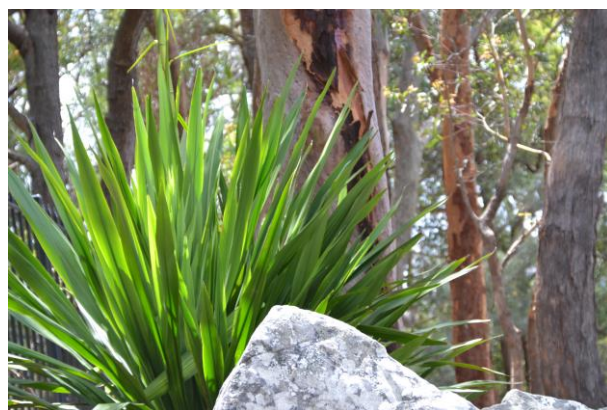




# The River News

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## Important Dates – TERM 4

### Term 4

#### Week 2

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Leadership by the River
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	PSSA Sport

#### Week 3

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Kinder 2018 Transition
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	PSSA Sport B&A Halloween Disco

#### Week 4

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Kinder 2018 Transition
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	The Jannali High School Transition Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Kinder 2018 Transition

Welcome all members of the Woronora River PS community back to our final term of the year. This will be an extremely busy term as we prepare for and celebrate school programs and events. We have lots of things to look forward to such as Black Rock Gallery, Presentation Day, High School Transition Days, School Leader Elections for 2018, Kindergarten Transition Sessions and all the end of year fun activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Simula well in her relieving role at Engadine PS this term. We will miss you and your expertise here at WRPS.

We welcome Mrs Porter to our school. She has taken on the role of Relieving Assistant Principal for this term and will be teaching Year 1. Mrs Porter comes to WRPS with vast experiences and will be an asset to our school community.

I look forward to working with the whole school community as Relieving Principal this term and meeting new families that I haven't had the chance to work with as yet this year.

### Teacher Professional Learning

Last Thursday the teaching staff engaged in digital technology professional learning which was supported by our P&C. We now have the equipment and knowledge to bring quality film making to teaching and learning, including the use of green screen. The teachers are extremely motivated by our learning and have plans to, if they have not already started to use this digital technology with their students. Thank you P&C.



### Kindergarten 2018 Transition

The first of the Kindergarten 2018 transition days commenced this week. The children had lots of fun in the classroom with their buddies and I'm sure they can't wait for their next visit. There are 5 more sessions to come over the next few weeks.

If you are aware of any local families who have not yet enrolled their child for 2018, we would appreciate if you could let them know what we are offering at WRPS.

### Canteen

We are looking for volunteers for over the counter sales for either the 11.30am (30mins) break or 1.30pm (45mins) break on Friday's for Term 4. No lunch order preparation required. Please contact Louise if you are able to assist on 0417 693 502.

### Naplan Online Findings

Findings from the NSW school readiness test have been published on the NAPLAN Online webpage. Some interesting facts that have been highlighted through student survey are:

- 78% of students liked using a computer to complete the online combined literacy and numeracy test
- 75% of students liked using a computer to complete the online writing test

Schools also completed a survey which showed over 85% of schools indicated they are feeling confident with the transition to the online format.

If you would like to read the complete findings, you can do that by clicking the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/school-readiness-test>

Our school was able to conduct the readiness test in the computer lab successfully.

### Selective High Schools – Year 7 in 2019

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2019 opened on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and close on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Information and application forms can be found at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The Selective High School Placement Test is on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. (The Information flyer is included in the newsletter). If you require access to a computer, please see Mrs Courtney.

### Public Speaking Finalists

Late last term, our Public Speaking champions Ethan, Koby and Scout represented Woronora River PS at the Zone Public Speaking competition at Engadine West PS. Congratulations to Ethan and Koby who have progressed through to the Woronora River Network Competition this Thursday at Illawong PS. We wish you both well for the next step of the competition.

