



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

**Friday**  
**28th September 2018**  
Last day of Term 3

**Monday**  
**15th October 2018**  
Students Return for Term 4  
(There is NO staff development day)

**Friday**  
**19th October 2018**  
Colour Explosion Fun Run

**Monday**  
**22nd October 2018**  
P&C Meeting 9.30am

**Wednesday**  
**24th October 2018**  
Whole School Assembly  
2.15pm in the hall  
Change of day due to gymnastics

**Friday**  
**26th October 2018**  
Day for Daniel  
Gold coin donation to the Morcombe Foundation

**Wednesday**  
**7th November 2018**  
Whole School Assembly  
2.15pm in the hall  
Change of day due to gymnastics

**Thursday**  
**29th November 2018**  
Digital Media Festival  
Callaghan JESMOND

## Principals Message -

What a fortnight we've had at Plattsburg - a performance, a League Tag victory, Chess visits and a PSSA final! After a term spent writing scripts, learning and polishing song and dance, costuming and organising props, Plattsburg students presented a fun-filled night. Thanks must go to Miss Rebecca for her co-ordination of the production, staff for their input into the items, our dedicated P&C for their support and sausage-turning skills, our parents and carers for their support of this event, but most of all to our students performers for the show they performed. I hope you enjoyed watching the performances as much as our Plattsburg superstars enjoyed performing for you - there were a lot of smiles in that finale.

Term 4 is off to a flying start as soon as we return. There is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of the term, with students returning on Monday 15th October. We have our Colour Run and Evacuation Walk in Week 1, as well as our Interrelate sessions for parents and students of Yr 3-6 students on the evening of Thursday 18th. If you wish to attend these sessions and have not yet registered it is not too late. The sessions come highly recommended from a number of other schools.

As we head into the holidays, we wish all our families a happy and safe break.

**SCHOOL Holidays**  
1st October - 12th October  
Students Return Monday 15th October  
Be Safe Online  
**STRANGER DANGER**  
Plattsy Kids Stay Safe  
Visit [www.safety4kids.com.au](http://www.safety4kids.com.au) for more safety tips

## League Tag



On Tuesday 25th September, Mr Hopson, Miss Casey, Miss Tian and Mr D. took 5 Plattsburg league tag teams to Callaghan College Wallsend Campus for a carnival.

League Tag is a non-tackling game based on Rugby League. Normal dimensions of the field are 70 metres x 50 metres. Eight players in each team are on the field at any one time. Players wear shorts with a Velcro patch on each side. A strip of cloth is attached to the Velcro, known as a tag. The object of the game is to score tries. Defenders prevent this by tagging the ball carrier, removing the tag from the shorts.

Year 9 elective Rugby League students from Callaghan College Wallsend ran a League Tag transition day with four local primary schools. The students from Stage 3 played a number of games with Plattsburg being the winners of the competition.

The team, captained by Ben Saxby were awarded Steedman Rugby league balls with Callyn Eden winning the “best player” trophy.

The students were provided a free sausage sizzle also cooked by the year 9 students. Thank you to Mr Johnson, Head Teacher of PDHPE for organising such an enjoyable day. The day was excellent and all our students represented the school with great sportsmanship.

A video of the team being awarded their footballs can be seen on our Facebook page.



**PSSA Sport** - Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Netball teams for a great PSSA season. Our senior team made it to the finals at the Nancy Dwyer Courts, Cardiff on Friday 21st September. The girls played exceptionally well, never giving up. They played two great games against challenging teams and unfortunately were not able to defend their title while umpiring. Well done to the Junior and Senior Soccer although neither team made the finals, the students had an enjoyable season and showed sportsmanship in defeat.



