

Monday • August 6 • 2018

Dear Parents,

## Welcome to Education Week...

This year's theme is **Today's schools- creating tomorrow's world**. We will recognise and celebrate Education week this year with the launch of our new YCDI mascot along with celebrating NAIDOC in the same week. We invite parents to come and join our **assembly on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** and stay for a picnic lunch. Parents are also invited the very next day for our **NAIDOC assembly in the morning at 9am**, followed by activities for the students for the remainder of the day. The theme for this year's NAIDOC week is **Because of her we can!**

Education Week/ YCDI Launch Assembly Program	
11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ School Song</li> <li>➤ Captains Welcome</li> <li>➤ Concert Band Performance</li> <li>➤ Public Speaking</li> <li>➤ YCDI Launch Movie</li> <li>➤ Principal's Address</li> <li>➤ Public Speaking</li> <li>➤ Rock Band</li> <li>➤ Choir</li> </ul>

We hope to see many parents at our **Education Week Assembly on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**.

## Public Speaking

Eight of the school's strongest speakers participated in the Zone Public Speaking Finals last week. Our speakers impressed their audiences with a range of topics, which I've included below:

Stage	Name	Title of Speech
ES1	April Boston	"Pig" Travelling
S1	Joshua Jemma	"Lego" Glitter
S2	Amelia Ethan	A Challenge to Be nice The sixth Extinction
S3	Ayla Abbey	"Connections" "Food"

Thank you parents for your support with preparation and transporting children to and from the venue. Thanks must also go to Mrs Aitchison for coordinating public speaking for our school.

## YCDI Mascot

**Introducing Koko, the You Can Do It koala.** We now have a new mascot for our YCDI program. Koko will be featured around our school to remind all students the core values of YCDI: Confidence, Getting along, Organisation, Persistence and Resilience. All students were given the opportunity to design a new mascot or logo for our YCDI program in Term 2. A huge thank you and congratulations must go to Cassandra W of 5/6G for her design and basis of our final product that was further developed by the amazing Anna Webster. A huge thank you to Anna for her support, time and creative abilities.

## Term Dates

### Term 3 – Week 3

### Education Week

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Port Stephens Zone Athletics – Field Events
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	YCDI/Education Week Assembly Picnic Lunch 11.30am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	NAIDOC Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Port Stephens Zone Athletics – Track Events

### Term 3 – Week 4

### Science Week

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	UNSW Maths
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	

### Term 3 – Week 5

### Book Week

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	THS Year 6 CAPA Auditions
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	THS Year 6 Sports Trials
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Newcastle Permanent Maths
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week Parade

### Term 3 – Week 6

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Fathers' Day Breakfast BBQ

### Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 1 – Pearson Park
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	THS Taster Lessons Life Education

### Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Life Education
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Life Education
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Life Education

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> SeptemberLife Education  
Touch Gala DayFriday 14<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 3 Camp
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 3 Camp Playtime in the Park
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 3 Camp
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	

### Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Rugby Gala Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Rotary Science Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of term

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August*  
*YCDI/Education Week – 11.30am*

*Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August – 9.00am*  
*NAIDOC Assembly*

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August*  
*No assembly*

*All Welcome*

### Stage 1 Woodworking

Students who have not paid to make a woodworking project but would like to participate may bring their money and note in by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

### BOOKCLUB

Last day for Bookclub orders is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

## Water 4 Life Challenge

To help families cover the cost of their Life Education van visit in Week 8 of this term, we are offering all students the opportunity to participate in the **Water 4 Life Challenge** commencing Monday 6th August for 2 weeks.

It involves sponsorship from family, friends and neighbours, with the first \$10 that every child raises covering the cost of their Life Education visit.

Additional money raised rewards students with awesome prizes and supports Hunter Life Education programs. Please see <https://water4lifechallenge.org.au/soldierspointpublicschool>

## Important Update

### UPDATE ON WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK WWCC

As from January 2019 all –Classroom Volunteers  
Canteen Helpers

Anyone transporting students in private cars (other than their own children)

will need to apply and have an Unpaid Volunteer WWCC number. **This is free** and must be applied for on-line at - <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

After receiving your WWCC Number please bring to the school office and we can place you on our data base.

