the night is \$20 per child. Information has been sent home to all Year 6 families today. Parents/Carers are asked to return the permission note and payment by Wednesday 8 December 2021 so that the school can confirm numbers for catering purposes.

### **Year 6 Arch**

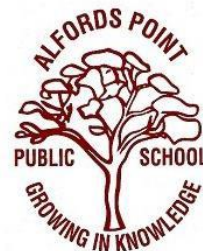
Due to the current COVID-19 guidelines we are unable to invite parents onto the grounds to attend the Year 6 arch on Thursday 16 December. Students will be dismissed as usual at 2.55pm and 3pm at their allocated gates.

### **Presentation Assembly**

Next week we will be filming our end of year presentation assembly on Wednesday and Thursday. All students will need to come to school dressed in their full summer school uniform on both days.

Whilst parents/carers will be unable to attend this assembly they will still be able to be part of this special event. The school will be recording the assembly and will release the film to our families afterwards. We have a number of students who do not have permission to publish and as such need to ensure we maintain their privacy and safety. I thank you for your understanding and acknowledge the disappointment in not being able to be present at this school event.

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### **Student Leadership 2022**

Due to the changed filming date for the end of year presentation assembly, the four candidates for school captains and vice captains will be announced on Tuesday 7 December and the 2022 school captains and vice captains will be named on Thursday 9 December 2021.

### **Staff Development Days**

This term the last day for students is Thursday 16 December 2021.

On Friday 17 December 2021, the staff will be engaged in professional learning during the Staff Development Day. Students do not attend on this day.

Jubilee Alfords Point OOSH Vacation Care will be operating on Friday 17 December for families who require care.

### **Organisation for 2022**

It's hard to focus on the new year but I'd just like everyone to know what will be happening in the first week of school. Staff return on Friday 28 January 2022. Both Friday 28 and Monday 31 January 2022 are Staff Development Days with no students at school. On these pupil free days all staff will be participating in professional learning and planning for the year ahead.

Students in Years 1 to 6 return on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

2022 Kindergarten students start big school on Thursday 3 February 2022. A letter will be sent home to these families with information about their Best Start assessment appointment times and starting school.

### **2022 Swimming carnival – save the date**

The 2022 swimming carnival has been booked for Friday 4 February 2022 at Engadine Pool. Please mark the date in your calendar. We are waiting on the updated guidelines for Term 1 2022 to finalise the event.

**Annette Wein**  
**Principal**

### **SRC News**

#### **HANDBALL COMPETITION**

We ran a meeting with all Sports House Captains and School Captains and our leaders decided to go ahead with our Annual Handball Competition during lunchtime for the next fortnight. Our Year 6 students will be umpiring the games along with the help of Mrs Burke. The winners of the 2021 handball competition will be announced in our next Newsletter. We would like to thank Mrs Burke in advance for helping to organise this event.

#### **Christmas FOOD DRIVE**

Our Christmas Food Drive is occurring next Thursday 9 December. Students can bring in their packaged food items in the school hall upon arrival on Thursday morning. Please note the Salvation Army has kindly requested not to provide canned food as they have plenty. Thank you for supporting this cause.

**Maria Panourgias & Emily Townsend.**

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### **A Message From Year 6**

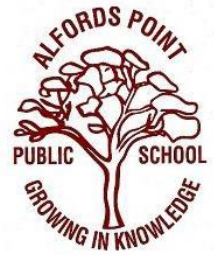
It is a tradition at Alfords Point School that the Year 6 students host a 'County Fair'. This year due to the current Departmental guidelines the Year 6 students will be hosting a 'Fun Day'. The date for this year's 'Fun Day' is Monday 13th December. Throughout this day the Year 6 students will be leading all K-5 students in a variety of fun activities. The purpose of this 'Fun Day' is to have a good time whilst utilising this as an opportunity to raise funds so that the Year 6 2021 students can purchase a parting gift for the school, to say thank you for all the years of learning before the next chapter in their education - high school. The day will be mufti and a gold coin donation is requested by the Year 6 students to kick off their fundraising. There are many fun activities planned along with some tasty treats on offer and opportunities to be a part of a variety of guessing, creating and colouring competitions/quizzes. Students in K-5 are reminded to help out at home, as this may be a way of earning some gold coins to donate to the 'Fun Day'. In order for the Year 6 students to fulfil their intended gift purchasing we ask if you could kindly please donate 3 gold coins (one for mufti, one for tasty treats and one for the fun activities). Please remember this date and K-5 students, start saving.

### **SANTA CLAUS**

Just a friendly reminder to lookout for me cruising all the streets of Alfords Point from 5.00pm onwards on Christmas Eve. I will be in a bright yellow convertible ringing a bell and blasting an airhorn. Please give me a wave I'll be wearing my best red suit and shiny black boots. This will be my 25th year of sharing the Christmas cheer in Alfords Point.



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