### Resource Levy and Outstanding Invoices

Each year government schools receive a global budget for teaching and learning resources. Your financial contributions supplement the global funds and allow the school to enhance the educational programs we can offer our students. We try to keep costs to a minimum whilst providing the best positive educational resources for your child. Each family was invoiced for the resource levy earlier in the year. Please be aware this is a separate payment to the voluntary contribution. Statement of accounts will be sent home in the next week, we would appreciate your assistance in settling all accounts by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### Bushfire Season

Last week I attended the 2017-18 bush fire season education preparation meeting. Last term you received information from the school that outlines we are a school at increased risk if a bushfire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area. Please be assured that our plan has been updated and all staff have been briefed in procedures for evacuation and shelter in place if necessary.

## Wildlife

Late last week a snake was seen in the playground after school hours by the dance company who use the school hall. With temperatures rising currently it is possible we may encounter snakes as the reptiles seek refuge from the heat. Snakes usually prefer to retreat when people are nearby but if they feel threatened, they can become defensive. When left alone snakes can present little or no danger. All students have been informed of the possibility of a snake sighting and measures have been put in place to ensure student, staff and visitor safety.

## Sun Safety & Insects

As the warmer weather is fast approaching students will need to wear a hat during break times. If students do not have a hat they will be required to play in the shade. It is advised that sunscreen is applied before students arrive at school. We have noticed that the mosquitoes have been about, so applying some repellent before the school day is recommended to keep the mosquitoes away.

## P&C Meeting

The next WRPS P & C meeting for 2017 will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in the school library, commencing at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

## Sports Reports

### Junior Boys Tee Ball

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> the junior Woronora boys played Sylvania Heights. We lost 19-16. Jesse did some great batting, Harry did some great catching, Cameron did some great running but the man of the match goes to Jack for trying his best. Great game boys.

### Junior Girls Tee Ball

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> October, the junior girls tee ball played Sylvania. We tied 33-33. Ava W did some good hits, Tanika did some good runs but the girl of the game goes to Amara for trying her best. Good game girls.

### Senior Girls Softball

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October the senior Jannali River softball team played Sylvania Heights. We won 9-2. Cinamon did some great catches, Bridey got somebody out and we won for the first time. We played our best but the girl of the game is all of us for trying our hardest and winning for the first time.

## Senior Boys Cricket

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October the Jannali & WRPS cricket team played Sylvania. We lost 41-30. Lucas did some great hitting, Oscar had some good bowls and Jannali had great bowls and hits. But the man of the match goes to Jasper for his awesome bowling and fielding.

## Senior Girls Basketball

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October the Wonnie girls played each other. The Wonnie Year 6 girls won 20-18. Jessica did some great shooting, Mia was always there to catch the ball and Tahmea did some great passes. Everyone had a great game but the girl of the game goes to Mia. Good game girls.

## Awards

### Congratulations ... Achievement Awards

KWH Jenna  
1C Fraser  
2L Ella, Will  
3/4B Lyra  
5/6W

Suzy Courtney  
**Relieving Principal**

## Community News

The 2nd Annual Woronora Duck Derby will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017. Please join the Woronora River Scouts for a fun family evening with Fashions by the River and an Art Competition.

Duck Sponsorship is available for \$5.00 with a chance to WIN an Apple Mac Book Air.

Sponsorship is available on the following days.

- Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 7.30pm at the Scout Hall in PEP
- Friday Evenings between 7.30 and 9.30pm at the Scout Hall in PEP
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October Prince Edward Park from 2pm.

For more details contact woronoraduckderby@gmail or go to the Facebook page. The event flyer is also included in this newsletter.

Hope to see you there.



## Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in

# 2019

Thinking of applying for a  
**government selective high school** for Year 7 entry in  
**2019?**

You must apply online at  
[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/  
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/  
year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



### Key dates

**Tuesday 10 October 2017**

Application website opens

**Monday 13 November 2017**

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

**Thursday 1 March 2018**

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

**Thursday 15 March 2018**

Selective High School Placement Test

**Friday 6 July 2018**

Placement outcome information is sent

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit<sup>^</sup>.

### Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) Telephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435

Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Selectivehighschoolplacement>

<sup>^</sup> In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



# CANTEEN NEWS



## WELCOME BACK TO T4

The warmer weather is here so we're welcoming back some favorites and saying hello to a few new menu items

Berry Blast Smoothies \$1 – made from milk, Greek yoghurt, and frozen berries.

Messy Monkey's Burger Flavored Whole Grain Bites \$ 1.50

Nacho's – beef mince with Mexican spices, fresh tomato, lettuce and grated cheese, small portion of corn chips and a dollop of sour cream \$4.50

Homemade frozen juice ice blocks \$1 – (ABC) Apple & Black Current with berries and (PPAP) Pen Pineapple Apple Pen Juice with pineapple pieces



## 2018 COMMITTEE NEEDED

The P&C are looking for people who would like to help in the management of Canteen. Committee member roles include ordering, rostering, coordination and financial management.

MONDAY	FRIDAY
09/10/2017 – Louise Walker	13/10/2017 – CLOSED
16/10/2017 – Alison Rowe & Nicole Crocker	20/10/2017 – CLOSED
23/10/2017 – Elethea Young & Sarah Burn	27/10/2017 – CLOSED
30/10/2017 – Danielle Eizenberg & Kristi Wennberg	03/11/2017 – Sam Epton & Isabel Bayot
06/11/2017 Donna Slater & ?	10/11/2017 ?
13/11/2017 Alison Rowe & Nicole Crocker	17/11/2017 ?
20/11/2017 Sarah Heffernan & Donna Slater	24/11/2017 Ellie Noakes & ?
27/11/2017 Wendy Peat & Danielle Eizenberg	01/12/2017 ?
04/12/2017 – Rebecca Howland & Karen Gock	08/12/2017 ?



## HEALTHY KIDS ASSOCIATION

Our School is a member of the Healthy Kids Association, and many of our recipes and ideas come from the group. Parents can also access information on recipes and nutrition from their website



*Unfortunately, the canteen will be closed on FRIDAY's for OCTOBER and possibly until the end of term. If you can help, let the office know.*



## **B and A News Term 4 Week 2**

### **Halloween Disco**

Put on your cutest or scariest costume and join us for the annual Halloween Disco on:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**6:30-8:00pm**

Prepay entry only \$10 includes glow stick, pizza, drink and ice block (or \$15 at the door).

*Please note that children must be supervised by parents if outside the school hall.*

*This is an alcohol free event.*

### **Activities**

The children have been enjoying a lot of ball games and free play outside. Inside there has been a variety of play with our expanded army set, train and road sets, mobilo, klikko, magnets, and imaginative play with shops, dolls and dress ups. Uno, hangman and board games are also popular.

### **Week 2 (commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October)**

#### **Planned Activities for this week**

Halloween Crafts

#### **Afternoon Tea**

Monday Pasta Napolitana

Tuesday Fruit with Custard and Yoghurt

Wednesday Sandwiches

Thursday Wraps

Friday Bread Cups

### **2018 Enrolments**

Enrolment forms for 2018 will be distributed to current B&A families shortly. To ensure that you retain your current booking (if required), please complete and return the form by the due date.

### **New Child Care Package**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018, the existing Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) will be replaced by a new Child Care Subsidy which will be paid directly to services. Three things will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy:

1. Combined family income
2. Activity level of parents
3. Type of child care service

To find out more, and to estimate what your subsidy might be, visit:

**[education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare)**

### **Week 3 (commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October)**

#### **Planned Activities for this week**

Sharpie Tie Dye

#### **Afternoon Tea**

Monday Sandwiches

Tuesday Sausages

Wednesday Veggie Sticks with Crackers and Dip

Thursday Bread Cups

Friday Fruit with Custard and Yoghurt







COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF OUR ANNUAL

# HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

6:30- 8:00pm

## \$10 per child (pre ordered)

(includes glow stick, pizza, drink and ice block)

To pre order please fill out the order form below and return it to the office with cash payment, in a sealed envelope by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October or

\$15 at the door

☺

Younger siblings are welcome

☺

Dancing and Halloween Games

☺

Wear your favourite Halloween Costume

Prizes including  
Cutest costume and  
Scariest costume

☺

Lollies and a variety of glow products available for purchase

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. All proceeds from the night go to providing resources for B&A.