## Thank you and Congratulations Chloe Dudgeon



Our PSSA netball teams have been lucky enough to be umpired by former student, Chloe Dudgeon. Chloe has donated her skill and time every Friday afternoon for the 10 week PSSA season. Chloe was recently awarded her C grade Umpiring badge by Netball Australia which is an amazing accomplishment at the young age of 13. Candidates for the 'C' badge need to display a grasp of game management skills, umpiring techniques and practical application of the rules to penalise obvious infringements. Chloe completed a junior umpires course which went over four weekends last year plus umpired every week with coaching to gain experience. Candidates also complete an online foundation umpire course and exam. This year Chloe underwent umpire coaching before being assessed for her badge which was awarded on her first attempt. Congratulations Chloe!



JOIN US FOR  
Plattsburg Public School's  
**COLOUR**  
**EXPLOSION**  
**FUN RUN**

Help us  
raise funds  
for our  
new playground

FREE sunglasses  
Free sweatband  
FREE wristband  
Incentive Prizes

**ENTRY**  
**\$5**

**OCT**  
**19TH**

ENTRY FEE \$5 EACH  
PARENTS AND FRIENDS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE  
GAIN SPONSORS AND RECEIVE INCENTIVE PRIZES

JOIN US FOR  
Plattsburg Public School's  
**COLOUR  
EXPLOSION  
FUN RUN**

**Friday 19th October**

**\$5 Entry Fee**

**All students, family & friends welcome**

**1pm  
BBQ Lunch**

**2:15pm  
Fun Run starts**

**Each participant receives sunglasses, sweatband  
and wristband**

**Gain sponsorship to receive incentive prizes**

**All money raised will go towards the new  
playground**

**Plattsburg PS  
Uniform  
Shop**

**CLEARANCE  
SALE**

**Limited stock  
and sizes**

Girls Tunics  
\$20  
 Micro Mesh Tri-Stripe Polo  
\$10  
 Micro Mesh Shorts Contrast Panel  
\$10  
 Mesh Shorts  
\$5

**Opening Times**  
**Monday, Thursday and Friday**  
**2:30pm to 3pm**

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## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

## FUNDRAISING GOAL

# \$20 000



\$20 000

\$15 000

\$10 000

\$5 000

Total Raised

**\$7078**

Our Aim



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Plattsburg P&C



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## Meeting Notice

### P&C Meeting

### Monday 22nd October 2018

### 9.30am in the library

### All Welcome.

Breakfast Club Roster				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15/10/18 HELP Kristie O'Brien	16/10/18 Kylee Burnett Michele Ryan	17/10/18 Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	18/10/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	19/10/18 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
22/10/18 HELP Kristie O'Brien	23/10/18 Anna Brinkley (Bread Collector) Kylee Burnett Michele Ryan	24/10/18 Kylie Evans (Bread Cutter) Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	25/10/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	26/10/18 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
29/10/18 HELP Kristie O'Brien	30/10/18 Kylee Burnett Michele Ryan	31/10/18 Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	1/11/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	2/11/18 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
5/11/18 HELP Kristie O'Brien	6/11/18 Alison Smith (Bread Collector) Kylee Burnett Michele Ryan	7/11/18 Kylie Evans (Bread Cutter) Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	8/11/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	9/11/18 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig

Canteen Roster
<b>Monday</b> Sandra Moriarty Odette Radburn
<b>Tuesday</b> Kylie Evans Alison & Chris Smith
<b>Wednesday</b> Bernadette Jopp Kylie Evans
<b>Thursday</b> Sandra Moriarty
<b>Friday</b> Sandra Moriarty Amanda Wasowski Order online at <a href="http://www.quickcliq.com.au">www.quickcliq.com.au</a>

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# Family MOVIE NIGHT

Plattsy's P&C held their first ever Family Movie Night a few weeks back and it was a great night. The night was a great success with every movie goer receiving a Cadbury goodie bag which they managed to fill further with prizes from the fun games that were set up before the movie. Following the fun and prizes, everyone moved into the cinema for the screening of the heartwarming movie Christopher Robin. The P&C would like to thank everyone who joined us at the movies and for all the great feedback we received after the event. The P&C were able to add a tidy \$600 to the Playground Fundraiser due to this event.

