



The River News

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Important Dates – TERM 4

Week 4

Thursday 2 nd November	The Jannali High School Transition Day
Friday 3 rd November	Leader Elections – Nomination Day Kinder 2018 Transition

Week 5

Tuesday 7 th November	Kinder 2018 Transition
Wednesday 8 th November	HOTCOS Science
Thursday 9 th November	Kinder 2018 Transition Black Rock Gallery
Friday 10 th November	HOTCOS Science

Week 6

Monday 13 th November	Sydney Water Polo Gala Day – Sutherland
Tuesday 14 th November	Leader Elections – Girls Speeches Sutherland Shire Children's Choir
Wednesday 15 th November	Leader Elections – Boys Speeches Scripture Christmas Assembly
Thursday 16 th November	Fun Day
Friday 17 th November	Leader Elections – Voting Day

School Planning

As the year is coming to an end so is the cycle of our 3 year school plan. The school team is currently evaluating the projects that have been conducted and are pleased with the progress made. To ensure the 2018 – 2020 School Plan meets the needs and desires of our school community we will be asking your assistance through consultation. This will be done in a number of ways, the first being a note sent home this week. We would greatly appreciate your thoughts and feedback to ensure a collaboratively direction over the next three years.

Outstanding Fees

Statements of accounts have been sent home this week. We would appreciate your assistance in settling all accounts by 15/11/17.

A reminder that PSSA fees are paid to the teacher each week. For those who have paid in advance your payments will carry forward to the next game. If you have not made a weekly payment, you can arrange a payment plan with the office.

School Sores

We have had a confirmed case of Impetigo (school sores) at the school. Impetigo is a highly contagious type of skin infection. The infection is characterised by inflamed blisters that pop, weep and form crusts. A child with impetigo should be kept home from school until appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with an appropriate dressing.

Attendance

If your child is away from school, please let the school know of the absence by providing a note,

email or verbal explanation. The policy requirement is as follows:

4.1.2

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

A recent audit highlighted the issues around updating rolls. Rolls can only be updated until 7 days after the absence. If an explanation arrives at school after 7 days it will be noted, however an audit requirement is that the absence reason does not change from unexplained. The school endeavours to remind families through letters and teacher contact.

Wildlife Update

Late last week a snake was seen in the playground during school hours. Please be assured that we have procedures in place to ensure the safety of our school community. We are all very lucky to work, live and be educated in such a beautiful environment. A natural part of living so close to the bush is the Australian wildlife. If you have any questions about this please contact Mrs Courtney via the school office.

Carols Evening

Our annual carols evening will be held on Friday 8th December in the school grounds. The event will commence at 5.30pm and conclude at 7pm. Bring a picnic rug and dinner to share with the family, whilst you sit back and enjoy Christmas Carols and dancing with the students of WRPS.

Water Polo

Congratulations to Ethan who has made the Sydney South Water Polo Team. We wish you the very best for the upcoming competition.

Sports Reports

No Sport Reports this fortnight due to the games being cancelled due to wet weather

AFL Clinic

Yesterday our school participated in AusKick AFL Clinic which was run by AFL NSW/ACT. It was wonderful to see the students participating in for most something new, being active and learning new skills. Lots of fun was had by all.



3/4B Creative Writing

In 3/4B, we have been exploring creative writing using digital texts as inspiration. Last week, we used an image of a mammoth frozen in ice to inspire us to write a narrative/play. The students worked collaboratively to plan, write and perform their story.

At the Royal Museum, the cleaner was cleaning the display with a brand called spice.

Slowly a foot moved through the ice.

Finally the mammoth had awoken from the sound of cracking ice.

The town had never hoped this day would come.

Surely this will not be fun.

The town screamed like they had never screamed before.

Suddenly the mammoth came through the ice door.

The town didn't know what to do.

But one of the towns folk knew.

That person was a girl

And her name was Pearl.

She was a caring and active 10 year old

With hair as blonde as gold.

Her mum had taught her all the spells

that would ring the goddess bells.

The goddess finally found the town

And shot the mammoth down.

The town screamed and cheered for the girl named Pearl

The town wrote a song called our beloved girl

Pearl loved the glory

And that is the end of our beloved story.

Written collaboratively by Lyra, Ciara, Tahnee and Mya.

World Teachers' Day

Australia celebrates World Teachers' Day on the last Friday during October. I would like to thank the teachers of WRPS for their professionalism, hard work and dedication to the students and community. The impact a teacher has on a child's education and development is great. I see the WRPS teachers' everyday inspire, encourage and mentor our students. Thank you for everything, you truly are amazing!



Selective High Schools – Year 7 in 2019

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2019 opened on 10th October 2017 and close on 13th 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 15th March 2018. (The Information flyer is included in the newsletter). If you require access to a computer, please see Mrs Courtney.

Awards

Congratulations ... Achievement Awards

KWH Oliver
1C Isabella, Charlie, Zack
2L Lachlan
3/4B Harrison, Anna
5/6W Emma

Suzy Courtney
Relieving Principal

B and A News

Halloween Disco

Last Friday evening a parade of more than 100 witches, mummies, pumpkins, vampires and assorted monsters attended the Halloween disco. Happily the rain stayed away and a fun time was had.

All funds raised go to purchase resources for B&A and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support of this event.

2018 Enrolments

Enrolments forms for 2018 will be distributed to current B&A families shortly. To ensure that your child retains their current spot, please complete and return the form by the due date.

New Child Care Package

From 2nd 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:

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

Pencils Community

If, like me, you end up with a lot of half used stationery and craft items around the house, we have found a worthwhile cause named Pencils Community that we can pass these items on to. Pencils Community is a social enterprise that takes your new, used and discarded pencils, pens, crayons and other stationery items, re-bundles them and gives them to children in need in Australia and around the globe. Every year, thousands of pencils and stationery items are thrown in the bin – they aim to recycle these items before they become landfill and help get these second-hand educational items to disadvantaged children around the world. **We are starting a collection box for Pencils Community – this will be located by the sign in desk**

Pencils Community will accept used, new & discarded... Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Textas, Rulers, Erasers, Sharpeners, Glue sticks, Scissors, Pencil Cases, Paper / Note books, Paint /Paint brushes, Art &

Craft supplies (and pretty much anything else you can think of that a child might want for school).

For more information visit www.pencilscommunity.com

Activities

Last week the children had fun creating tie dye t-shirts using sharpies and rubbing alcohol.

This week we are offering felt crafts, and the following week making air dry clay models.

As usual the children have a choice of participating in indoor and outdoor activities.

Week 4 (Commencing Monday 30th October) **Planned Activities for the week**

Felt Craft

Afternoon Tea

Monday **Pasta Napolitana**

Tuesday **Fruit with custard and yoghurt**

Wednesday **Sandwiches**

Thursday **Veggie sticks with crackers and dip**

Friday **bread cups**

Week 5 (Commencing Monday 6th November) **Planned Activities for the week**

Clay Modelling

Afternoon Tea

Monday **Sandwiches**

Tuesday **Tacos**

Wednesday **Bread cups**

Thursday **Fried Rice**

Friday **Fruit with Custard and Yoghurt**



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



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[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: 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>

[^] 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'.