



# The River News

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## Important Dates - TERM 4

### Week 4

Friday 30 October	PSSA B&A Halloween Disco
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### Week 5

Monday 2 November	K/1H Assembly
Tuesday 3 November	Sportspro Multicultural Games
Wednesday 4 November	Leader Election 2016 – Nomination Day
Friday 6 November	PSSA

### Week 6

Monday 9 November	Leader Assembly
Friday 13 November	PSSA

## Black Rock Gallery

The Black Rock Gallery opening will be held this evening from 5.45pm. Students who are performing in choir and/or dance should arrive at 5.30pm. A number of official guests are attending the opening including the Director of NSW Public Schools – Woronora River Network, Mrs Sue Cran. Students have worked very hard to produce a high standard of artwork for the gallery. Each student has one artwork for purchase (by the parents) and these are able to be viewed in the library during the gallery opening and Friday during the day.

## ICAS Assessments

Congratulations to the following students who achieved outstanding results in their respective ICAS Mathematics assessment.

Dylan – Distinction

Ethan – Distinction

Annalise – Distinction

Marcus – Credit

Chanelle – Distinction

Boaz – Credit

Well done to Ethan who earned a credit certificate for the ICAS English assessment.

## Tree Update

Works have commenced on further tree removal around the school. A significant number of trees will be removed over the next few weeks by providers. At times, access to the school may be impacted. An SMS will be sent to advise the school community of alternate arrangements when required.

## Student Leaders 2016

Year 5 students have begun the nomination process for School Leaders for next year. For 2016 there will be 4 school leaders in total – 2 girls and 2 boys. The 2016 School Leaders will be announced to the school community and inducted on Presentation Day, Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Student Safety

Please discuss with your child/ren the most direct route for travelling to and from school. Remind them about what to do if they feel unsafe and identify places (familiar friends/places) where they can go in an emergency.

## Multicultural games

Please be advised that next week is the final week for the Sportspro Program.

## Mr Bill

Mr Bill has asked the school to pass on his thanks and gratitude for the kind words and gift that were presented to him last week at a special assembly.

## Swimming

If you are intending for your child to participate in the Swimming Program later this term, please return the permission slip and payment as soon as possible so arrangements can be finalised.

## Whooping Cough

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website

## Awards

### Congratulations ... Achievement Awards

K/1H	Scout and Lachlan
1/2W	Xander, Elliott, Claire and Abbey
3B	Keely and Jasper
4/5C	Annalise and Ava

## Sports Reports Rd 4

Today was a tough day for Woronora River. In the extreme heat we lost to Sutherland North. The score in the Boys was 19-14 and the Girls match was 40-35. Both teams played really well, especially considering we were down players. Our skills in throwing, catching and fielding are improving and we are talking well on and off the field. Thank you to our parents who came to cheer us on today. Players of the Game were Madi for great batting and Will for a great catch. Great effort everyone!

Miss Coggan

## Canteen news

### Volunteers this fortnight

	Monday	Friday
30 <sup>th</sup> October		Paulette Williams Jan Riccobono
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Brooke Hodge	Sarah Ballentine Kristianne Wennberg
9 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Kristianne Wennberg	Paulette Williams Kylie Clark

Many thanks to those parents who have filled some of the vacant spots on our roster this term, your help is much appreciated.



New in the canteen this month: Banana pops.... These are frozen banana dipped in yogurt and coated in coconut on a stick. These are 50c each and qualify for one sticker

in our fresh fruit and veg initiative.

Last newsletter saw a new price list come home. Please refer to the new price list when writing out your child's lunch order to ensure you have the up-to-date price information. If you did not receive a copy of the new price list, it is available from the office or the school web site.

## B and A News

### Program and Activities

We have had a busy few weeks at B&A getting into the Halloween spirit and preparing for the Halloween Disco. We have also done a variety of crafts and cooking on the Halloween theme including Wool Monsters, Creepy Cupcakes and Chocolate Truffle Spiders



### Menu and Activities

#### Week 5 (commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Veggie Sticks with Crackers and Dip	Sandwiches	Pasta Napolitana	Tacos	Fruit with Custard and Yoghurt
<b>Planned Activity</b>	<b>Monday Funday:</b> Game Day	<b>Crafty Kids:</b> Chalk Prints	<b>Crafty Kids:</b> Chalk Prints	<b>Kids in the Kitchen:</b> Hedgehog Slice	<b>Free Play Friday</b>

#### Week 6 (commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November)

<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Bread Cups	Sausages	Sandwiches	Pasta Bake	Veggie Sticks with Crackers and Dip
<b>Planned Activity</b>	<b>Monday Funday:</b> Craft and Create	<b>Kids in the Kitchen:</b> Honey Joys	<b>Crafty Kids:</b> Voodoo Dolls	<b>Crafty Kids:</b> Voodoo Dolls	<b>Free Play Friday</b>