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## LOOSE CHANGE FUNDRAISER



The last week of term 3 we wrapped up the Loose Change Challenge which was a fundraiser organised by the hardworking P&C. Each class were encouraged to put any of their loose change in their classes money jar to raise money for the new playground equipment. The class who raised the most over the course of the term were rewarded with a party bag and a sno cone from the canteen on the last day of term.

Congratulations Plattsburg, we raised \$300.95 in the challenge with the Mr Hopson and Mr Fishburn's 2/3FH taking home the honours with a massive \$86.55 raised. Thank you to every student who took part in this fundraiser.

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### Mobile Phone Recycling

Our Eco Warrior, Charlotte, spoke at assembly about saving the Chimpanzees in Africa. In Africa, where the chimpanzees live, they mine a mineral called COLTAN which is used to make mobile phones. Charlotte needs your help! If we can recycle our old mobile phones they can re-use them by breaking them down and using the mineral Coltan again in the manufacturing of new phones. That way they won't have to mine for more and destroy where the chimpanzees live. When you recycle your old mobile phones Mobile Muster donates money on our behalf and this money goes towards the conservation programs in Africa. Please check around your home for any old mobiles you might have and drop them into the box located in the foyer until the end of the year.

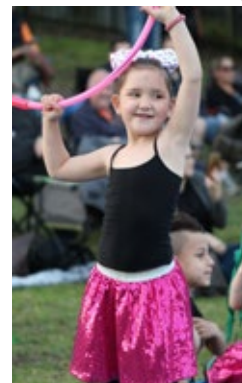
### Chess Coaching Clinic

On Wednesday 26th September the Plattsburg Chess Team attended a chess coaching clinic at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. The afternoon went really well as the high school team taught our Chess Team, strategy, game management and various moves in the game of chess. I would like to thank all of our students for the school chess team who attended the afternoon coaching clinic as it was a pleasure to take them up to the high school. Thank you to Mr Noud from the High School for making the coaching clinic possible. I would also like to thank Miss Dyson for driving the team to and from the Chess Clinic in the wet weather. Mr Hopson.



# THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

This was “The Greatest Showman” with a difference! Dance, drama and music combined to create a spectacular evening of entertainment for our audience in The Gully. The whole school performed that had crowds on their feet. It was a massive effort by all of our teachers and students. A big thank you to Lucas Walters for providing the school with microphones and lighting. The staff and the school greatly appreciated his contribution to the show. Thank you to the Marching Koalas, we are so lucky to have your talented musicians at our show. All photos taken can be viewed on our website



## New Bus Timetable Commencing 30th September 2018.

Public routes will have timetable changes.



Edgeworth School Advice – Plattsburg PS

### MORNING

Shift	Route	Time	Directions
222	6200	8:00	<b>Wallsend to Plattsburgh Public School:</b> Via Newcastle, R> Douglas, Tillie, L> Sandgate, L> Longworth, L> Newcastle, R> Douglas, R> Corindi, R> Alexander, L> Moresby, L> Kenneth, L> Magin, R> Taylor, L> Seladon, R> Cressington, R> Elmore, Metcalfe, R> Cowper, L> Nelson, R> Boscawen to School
228	6250	8:30	<b>Wallsend to Plattsburgh Public School:</b> via Victory, R> Birchgrove, R> Douglas, L> Corindi, R> Alexander, L> Moresby, L> Kenneth, L> Magin, R> Taylor, R> Seladon, L> Murnin, R> Cressington, L> Elmore, R> Cambronne, L> Dangerfield, via loop, L> McCaffery, R> Spencer, R> Grandview, <b>8:35 Wallsend South Public School</b> L> Croudace, R> Cardiff, Walford, L> Thomas, R> Lake, L> Bousfield, R> Moani, R> Gunambi, R> Bulkara, L> Irrawang, Macquarie, <b>8:45 St Patricks Primary School</b> L> Fancis, R> Wentworth, R> Richardson, R> Macquarie <b>8:52 Wallsend High School</b> L> Hannah, Ranclaud, L> Boscawen to School
212	6216	8:25	<b>Maryland to Plattsburgh Public School:</b> Via Bottlebrush, R> Cottonwood, R> Peppercorn, R> Churnwood, L> Minmi, L> Britannia, U-turn at Round-about, via Britannia, R> Minmi, L> Maryland, R> Boundary, - <b>8:42 Maryland</b> - R> Warkworth, L> Tillegra, R> Berwick, L> Boundary, R> Sandycroft, R> Seaton, L> Wyndrow, R> McNaughton, L> Minmi, R> Macquarie, <b>8:52 Wallsend High School</b> L> Hannah, L> Boscawen to School
252	6288	8:40	<b>Maryland to Plattsburgh Public School:</b> Via Maryland, R> Boundary, L> Sandycroft, R> Seaton, L> Wyndrow, L McNaughton, R Maryland <b>8:40 Maryland</b> L> Minmi, R> Macquarie, L> Hannah, L> Boscawen to School

