

### To The Point

#### Term 3 Week 7 2022:

2 September 2022

#### Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 8 September
Wednesday 14 September
Thursday 15 September
Friday 16 September
Monday 19 September
Tuesday 20 September
Wednesday 21 September
Thursday 22 September
Friday 23 September
Friday 23 September

Menai High year 7 2023 transition program Sydney East Athletics Carnival – SOPAC Homebush Menai High year 7 2023 transition program Summer season PSSA starts P&C Meeting – library – 7pm SRC sports colours day Inspire by Nature Visa Arts enrichment program Menai High year 7 2023 transition program Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day Last day term 3

#### **Principal's Message**

#### **Extended leave applications**

We have a growing number of students who are absent from school due to family holidays during the school term. Parents/Carers are reminded that they are required to complete an application for extended leave if your child will be absent from school for longer than 5 school days. Applications are available from the school office and should be submitted prior to the leave so that an exemption certificate signed by the Principal can be provided.

Please be aware that absences from school due to family holidays for more than 5 days without an approved extended leave application are recorded as unjustified leave.

Parents/Carers are encouraged to book family holidays during school breaks if possible. Students will not be provided with work if absent due to family holidays during school terms. They are encouraged to keep a journal of their experiences. Extended leave applications are available from the school office.

#### Household/Close contacts

Any visitor to a school site who is a household/close contact is required to advise the school that they are a household/close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. Visitors must also wear a mask indoors at all times, this includes when coming to the front office.

#### Student health – Allergies and Anaphylaxis

At Alfords Point Public School 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. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Father's Day Stall**

Best Wishes to all the dad's and father figures from the Alfords Point Public School community for Father's Day on Sunday 4 September. Thank you to the P&C for facilitating the Father's Day stall. The children loved being able to shop and purchase something special from the stall for their dad and father figures.

#### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 19 September at 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. Please mark the date in your diaries.

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#### Book Week Open Day

Thank you to all our families who attended the Book Week Parade on Open Day. The children loved being able to share the day with their visitors and it was fantastic to see the huge variety of characters the students came in.

A huge thank you to those families that supported the Book Fair in the library. Mrs MacNamara and Ms Fitz-Gibbon were delighted with the support and are busy purchasing new texts for the students to enjoy from the credits raised.

Annette Wein Principal

#### **Tell Them From Me Parent Survey**

This term we are inviting parents to participate in the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey. The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is anonymous, voluntary and easy to complete. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school.

Insights into parent and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent voice on the school's support of learning and behaviour all build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. This is your opportunity to give us feedback about how we support your child.

Next week we will send through an email with a link to the parent survey. We ask that you kindly complete the survey by Friday 23 September.

We appreciate your feedback so we can make Alfords Point Public School an even better school. **Jennie Lombe** 

#### **Premier's Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Jayden and Lachlan who represented our school at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals last Monday. Well done, you were both super spellers! **Carolyn Rider** 

#### Sausage Sizzle – year 6 Fundraiser

The year 6 students and their teachers would like to thank the Alfords Point Families who supported the year 6 fundraiser and purchased a sausage sizzle lunch at our Book Week Parade / Education Week Open Day on Thursday 25 August. All funds raised are going towards subsidising the cost of the year 6 formal being held in December.

Many thanks to Andy Kwon & Brett Calvert who cooked to perfection all the tasty sausages and to Karen Morgan who assisted with serving.

#### Year 6 Students and Teachers

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#### SRC News Fruit & Vege Month

Our SRC team is super excited to see students and teachers in our school participating in our Fruit and Vege Competition for the month of September. When 20 or more students bring in and eat their fruit or vegetables for Crunch N Sip or they purchase a 'fruit & vege' treat from our canteen they receive a class point. At the end of Week 10, the winning class will bake their own 'Vegie Pizza', in our school canteen. We would like to thank Mrs Emma Berry for helping to promote the importance of 'Fruit & Vege' month as she has been busy preparing additional fruity and vegie treats to sell in our school canteen.

Students wishing to participate in the 'design and create your own vegetable seed packet competition' will have to bring their entries back to school by the end of Week 9. All entries are to be given to Miss Townsend or Ms Panourgias.

#### **Re-vamping Recycling**

In our meeting this week, we discussed new strategies we could implement to improve our recycling at APPS. The leaders will provide visuals on every classroom recycling bin to ensure the correct wastes are placed into the bins. They also want to improve the collection of poppers and bottles in our Blue Bin and we will now have 'Blue Bin Monitors' who will set up 2 collection points for bottles and poppers in our playground and monitor the contents placed into our big Blue Bin.

#### **Events for End of Term**

In Week 10, the SRC have planned to fundraise for the Fight Cancer Foundation on Tuesday 20 September and acknowledge Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day on Friday 23 September. More details about these events will provided in the upcoming weeks.

#### Maria Panourgias and Emily Townsend

#### Menai High School Transition Program

Menai High School Transition Program for year 6 students runs for four consecutive Thursday afternoons between 12:30pm and 1:45pm. Students from Alfords Point Public School will complete their program on 1 September, 8 September, 15 September and 22 September. Travel to and from Menai High School is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver.