### Policies and Procedures

As previously advised, we have recently reviewed and updated a number of policies. A hard copy of all policies is available to view at B&A. Alternatively, the documents can be viewed online in Google drive by accessing the following links:

#### **Policy Review Schedule and Schedule of Amendments**

[https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B\\_NSx44yYcgxcW04YXBGSE01WVvk&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_NSx44yYcgxcW04YXBGSE01WVvk&usp=sharing)

#### **Current Policies**

[https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B\\_NSx44yYcgxcWhzMEowSEphRGM&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_NSx44yYcgxcWhzMEowSEphRGM&usp=sharing)

Please provide any feedback to me by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. All amendments to policies and new policies will be effective from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

# eSmart<sup>TM</sup>

## Digital Licence

The Alannah  
and Madeline  
Foundation



Keeping children safe from violence

### About eSmart

eSmart, an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, uses a cultural change approach to improve cybersafety and reduce cyberbullying.

eSmart is based on the premise that real behavioural and cultural change requires systemic, long-term, multifaceted interventions, aimed at creating positive, respectful and inclusive cultures which reduce bullying and cyberbullying and increase online safety.

There are two components to eSmart - the first, provides a prevention and risk management framework to Australian schools and libraries to help them better integrate cybersafety practices and promote the safe use of online technology. The second, the eSmart Digital Licence, is a practical tool to help schools, libraries and the whole community educate Australian children about being safe online.

Our goal is to create an eSmart Australia.

### The Alannah and Madeline Foundation

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is a national charity protecting children from violence and creating behavioural change in the community to reduce bullying and cyberbullying.

The Foundation was set up in memory of Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged six and three, who were tragically killed with their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur, Tasmania on 28 April 1996.

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[www.twitter.com/eSmart\\_AMF](http://www.twitter.com/eSmart_AMF)

### What is the eSmart Digital Licence?

The eSmart Digital Licence is an online challenge which uses quizzes, videos and games to prepare Australian children (aged ten and over) to be smart, safe and responsible digital citizens.

The Digital Licence consists of eight learning modules which evaluate comprehension of key technology and cybersafety topics and equip children with the knowledge and skills they require to learn, play and socialise online. Each module takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

In addition to teaching core digital skills, the Digital Licence will promote conversations about online safety between young people and their parents, carers and teachers.

### Why was it created?

Over the past two decades, our lives have been transformed by a digital revolution. Children are the greatest beneficiaries of this digital era. The age at which they first engage with technology is dropping steadily and the time and range of activities they conduct online is increasing with the proliferation of smart phones.

While there are many benefits to engaging online, children are also vulnerable to risks such as cyberbullying, sexting, privacy breaches, identity theft and exposure to inappropriate content.

In order to keep young people safe online, it is important to equip them with the skills to identify and manage online risks. Parents also play a very important role – almost nine in ten 10-11 year olds say parents are their first port of call when they have an online safety issue. However, many parents feel ill-equipped to fulfil this role and most parents report needing support to help them advise their children on online safety.

The most effective way to upskill parents is experiential learning and intergenerational conversations. It is therefore important that parents have conversations with their children about what's going on in their online world. The Digital Licence will help parents to start these conversations with their children.

We recommend that every parent encourages their child to complete the Digital Licence before purchasing a smartphone, tablet, or other digital device for their child.

### How do I get an eSmart Digital Licence?

The Digital Licence will be made available to every grade 6 student in Australia in 2015 – almost 300,000 children – thanks to a grant of over \$1.2 million from Google. The free licences will be accessed by grade 6 teachers from the Digital Licence website: [www.digitalllicence.com.au](http://www.digitalllicence.com.au)

Parents and teachers of students from other year levels can also purchase a Digital Licence at [www.digitalllicence.com.au](http://www.digitalllicence.com.au)

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation aims to provide scholarships to as many disadvantaged and vulnerable children as possible.



Fact sheet



# FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

# HALLOWEEN DISCO

*Please note that this is a B&A run disco and is not a Department of Education activity and the Department is not providing staff/teachers to supervise children. Children are to be at all times under the supervision of an adult. Any staff/teachers who attend do so as invited and honoured guests.*

## **Time**

**6:30pm to 8pm in the school hall**

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## **Wear**

**your favourite Halloween Costume**

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**Prizes for Cutest costume (K-2) and Scariest costume**

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**\$10 per child (pre-ordered) or \$15 at the door (includes pizza, drink and glow stick)**

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**Halloween Games**

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**Lollies and a variety of glow products available for purchase (\$1 - \$3)**

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## **Conditions of Entry**

- Children are not permitted to leave the hall area unless accompanied by a responsible adult
- This is an alcohol free event