If for some reason you do not have access to a computer please let the school office know and we can help you to apply on-line.

**If you do not have this WWCC number, from 2019 you will not be able to help at the school as a Volunteer.**

### Stage 3 – Ayla M and Abbey H

#### Visual Arts

Stage 2 are in urgent need of your **plastic** bottle/container **tops** and **lids** of all colours, shapes and sizes. Start collecting now and send them in to class teachers. All students can help. Stage 2 will be recycling these lids to create a wonderful piece of artwork. Happy collecting! **We only want the tops not the containers.**

### STUDENT CROSSING SAFETY

Unfortunately we still have parents/community doing the wrong thing -

**Stopping & Dropping children on the Crossing**

**Overtaking on the Crossing**

**Not obeying speed limits**

If you are recognised you will be reported to the Police

**Student safety is paramount above everything else**

**TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!**  
Reading Is Out of This World!

**BOOK FAIR**  
LIBRARY  
20TH AUGUST - 23RD AUGUST  
8:30AM - 8:55AM & 3:00PM - 3:30PM

*Find your TREASURE*  
BOOK PARADE  
FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST  
9:30AM

DRESS AS A CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK OR MAYBE DRESS TO THE THEME 'FIND YOUR TREASURE'

**BOOK WEEK 2018**

**Great Book Swap**

**BRING IN YOUR PRE-LOVED BOOKS**

### P&C News

Our next meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 7pm in the school administration building. All welcome.

### Fundraising News

Contact Michelle Hall on 0435 122 814 if you have not received your note for Picture Products, a functional keepsake of your child's artwork. Order forms and payment due August 17th.

### Uniform News

For you uniform needs pop in to see Karen on a Tuesday 08:30 to 09:30 or a Friday 2:30 to 3:15pm. Our canteen accepts cash or cheque.

### Canteen News

Thank you to Ken Harper, Kirsty Webb, Deanne Cosgrove, Jane Lestone, Danielle Whitmore, Hannah Riseley, Casandra Butterworth and Bekk Coote, Ange Hearn, Elisha Nicol and Karen Jones for all their help over the last two weeks.

### Roster

Wed 8/8	Ken Harper
Thur 9/8	Help needed
Fri 10/8	Casandra Butterworth, Hannah Riseley
Mon 13/8	Bekk Coote
Wed 15/8	Ken Harper
Thur 16/8	Help Needed
Fri 17/8	Deanne Cosgrove, Help needed
Mon 29/0	Emma Kirk, Bekk Coote

Thank you to everybody who dropped in to help for any time they could over the last two weeks. It made a huge difference. A special thanks to Danielle for all her wonderful muffins that now stock our freezer.



