

Monday • August 20 • 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents, grandparents & friends who were able to join us for our 2018 Education Week Assembly. It was an entertaining assembly once again with the launching of our new mascot Koko the YCDI koala. Thank you also to those of you that attended the NAIDOC Assembly the very next day. A big thank you to Miss Helen McLean and Harvey Payne for doing a wonderful job of delivering the Acknowledgement of Country in Gatthang. It was a lovely way to start our day in the true essence of the theme "Because of her we can".

A highlight of Education Week was attending the Tomaree Learning Community Presentation Assembly, where we were able to recognise some of our students, parents & staff members. I'd like to, once again, extend my sincere congratulations to our award recipients and thank them for all they do for our school community. These individuals are really making a difference:

- *Excellence in Student Achievement –Cassandra W & Lucas B;*
- *Excellence in Teaching – Mrs Merriman & Miss Champion;*
- *Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member – Kirsty Webb & Finn Adnam;*
- *Outstanding Contribution by a Non-teaching Member of Staff – Sue Sala; and*
- *The school's Technology Team was recognised for receiving the award of Highly Commended at the DETs T4L awards for Leader in Virtual Learning Environments.*

Book Week 2018

This week is Book Week across Australia and the theme this year is *Find your Treasure*.

- Our Book Week Assembly, which will incorporate a character parade, will be held on Friday, August 24th at 9:30am.

Each class will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair in the library through the week and parents can

visit from 8.30 am till 8.55am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Students off to Regional

Thank you to Mr Gibson and Miss Strassmeir for taking our students to Zone Athletics last week. Well done to all the students that made it to Zone. Congratulations to: Jake H for Shot Put; and Aileesha O and Abbey H for 100m. All the best at Regional.

Science Week

Last week we participated in Science Week, the theme was *Game Changers and Change Makers*. All stages had the opportunity to experiment with our new technology the Edison Bots and Lego We Do. A big thank you to the P & C for supporting the purchasing of this technology.

Buy A Bale Fundraiser

We are all aware of the drought that is affecting our aussie farmers in rural communities across Australia. Last week we held a "Dress like a Farmer" day to raise much needed money to support these communities. The outstanding amount of just under \$1500 was raised by students and staff at our school. Thank you everyone for your contributions this money will definitely be a huge help.

Attendance

For students to learn, they need to arrive at school on time and attend regularly. Regular attendance is a critical factor in ensuring that students have every opportunity to learn and develop. This cannot occur without a strong partnership between parents/carers who have the legal responsibility to ensure that students attend school regularly. If you need to pick up or drop off your child early please report to the office. Please refer to the article following.

Term Dates

Term 3 – Week 5

Book Week

Monday 20 th August	THS Year 6 CAPA Auditions
Tuesday 21 st August	THS Year 6 Sports Trials
Wednesday 22 nd August	Newcastle Permanent Maths
Thursday 23 rd August	
Friday 24 th August	Book Week parade 9.30am

Term 3 – Week 6

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

Term 3 – Week 7

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

Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 10 th September	Life Education
Tuesday 11 th September	Life Education
Wednesday 12 th September	Life Education
Thursday 13 th September	Life Education
Friday 14 th September	Touch Gala Day

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 17 th September	Stage 3 Camp
Tuesday 18 th September	Stage 3 Camp
Wednesday 19 th September	Stage 3 Camp
Thursday 20 th September	
Friday 21 st September	

STUDENT ABSENCES & PROCEDURES

Listed below are Departmental requirements for student absences both **Whole Days & Part Days**.

Whole Day Absences must be in writing (e.g. note from parent/guardian, Skoolbag, Email). Phone call will be taken but must be followed by a note.

Late or Slept In are no longer justified reasons for being late to school. They will be recorded as **Explained but Unjustified**.

Any student not accompanied by a parent and arriving **late** will be marked as **Unexplained** and a letter will be sent home to parents for explanation.

Students who are late will be escorted to class by a school staff member if needed. Parents will not need to escort their child to class.

Any student who is away for more than two days without explanation will receive a phone call from the Class Teacher.

Student absences **MUST BE explained within 7 days**. School generated letters are sent home every week if students have **Unexplained** absences.

Absences which are not explained **within 7 days** will be recorded as **Explained but Unjustified**.

