



# The River News

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Issue 1 - Term 1 – Week 2

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## Important Dates – TERM 1

### Week 2

Thursday 7 February	LJ Harper Textbook Sale
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### Week 3

Monday 11 February	JNR Dance Starts Assembly 2.30pm Parent Teacher Interviews Start Welcome to School Nibbles P&C Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 13 February	Sports in Schools
Friday 15 February	PSSA Commences

### Week 4

Tuesday 19 February	B&M Meeting – AGM 6pm
Wednesday 20 February	Sports in Schools

A warm welcome to all our students and families to the 2019 school year. It has been lovely to catch up with all our returning families and to introduce our new Kindergarten Students and parents to the Woronora River Public School community.

It has been a smooth start to the year. Our usual school routines, class programs and extra-curricular activities will commence over the next few weeks.

We have welcomed two new staff to the school Mrs Rebecca King (KL – Assistant Principal) and Miss Kirsty Zarb (5/6N). Mrs Christie Considine has returned to the school after leave and will teach RFF across all classes on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Parent teacher interviews will be held during Week 3 and is a good opportunity for you to meet the teacher, receive information about the class routine and share information about your child. From 5pm on Monday evening, we will supply light food and refreshments outside the library/canteen area. We invite families to join us in welcoming new members of our school community and the 2019 school year.

We have some new and exciting programs starting in 2019. Early bird reading commences next Monday, it will be a lovely way to start the week for those students involved. Whole school mindfulness will also commence during Week 3. Students will spend 15 minutes on a Wednesday morning in vertical classes (similar to peer support) with a teacher working on mindfulness techniques, activities and topics.

I am looking forward to working with the whole school community during 2019.

### Skool Bag

Please update your subscription groups to ensure you are getting the correct school messages. Groups from 2018 have been archived. To ensure you receive accurate communications from the school, you will need to sign up to all relevant groups.

### Assembly

Our first school assembly for 2019 will commence at 2.30pm next Monday 11 February. All elected members of the SRC and Houses will receive their badge.

Please keep an eye on the event calendars on Skoolbag and the school website for starting times of assembly each week.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 3. Bookings can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Please enter the Event Code: **ckjbv**

Bookings will open 9.30am Thursday 7 February.

### Naplan 2019

Our school is transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019. Students in Yr5 and Yr3 will participate in a practice test between 25 March and 5 April.

### Playgroup

We would like to start a Playgroup for toddlers and Preschoolers at Woronora River PS. Please keep your eye out for a survey over the coming weeks or feel free to contact Mrs Courtney if you are keen to be involved.

### P&C Meeting

Next Monday 11 February will be the first P&C meeting for the year. Come along to hear what is happening at your school. Meeting will commence at 7pm in the school library. All welcome. The AGM will be held at the Week 8 meeting.

### Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 26 February will be our school swimming carnival for students Y2 – Y6. A permission note with more information will be sent home this week.

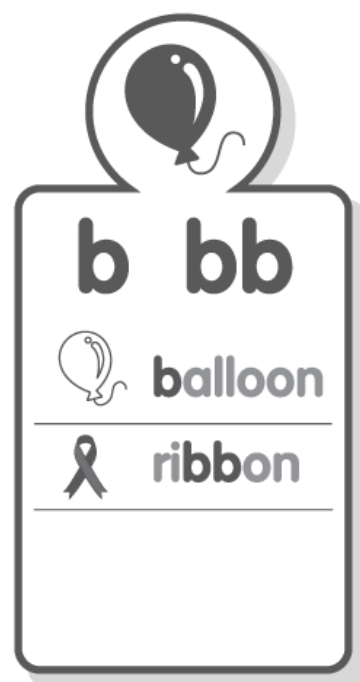
### Nut Aware

Woronora River is a *Nut Aware* school. We ask that families do not send food containing nuts (peanuts and tree nuts) to school.



### Sound Waves

This year we will be using the Sound Waves program to support our teaching of spelling and reading. Sound Waves covers the Australian Curriculum and aligns with current scientific evidence about how children best learn to spell and read. In week 4 we will be commencing the b, bb Sound





# Learning at Woronora





## B and A News Term 1 Week 2

### WRPS BASC Management Committee AGM

We wish to advise that the Woronora River PS Before and After School Care Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th February at 6pm** in the B&A Centre. All parents (and children) are welcome to attend.

The Management Committee is the Approved Provider of our Before and After School Care service. With several of our parents leaving the committee as their children have now left the school, we require new parents to join our committee to ensure that we are able to continue to provide this valuable service to the school community. The committee meets approximately twice per term.

### Staff

Angela is working Before and After School Care from Monday to Thursday. Matt will be working Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and Friday mornings and afternoons. Faye (Mrs K) will be working Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and on a casual basis as required

### Week 2 (commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February)

#### Planned Activities for this week

Painting

### Afternoon Tea

Monday Veggie Sticks with Crackers and Dip  
Tuesday Bread Cups  
Wednesday Pasta Napolitana  
Thursday Fruit with Custard and Yoghurt  
Friday Sandwiches

### Casual Bookings

We try to accommodate casual bookings whenever possible, however places on limited Wednesday morning sessions and Monday and Tuesday afternoon sessions. There are currently no casual spots on Wednesday afternoon sessions.

If you require a casual booking, please let me know as soon as possible to secure your booking.

If you have a booking (permanent or casual), and your child will not be attending, please let me know as soon as possible.

### Resources

Over the holidays we have rearranged the centre to provide the children with more room to play and provide better access to the resources that are used most often. The children are enjoying exploring the new space.

If you have a particular activity that you would like us to explore, please feel free to add it to the suggestion box or "comment tree".

### Week 3 (commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February)

#### Planned Activities for this week

Clay Models

### Afternoon Tea

Monday Bread Cups  
Tuesday Sandwiches  
Wednesday Wraps  
Thursday Pasta Napolitana  
Friday Fried Rice



# FACT SHEET

# SAFE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all schools again this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

## DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians: your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable.

Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the carpark or when crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Take the time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.

## HAVE A PLAN

Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where will you be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in

traffic, even if you are stopped; they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.

Plan to arrive AFTER the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

## NO PARKING ZONES

A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area: you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations. If you arrive before the school bell and block the pickup areas, you risk a fine.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

See the Roads and Maritime Authority website at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.

## SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND SCHOOL



### NO PARKING

What does it mean?

You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

### Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.



### NO STOPPING SIGNS & CONTINUOUS YELLOW EDGE LINES

What do they mean?

You CANNOT stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON.

Why are they there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



### BUS ZONE

What does it mean?

You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.

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## Come play Netball with Jannali Netball Club in 2019



Everyone welcome from 5 years to Seniors

Use your Active Kids Rebate

Registration opens 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

For more information visit our

Website: [www.jannalinetball.com.au](http://www.jannalinetball.com.au)

or follow us on Facebook



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## Relating as Stepfamilies

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:

- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

**Tuesdays, 6:30pm – 9:30pm**

**19 March | 26 March | 2 April**

**Cost: \$75 per couple**

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd South, Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

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