<b>GAN GAN FAMILY CENTRE</b> Schools & Community Centres Program Area 84 Public School 1000 Pineside Old Main Road P-4000 1742 M 0407 420 027 E 24000000@education.nsw.gov.au	<b>1-2-3 MAGIC &amp; EMOTION COACHING</b>  <b>Thursdays</b> Sept 6, 13, 20 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm Learn to manage challenging behaviour in children aged 2 to 5 years Topics include: + Discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking + Tactics for encouraging good behaviour \$5.00 fee for workbook <b>Free childrens activity group available</b>	<b>TREE OF LIFE</b>  <b>Wednesdays</b> August 8, 15, 22, 29 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm Looking differently at your life and family relationships using imagery Topics include: Standing tall is important to you Drawing roots to keep you strong Coping with change <b>Free childrens activity group available</b>
<b>TERM THREE 2018</b>  To book a course or for more information P 4982 1767	<b>BABY PLAY</b>  <b>Every Wednesday</b> starts August 1 10 am to 11.30 am Come along and meet other parents with children of similar ages and share your parenting experiences. Also fortnightly guest speakers presenting a range of topics. <b>Suitable for children aged 0 to 12 months</b>	<b>FLOURISH</b>  <b>Tuesdays</b> Aug 28, Sept 4, 11, 18 10 am to 12 noon A series of four Wellbeing Workshops providing info, tools and tips to create a healthier happier lifestyle Workshop Topic: Mindfulness for well, be well, dream, live, life coach <b>Free childrens activity group available</b>
<b>BABY MASSAGE</b>  <b>Fridays</b> Aug 24, 31, Sept 7, 14, 21 10 am to 12 noon A program for parents & their babies to enhance bonding & empower parents in the care of their babies \$45.00 for 5 sessions <b>Newborn to 6 months</b>	<b>CONNECT 2 KIDS PLAYGROUP</b>  <b>Monday July 30 (every week)</b> 9.30 am to 11.30 am Supported Playgroup held in partnership with the Seniors' Society. This playgroup provides opportunity for parents to increase their skills & confidence & develop social networks in a supportive environment <b>Newborn to 5 years</b>	<b>READY SET GO</b>  <b>Thursday Aug 2 (every week)</b> 10 am to 11.30 pm Transition to school playgroup for children starting school in 2019 Fun structured activities allow your child to practice the skills they need for kindergarten <b>Suitable for children aged 3 to 5 years</b> Younger siblings welcome to attend
<b>EARLY PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP</b>  <b>Thursdays</b> Aug 9, 16, 23, 30 10 am to 12 noon For new mums and dads with babies aged 0 to 2 months Facilitated by Child & Family Health Nurse Come along and chat about the joys & challenges of parenting <b>Newborn to 12 weeks</b>	<b>TOY &amp; BOOK LIBRARY</b>  <b>Weekdays</b> 9 am & 11 am <b>FREE consultation with Family Law Solicitor available by appointment</b> GAPS Grandparents as Carers meets Wednesdays @ 10 am	<b>MESSY PLAY</b>  <b>Tuesday July 24 (every week)</b> 10.15 am to 12 noon Facilitated by the staff from Good Start Early Learning Centre Fun structured messy play activities with a focus on the importance of sensory play <b>Newborn to 5 years</b>



Designed by Surfing Australia and supported by the Australian Sports Commission, Weet-Bix SurfGroms aims to teach a range of ocean safety skills, surfing technique and general ocean awareness in a fun, social and non-competitive environment for 5-12 year olds.

WeetBix SurfGroms is a national Junior development program that encourages kids to participate in surfing around Australia. Surfing is a great way to enjoy our beach environment safely, whilst also introducing into them a healthy lifestyle that is proudly Australian! If you're looking for a fun, safe and healthy activity for your grom(s) and they are ready to hit the water, this learn to surf program is everything you're looking for and more!

Every WeetBix SurfGroms lesson is designed purposefully to create a positive and supportive learning environment so that every participant can experience the confidence and freedom of surfing for a lifetime.

Port Stephens Surf School is recognised as one of the premier delivery centres for Weet-Bix SurfGroms in Australia. We run our surf lessons on the best beaches on the East Coast of Australia.

We will provide you with the following when you arrive for your lesson:

- Surfboard
- Wetsuit
- Rash Shirt
- Sunscreen
- Professional instruction from our experienced surf coaches



#### BOOK NOW:

**Level 1** (including October school holidays):

\* Saturday 5 week program 1st - 29th September ~ 9.00-10.20am

\* Monday - Friday 5 day program 1st - 5th October ~ 9.00-10.20am

\* Monday - Friday 5 day program 8th - 12th October ~ 9.00-10.20am

**Level 2:**

\* Sunday 5 week program starts 2nd - 30th September ~ 9.00-10.20am

Cost: \$160.00 + \$25.00 Surfing Australia Administration Fee (see below)

\*\*\*Please note: When registering for a Weet-Bix SurfGroms program, you will be required to become a member of Weet-Bix SurfGroms, this will incur a \$25 Membership fee for the Season beginning 1st September, 2017 and ending 31st August, 2018. This membership includes delivery of your Groms Rip Curl pack being delivered to your front door. You will be charged at point of purchase on the website\*\*\*



**JUNIOR NETBALL**

TERM III  
NOW ENROLLING

Wed 4pm 5-8 years  
Wed 5pm 9+ years  
45 minute skills session with mini games  
\$65 per 10 week term  
All participants must be PCYC Members (\$10)

**PCYC Port Stephens, Nelson Bay**  
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