Any student picked up by a Parent, Guardian, Emergency Contact must come to the office for an **Early Leavers Slip** before picking up the student.

No student(s) can be picked up directly from the classroom/playground. Early leavers will be sent to the office after Early Leaver Slip is generated.

If you have any questions please come to the office for clarification.

Thank you

School Banking

Please note that there will be no school banking on Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th. Banking will return to normal Tuesday 4th September.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2019

The school is now accepting enrolments for 2019. If you have not already completed an Expression of Interest form please do so as soon as possible.

Statement of Accounts

These will be sent home on a regular so that you are updated on outstanding amounts for Stage 2 and 3 camps and Book packs etc.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

24th August

No Assembly

Book Week Parade – Find Your Treasure –
9.30am

31st August

3-6 – 2.15pm

Hosted by 3/4s

All Welcome



Every Day Counts

When your child misses just	that equals per year	and therefore from Kindy to year 6	and therefore from Kindy to Year 12 that is	Your child has missed
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	9 months of school	1 ½ years of school	260 days
1 hour per day	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
1 day per week	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
2 days per week	80 days per year	2 and ½ years school	Over 5 years of school	1,040 days
3 days per week	120 days per year	4 years school	Almost 8 years of school	1,560 days

Give your child every chance to succeed.....

Newsletter



P&C News

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th September.

Uniform News

Our uniform shop is open on a Tuesday 08:30 to 09:30 or Friday 2:30 to 3:15pm. Cash or Cheque only.

Canteen

I cannot thank the volunteers enough that have helped out over the last fortnight. Your contribution has ensured we are well stocked with homemade goodies.

Roster

Wed 22 August: Ken Harper

Thursday 23 August: Danielle Whitmore, Gabrielle Hood

Friday 24 August: Elisha Nicol, Ken Harper

Monday 27 August: Paula Adnam, Deanne Cosgrove, Bekk Paradisis

Wednesday 29 August: Deanne Cosgrove, Ken Harper, Davina Gamble

Thursday 30 August: Deanne Cosgrove, Danielle Whitmore, Jane Lestone

Friday 31 August: Deanne Cosgrove, Hannah Riseley, Kirsty Webb

Monday 3 September: Bekk Paradisis

I will be away for the week Monday 27th August thru to Friday 31 August : Please pop in an see Deanne if you can spare some time during that week.


Thank you

Paula Browne

Contact Us

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 Soldiers Point Public Shool Parents



FUN AND FAST

Buzzing with the energy of Big Bash cricket, Woolworths Cricket Blast teaches kids how to bat, bowl, field and catch over a minimum of six weeks—all while making new friends.



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun

Sign up now to get your JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!
Includes t-shirt and gear for 6 weeks of fun. Includes a personalised t-shirt and a personalised bat & ball.



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

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JOIN THE FUN

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST IS A FUN AND FAST PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES TO LEARN THE SKILLS AND PLAY AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE SPORT.

Cricket Blasts kicks off in Port Stephens

Centre Details:	Day & Time:	Wednesdays 5.30pm - 7pm
	Starts:	24th October (runs for 8-weeks)
	Venue:	Ferodale Oval, Medowie
	Registration cost:	\$125 (includes participant pack)

For more information contact:
 Francis Walsh, 0425297714, francis.walsh@cricketnsw.com.au
 Nelson Bay JCC, Matt Breeley, 0437 035 821, matt.breeley73@gmail.com
 Stockton Cricket Club, Paul Robertson, 0421 052 183, strccsecretary@gmail.com

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Cricket is Cracking this season!

The new season is almost upon us and it's time to slap on the sun cream, slip into your club shirt and cap, and get back on the field for Juniors at Nelson Bay Cricket Club.:

- Saturday mornings game time 8.30am-midday
- Junior Blasters and Master Blasters one afternoon a week for up to 12 year olds
- Friday night cricket for junior girls

JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN UP!


Register On-Line

Discounts Apply for Earlybird Registration up to 13th September 2018

Check registration details on the club website at:
<http://nelsonbaycricket.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

More information is also available on our Facebook page:
Nelson Bay Cricket Club - Jnr's.

LIVE IT. BREATHE IT. CRICKET.

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



BOOK WEEK 2018

BOOK PARADE
FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST
9:30AM

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