#### Stage 3 Teachers

#### SPORTS NEWS

#### **Engadine Zone Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to the 41 students who attended the Engadine Zone Athletics Carnival last Wednesday week. The weather conditions were clear and the Alfords Point team were very competitive placing, 6th overall which is wonderful for a school of our size. Mr McKrell and myself were very proud of all our students as they competed with enthusiasm whilst displaying great sportsmanship. All 41 students were fabulous ambassadors for our school.

We had some fantastic results. Many of our Alfords Point students placed in the heats resulting in them progressing to track finals. Those that placed in the first four overall, in both track and field events, were presented with a prestigious Engadine Zone placegetters ribbon. Congratulations to Kosta- 1st Jnr 1500m and 2nd Jnr 800m, Patrick- 1st Snr 1500m and 1st Snr 800m, Anthony- 2nd 1lyrs 100m, 2nd 1lyrs 200m and 2nd 1lyrs long jump, Olivia- 1st Jnr discus and 4th Jnr 800m, Hayley- 3rd Snr long jump and 3rd Snr high jump, Grace- 4th Snr high jump, and Louis- 4th 8yrs 100m.

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Extra congratulations to Kosta who broke the Engadine Zone Jnr 1500m record by 33seconds. Kosta along with Patrick, Anthony and Olivia have all qualified to compete at the Sydney East regional Athletics Carnival in mid September, we wish them all the very best.

#### Winter PSSA

The 2022 Winter Sports season concluded last Friday. Rain did interrupt the season but our students still had many weekly opportunities to compete against other schools in the Engadine Zone in the sports of soccer and netball. Compliments must go to all winter Alfords Point PSSA participants.

Netball and Soccer players, it has been a pleasure for Mrs Cameron, Mr McKrell and myself to see you shine and improve on the courts and fields during the season. Our junior green netball team placed second which was a superb result as many of those Stage 2 girls had never played netball before. Our soccer teams placed admirably. Results will be posted as soon as they have been distributed by the soccer convenors.

The most important thing was to have fun, which we know definitely happened. Many thanks must go to Bec Jones for her assistance as a badged netball umpire. She umpired the Senior Red netball team and guided and supported the team throughout the season. The students in this team and myself are very appreciative of her valuable contributions.

All soccer jerseys and zone athletic singlets should have now been laundered and returned to Mrs Burke, if not, please do so by next Monday.

#### Summer PSSA

Today was the first of two scheduled trial sessions for Summer PSSA teams. The trials are for junior girl and boy teams in T-Ball and senior teams in Softball and Cricket. Students had previously completed an expression of interest nominating themselves to trial for the 2022 Summer PSSA season. Agreeance forms addressed to those interested students' parents/carers were distributed last Friday and should have been returned completed last Tuesday. Please ensure all forms are in by this coming Monday 5 September at the very latest. We are hoping to beat any predicted rain for the summer PSSA season, so we are asking all students in years 3-6 who are trialling for positions in the summer PSSA teams to bring their joggers in their school bag every day next week. This way if there are trial opportunities during the coming week we will utilise them. We are scheduled to conclude the trials next Friday 9 September. Successful students at the trials will be given a permission note next Friday that needs to be returned to school by 3pm Monday 12 September 2022. Along with this permission note, travel payment will be due. We have been given new updated sport safety guidelines to adhere to from the NSW Department of Education. This means the paperwork re permission, medical information and codes of conduct related to sports events and games has changed. Please ensure all notes are thoroughly read and all forms are fully completed and returned so that your child is eligible to represent Alfords Point Public School in the upcoming summer PSSA season.

#### **Debbie Burke**

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#### Achievements Awards Term 3 Week 7

Stage 1 - Lachlan, Aydin, Marcus, Layla, Lance, Seb

Stage 2 – Sophia, Alexander

Stage 3 - Hannah, Jayden, Sophie, Maddison, Hayley

#### Banners

Stage 1 – Layla, Lance
Stage 2 – Sophia
Stage 3 – Anabella, Soukayna, Hannah, Maddison, Hayley

Bronze Medals Stage 2 – Sophia

Silver Medals Stage 3 – Anabella

# Student of the Week Term 3 Week 6KDZana1/2LChase1/2MMichael

- 2/3R Blake
- 3/4C Alexander
- 3/4T Lizzie
- **5/6B** Eva
- 5/6M Sophie

#### Student of the Week Term 3 Week 7

- **KD** Ezekiel
- 1/2L Maryam
- **1/2M** Ayla
- 2/3R Blake
- 3/4C Cameron
- **3/4T** Sophia
- **5/6B** Jon
- 5/6M Nathan

#### PSSA Results - Week 6

Senior soccer won, junior soccer maroon won, junior soccer blue won, senior netball red lost, senior netball green 1 lost, senior netball green 2 lost, junior netball green drew.

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