

# Hallidays Point Public School

## Newsletter



Learning, Caring & Sharing

Term 4 Issue 1 Week 2

Tuesday 20th October 2020

### Dear Parents / Carers

Spring has arrived and the days are getting warmer and longer. I also love the active play and animal activity we get at this time of year. The children have been sharing their spaces here at school with some very protective plover birds. How lucky are we to share our space with nature.

I want to thank all of our families for their help with explaining absences from school. New guidelines for schools mean that any absence from school for illnesses that have flu like symptoms must either have a negative COVID test or a certificate from a doctor stating that a test is not warranted. Children cannot return to class until we have a reason for their absence. Students whose parents are unwilling to have their child tested or have not provided evidence to the school of a negative test result will need to be excluded from school for a period of ten days. Siblings of students who undergo testing are also asked to stay home, even if not unwell, until a negative test result is received. A sibling who is absent for this reason is marked as 'Flexible' in our roll marking system which does not count towards absences for the year.

This week we are celebrating Book Week with the theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. I am really looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costume creations that we have at our school each year. I want to thank Ms Brady for all of her hard work in the library as she continues to make the space such a welcoming and colourful environment. The Book Week parade will be filmed and placed onto our school website as the children parade in stage groups.

### STAY HYDRATED AND SUN SAFE.

Remember to add extra water bottles to the daily bag packing routine. As it is getting hot we would encourage students to bring extra water bottles to school. Students can still fill up their water bottles in class, but a frozen one can help take the heat off from play.

We are a sun safe school and as such hats are compulsory for students to play. No hat, no play, you will be under the COLA today! Please also remember to put your child's name on all their items. This includes clothing, hats, lunchboxes and water bottles.

### REMINDER ABOUT ATTENDANCE

It is so important that children are in school every day. Take a look at the following picture and see how just one day per fortnight can add up.



Lastly, a reminder about the new arrangements for the pick up or drop off of students within school hours. Parents are asked to contact the school (6559 3009) when they arrive at the school gate so a member of staff can either collect your child or drop them off to you. This will ensure that we are complying with the COVID-19 guidelines to keep everyone safe.

### Principals Report

#### Take Care

**Peter Johnson**  
Principal

# School Calendar

## Term 4 2020

<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	Wednesday 21st October	Book Week Parade: Curious Creatures Wild Minds
<b><u>Week 3</u></b>	Friday 30th October	Book Club Orders Due
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	Thursday 5th November Friday 6th November	Outdoor Classroom Day Kindergarten Transition 9:30 -10:30am
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November Friday 13th November	NAIDOC WEEK Kindergarten Transition 9:30 -10:30am
<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	Friday 20th November	Kindergarten Transition 9:30 -10:30am
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	Friday 27th November	Kindergarten Transition 9:30 -10:30am
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December Tuesday 1st December	Year 2 - Swimming and Water Safety Program High School Transition - Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	Monday 7th December Monday 7th December- Friday 11th December	Year 6 Farewell Presentation of End of Year Awards (More information to come)
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	Monday 14th December Wednesday 16th December	Picnic Day Last Day of Term 4

## Child Protection Education

During Term 4 all classes will be involved in lessons in the area of Child Protection Education. The content of the lessons will vary for each grade, but may be based on the following issues.

- Recognising and responding to safe and unsafe situations
- Developing positive relationships
- Developing support networks
- Developing assertiveness (No Go Tell)
- Appropriate and inappropriate touching.

The Departmental policy and child protection education information can be accessed through the internet address below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/key-learning-areas/pdhpe/child-protection-and-respectful-relationships-education/resources>

Under new Departmental guidelines parents are no longer required to give written permission for students to participate in the Child Protection Education program.

If you do not wish for your child to participate please contact the class teacher to inform them as soon as possible. The full Child Protection Education note can be found on the school website under 'School Notes'.

## Payment for Activities

During Term 4 there will be a number of activities involving payment of costs by students. Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, you may pay by cash or cheque via your children or by phoning the school during office hours (8:30am - 3:30pm), Visa and Master Card accepted.\*\*

\*\*Minimum payment of **\$20.00**.

## Book Club Orders Due

### Friday 30th October



# Public Speaking Finals



Congratulations to all students for participating in the Public Speaking Program this year. Students presented a range of unique topics, providing great entertainment and informative points of view for their audience and adjudicators. Thank you to the following students for sharing their talents during Finals Week at the end of Term 3:

## Year 1:

Grace Powell  
 Amelia Martin  
 Nikki Boutagy  
 Mia Hasham - HC  
 Eli Keyte - HC  
 Delilah Marshall - 1st Place

## Year 2:

Anabelle Malignin  
 Harrison Keyte  
 Adam Pursch  
 Lily Gorman  
 Amellia Webster  
 Liam Lenkic  
 Ella McDonald - HC  
 Abby Yelavic - HC  
 Elsie Maxwell - 1st Place

## Year 3:

Jamahlia Davis  
 Chloe Powell  
 Cooper Yanez  
 Zac Wolfenden - HC  
 Alexis Condie - HC  
 Pippa Nelson– Hauer - 1st Place

## Year 4:

Ava– Jane Smith  
 Eden Giffin  
 Cianna Bug  
 Eliza Shotten  
 Caleb Thornley  
 Rachael Rebbeck - HC  
 Rosie Cathcart - HC  
 Isaac Burston - 1st Place

## Year 5:

Ruby Rush  
 Mali Shotten  
 Charlie Malignin - HC  
 Tahlia Nicholson - HC  
 Airlie McMahon - HC  
 Wade Williams - 1st Place

## Year 6:

Lily Voorby  
 Mitchell Wolfenden  
 Jessica Edwards  
 Mia Voorby  
 Jesse Nelson– Hauer  
 Miley Cox  
 Ashlyn Johnson - HC  
 Harrison Tancred - HC  
 Milla Giffin - 2nd Place  
 Taia Shedden - 1st Place



## Uniform Shop

Due to the current circumstances, the uniform shop is not running as normal. If you would like to buy school uniforms please fill out the uniform order form and send the form with the correct money to the administration office. The forms can be found on the school website under 'About our school', 'Uniform Shop' or at the administration office.

## Koala Sanctuary

Port Stephens Council in partnership with Port Stephens Koalas has created a Koala Sanctuary to ensure first-class care to sick, injured and orphaned koalas.

Now opened daily 9am- 5pm, the Koala Sanctuary offers visitors a unique opportunity to see koalas in their natural habitat. A visit to the Sanctuary also supports their long-term rehabilitation, preservation and conservation in the wild.

Visitors to the Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary will enjoy:

- **Natural Setting:** Unique experiences with koalas in a natural and idyllic bushland setting
- **Informative Guides:** All our excursions start off with a tailored educational tour from one of our local guides on care, rehabilitation and what is needed for koalas to survive in the wild
- **Stay with us:** Opportunity to stay overnight in a "glamping style tent" within the Sanctuary grounds
- **Preservation:** A new opportunity to directly contribute to the preservation of koalas in Port Stephens



## Saver Plus

### What is Saver Plus?

- A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and saving tips
- Participants receive up to \$500 from ANZ in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.



### Who can join?

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education themselves
- Have regular income from paid employment (themselves or their partner)
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment.

For more information please contact the Local Saver Plus Coordinator from The Smith Family directly: **Claire Rowe** - **Phone:** 0438 648 670. **Email:** [Claire.Rowe@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:Claire.Rowe@thesmithfamily.com.au)

## Good for Kids good for life

Move and play every day. For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:

- At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day - the more you huff and puff the better!
- Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day.

In your spare time, move more and sit less.

- 9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