## Conditions of Entry

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



## Halloween Disco Friday 27th October 2017

### Pizza and Drink Pre-order Form

Pre-order before the event and save! Pre-ordered entry, pizza, drink and ice block is \$10 per child.

Payment at the door will be \$15.00 per child (Entry also includes a glow stick.)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ encl.

Child 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza (2 slices) – tick one:

- ☐ Simply Cheese
- ☐ Hawaiian
- ☐ Pepperoni
- ☐ Supreme
- ☐ Gluten Free Margherita

Juice box– tick one:

- ☐ Apple
- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Apple Blackcurrant

Child 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza (2 slices) – tick one:

- ☐ Simply Cheese
- ☐ Hawaiian
- ☐ Pepperoni
- ☐ Supreme
- ☐ Gluten Free Margherita

Juice box– tick one:

- ☐ Apple
- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Apple Blackcurrant

Child 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza (2 slices) – tick one:

- ☐ Simply Cheese
- ☐ Hawaiian
- ☐ Pepperoni
- ☐ Supreme
- ☐ Gluten Free Margherita

Juice box– tick one:

- ☐ Apple
- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Apple Blackcurrant

A variety of glow products and lollies will be available for purchase on the night.



1st Woronora Cub Scouts  
*presents*

# WORONORA "DUCK DERBY"

FRIDAY 3rd NOV  
from 5pm

Come join in all  
the fun!



Bring all the Family  
for our Sausage Sizzle  
with drinks for sale!  
or bring a family picnic

Duck Sponsorship available NOW  
or buy tickets at the event.

email for all information:

woronoraduckderby@gmail.com

"Join us"



woronora duck derby



1st Prize is an Mac Book Air  
valued at \$1499  
plus other great prizes



# Alfords Point Public School

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 4pm



BBQ, Devonshire tea, nuggets, ice-cream, snow cones, fairy floss

**Come along and join in the fun!**

**MULTIGLAZE**  
Boyd Parsons  
Plumbing

**PURNELL**  
IT JUST GETS BETTER

**SHOW TILE**  
.COM.AU





**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10am to 4pm**

**Alfords Point Public School**  
Brushwood Drive, Alfords Point





# SHARE YOUR WORLD!

WITH AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT!



## CONTACT WEP

1300 884 733

INFO@WEP.ORG.AU

WEP.ORG.AU

## TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH

Have you ever considered inviting an exchange student into your home? WEP is looking for Australian families to join their community of volunteer host families!

Treat your family to an intercultural experience like no other by hosting an exchange student from overseas. Share a piece of your heart and your backyard and support a young person make his/her dream of living and studying in Australia come true.

If you have a room to spare and an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from taking a leap of faith or doing the things you never thought you would.

## MEET DAVIDE!

"I have a passion for the arts. I dedicate a lot of my time to photography, drawing, music and writing. I am also addicted to reading and I'm a great cook. I have an active nature and I enjoy outdoor sports such as volleyball, biking and running. I'm from a talkative family and I love to tell them all about my day. I hope my host family enjoy the experience as much as I will!"

### STEP 1 - REQUEST PROGRAM INFO

- Email or call Sylvia at WEP: [sylviakelly@wep.org.au](mailto:sylviakelly@wep.org.au) / 03 9598 4733



### STEP 2 - CHOOSE YOUR STUDENT

- WEP will send you comprehensive program and student information, so you can choose the student best suited to your family.

### STEP 3 - PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

- WEP will assess your application, prepare you for your student's arrival and take care of everything, including school enrolment, assistance with your application for relevant working with children checks, flights, insurance and more!