### AFTERNOON

Shift	Route	Time	Directions
137	1377	3:05	<b>Plattsburgh Public School to Minmi:</b> Via Boscawen, L> Frances, R> Wentworth, L> Minmi, - <b>Maryland</b> - R> Maryland, L> Boundary, operates as <b>Route 1378 from this point</b> R> Berwick, L> Tillegra, L> Warkworth, L> Minmi, L> McNaughton, L> Maryland, R> Callan, R> Maryland, L> Minmi, <b>Nikkinba Estate</b> R> Bottlebrush, R> Cottonwood, R> Churnwood, L> Minmi, L> Woodford to turn around, Woodford, Lenaghans, R> Wayaba, Phoenix, Walter
248	6275	3:13	<b>Plattsburgh Public School to Wallsend:</b> Via Boscawen, L> Francis, L> Wentworth, R> Hannah, L> Hill, L> Tyrell, R> Wentworth, L> Neilson, R> Irrawang, R> Bulkara, L> Gunambi, L> Ganur, L> Bousfield, R> Bulkara, L> Cowper, R> Metcalf, R> Whitton, L> Brook, L> Martindale, L> Metcalfe, L> Whitton, L> Brooke, L> Martindale, R> Metcalfe, L> Cressington Way, L> Seladon, R> Taylor, L> Magin, Kenneth, R> Moresby, R> Alexander, L> Corindi, R> Douglas, L> Birchgrove, L> Victory, L> Newcastle, R> Douglas, L> Sandgate, L> Longworth

This is a guide only and may be updated at any time. Plan your trip [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info) or call 131 500 - UPDATED: 19/9/18

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High Performing Students Unit

## Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2020?

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



#### Key dates

**Tuesday 9 October 2018**

Application website opens

**Monday 12 November 2018**

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

**Thursday 28 February 2019**

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

**Thursday 14 March 2019**

Selective High School Placement Test

**Friday 5 July 2019**

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>a</sup>.

#### Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

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Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1500

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

<sup>a</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'.

## Selective High School Year 7 2020

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2020 open on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The Selective High School Placement Test is on 14 March 2019.

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Some selective high schools have vacancies in Years 8 to 12. Applications open in late June for placement the following year. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/years-8-to-12>.



### Wetlands Excursion

Stage 2 students recently went to the Hunter Wetlands for an excursion. The students participated in scientific studies of sustainability along with students from Merewether Heights Public School. A great time was had by all students and staff that attended. The Wetlands staff commented on the excellent behaviour of our students which was very nice to hear.



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### What's on in the October school holidays



### NEWCASTLE REGION LIBRARY

#### Children's Programs

##### LEGO® Pet Show

Build your ideal pet to put on show.

1 hour. Age: 5-12.  
Bookings essential.

Free

##### Family movie:

##### *The Secret Life of Pets* (PG)

Snuggle up with movies on the big screen that the whole family can enjoy. BYO cushion, blanket and nibbles.

Family event. Age: 5+. Parental supervision is required.

Free

##### Family movie:

##### *Flight of the Navigator* (PG)

Family event. Age: 5+.  
Parental supervision is required.

