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NEWSLETTER

2015 Term 4 Week 9

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 23 rd November-4 th December	Swimming Scheme
Wednesday 2 nd December	Pennant Hills Band Performance
Wednesday 2 nd – 6 th December	Stage 2 Gosford camp
Tuesday 8 th December	K-2 Class parties!
	Parliament closing assembly & 2016 Front Bench announcement, 10am
	Special Arts Project art show launch, 10.30am, all welcome
Wednesday 9 th December	Combined Christmas Scripture assembly, 10am, all welcome
	Community helper morning tea, 11am
Thursday 10 th December	YOU CAN DO IT assembly, 2pm, all welcome
Friday 11 th December	Yrs 3-6 Class parties!
Monday 14 th December	End of Year assembly, 9.00am, all welcome
	Reports sent home
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 6 Farewell, 11.20am-2.45pm, Bella Portofino, Shellharbour
Wednesday 16 th December	Students last day of school

Dear parents, carers, students and community members,

Staff Illnesses

This week, Ms Natalie Harris was hospitalised with what we now know to be viral meningitis. She will remain in hospital during the next week to recover, but will not return to our school this year. Similarly, Mrs Rhonda Holloway, will remain on extended sick leave, returning to Barrack Heights PS in 2016. Thank you to our long term casual staff – Ms Rebecca Maxwell, Mrs Kea Hogan and Mr Glenn Nisbit who are assisting with keeping our classes engaged and learning until the end of the year.

NAIDOC Public Speaking State Final

Congratulations to Poppi R and Samara W who represented the Region in Sydney last Monday at the NAIDOC Public Speaking State Finals. Ms Prior had prepared the girls really well, but they were beaten on the day by two girls from Cowra Public School. Our girls spoke with the amazing confidence and were proud of their individual efforts. Well done girls and well done Ms Prior!

Swimming Scheme and Surf Groms

We have had an excellent week at both Swimming Scheme and the Surf Groms program. Our students are engaging with their teachers and learning to develop confidence in the water. Thank you to the parents who have assisted transporting children to The Farm and showing interest in this new program. I'm sure they'll agree with me that this was a worthwhile experience to encourage their children to participate in. ALL students in Years 2-6 will now walk to Warilla Pool to continue with the Swimming Scheme program this week. Thanks to Ms Scott who has re-arranged the school timetables, worked out schedules and supported our staff and students to be organised for the past two weeks.

Visiting Band

On Wednesday, students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will be entertained by the Pennant Hills High School Band. This is part of their tour down to the Illawarra, and we are fortunate enough to be included in their school tour list. It is always fantastic to see the talents of our public school students, especially when this is

shared across NSW schools. Thank you to the staff from Pennant Hills High School who have allowed our students to experience musical excellence.

Stage 2/3 Overnight Excursion to Gosford

During Wednesday, Thursday and Friday students in classes 3/4P, 3/4B, 3/6D and 3/6H will be attending Outdoor Education NSW in Gosford. Please ensure that your child is packed and ready to leave Barrack Heights PS by 7.45am on Wednesday morning. Students will return to school at 4pm on Friday. If you require contact with teachers attending camp, please call the school mobile on 0457 616 072.

Please do not send any items not on the packing list, including snack or junk food, phones or digital devices.

Semester 2 Reports

This week, I will be reading and signing off on all student reports for 2015. These will be printed and sent home with students on Monday 14th December. Although there are no formal interview times set for parents and carers, please contact the school if you would like to discuss your child's report with their classroom teacher.

Regional Aboriginal Excellence Awards

We would like to congratulate Corey M and Manny A for their selection in this year's Regional Aboriginal Excellence Awards. Both boys will travel with their families and Mrs Chris Mangos to Batemans Bay next Monday to receive their awards. Truly deadly effort boys!

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

Opal Cards for school bus passes

From 2016, Transport NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme. Parents and guardians will need to apply if the student:

- is just starting school and has not had a bus pass before
- is going from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to year 7
- is changing schools
- or, if the student's personal details have changed (e.g. address)

Also, students who are not eligible for Free Travel Opal Cards may purchase a term card by going to www.transportnsw.info/school-students or buy a Child/Youth Opal Card from Participating retailers, online at opal.com.au or calling 136725 (13 opal) or by paying a cash fare when boarding the bus.

Breakfast

The last day for the breakfast program is next week.

Pre-School

The last day for the Pre-school program for the 2016 Kinders is next Monday.

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER, 5.30 - 8.30pm
REDOALL RESERVE, LAKE ILLAWARRA

- ▶ Kids Concert 5.30 - 6.15pm
- ▶ Carols 6.30 - 8.30pm
- ▶ Fireworks 8.30pm

A free family event celebrating the spirit of Christmas! Hosted by Emma and Travis from Wave Fm's Hot Breakfast

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Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for *best release techniques*.

COST is \$40 PER CHILD, and includes * rod and reel combination * shirt * hat * tackle box * show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Maximum 25 participants.

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Locations and Date

Lake Illawarra, Reddall Parade

Wednesday 13th January 2016

Wednesday 13th April 2016

To book, e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190

Details on the web: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts



RIDING THE WAVE - Surf Life Saving Program

Families of children of all abilities are being introduced to the fun of the beach and Surf Life Savings Nippers program through the Illawarra Branch's Riding the Wave Nippers program. This program provides the opportunity through the clubs for children of all abilities to participate in beach and water based activities such as beach ball games, relays, flags, boards and wades.

Get involved and have some fun !

Riding the Wave program aims to:

- Provide an opportunity for all to be a part of a Surf Life Saving Club
- Provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in a non competitive, flexible Nippers program
- Provide an opportunity for participants to enjoy the beach and its surrounds in a safe manner
- Have dedicated and trained water safety personnel deliver the program.

The Riding the Wave initiative is a joint program between Illawarra Surf Life Saving Clubs, Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch and the Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation.

Riding the wave is a four week program conducted mid February to mid March.



Join your local
Riding the
Wave program
TODAY!



For further information and an application form please contact Catherine on 4228 5355 or email catherine.campbell@sport.nsw.gov.au

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Your Local Clubs are: Towradgi, Bellambi, Woonona, Bulli and Coledale



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1800 711 189



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