Free

##### HAMA Bead Pixel Art

Recreate your favourite pets as cool pixel ornaments that you can turn into key rings, jewelry or decorations.

Family event. \$5. Age: 8-12.

##### JD's World of Animal Magic

Fun for the whole family! Be amazed by award winning magician Joel Howlett.

1 hour 15 mins. \$8. Age: 3+.

##### LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 Robot Games

Work in groups to design, build and code a robot to compete in the Robot Games!

1 hour 30 mins. Age: 9-12. Bookings essential.

Free

##### Meet a guide dog... and her owner

Hear how having a guide dog has changed this owner's life. The session includes an art activity.

45 minutes. Age: 5-10 years. Bookings essential.

Free

##### Pet Rocks

Decorate your own pet rock then make a carry box to take it home.

1 hour. Age: 6-10. Bookings essential.

Free

##### Responsible Pet Ownership

Do you want to be the best pet owner ever? Get tips from a City Ranger, play games and receive freebies.

30 mins. Age: 5-9. Bookings essential.

Free

##### Snaptronics Quiz Masters

Learn the fundamentals of electronics to create a working game buzzer and then compete in the pet quiz fun!

1 hour. Age: 8-12. Bookings essential.

Free

##### Holiday Storytimes

Join us for stories, rhymes, games and crafts.

45 mins. Age: 3-7. Bookings essential.

##### Pets Behaving Badly

Oh dear! What happens when our pets are not behaving exactly as we expect them to?

Free

##### Hairy Maclary's 35th Birthday

Celebrate 35 years of Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, with our favourite stories.

##### Dear zoo... and other improbable pets

Have you ever wanted an elephant for a pet? Then this storytime is for you!

##### It's Raining Cats and Dogs!

Stories, stories and more stories of our favourite pussies and puppies.

Free

Free

Free

#### Teen Programs

##### YA CAD for fun

Keen to try CAD but don't know where to start? Stuck on your masterpiece and needing direction? Come along to The Space for some helpful pointers from one of our CAD assistants.

2 hours. Age: 12-18. Bookings essential.

Free

##### Fortnite

Bring your controller for an afternoon of nothing but Fortnite. Strategize as a team or get nasty in a PVP Battle Royale.

2 hours. Free. Age: 12-18. Bookings essential.

Free

##### Zombie Origami

Get ready for Halloween with your very own zombie horde.

1 hour. Age: 12-18. Bookings essential.

Free

Bookings essential for ALL programs

For times, locations and bookings visit:  
[newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Library/Whats-On](http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Library/Whats-On)

Enquiries call 02 4974 5300  
[library@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@ncc.nsw.gov.au)



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

## AT CARDIFF RSL

**Tuesday 9th October - 12pm - 2pm & 3pm-5pm**  
**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE**  
 \$2 per child (max 5 children per booking). Please call the Club on 4954 0766 to book.  
 Payment can be made on the day at Reception

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# BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

## Free fun for families

**Thursday 4 October, 10am-2pm, Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi Road, Minmi**  
 (back-up day in case of cancellation Thursday 11 October)

- Free BBQ lunch
- Win great prizes
- Interact with live native animals
- Learn about bats, bees and birds
- Free native plants
- Free activities and craft
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Meet other nature lovers
- Freebies
- Learn about volunteering in nature
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## Wallsend Warriors

### Swimming Club

### Season 2018/19

### Registration Days

Wallsend Warriors Swimming Club is holding their registration days for the 2018/19 season on:

Date: <b>29 September 2018</b>	Date: <b>6 October 2017</b>
Time: <b>10 am to 12 noon</b>	Time: <b>10 am to 12 noon</b>
Location: <b>Wallsend Swimming Pool</b>	Location: <b>Wallsend Swimming Pool</b>

All members are encouraged to register for the upcoming season on either Saturday.

Our club is family oriented with competitions catering to various ages.

All new members are welcome.

Active Kid Vouchers are able to be used.

Our first competition night will be held on **Friday 12 October 2018 at 6pm.**

For further information and contact Lynn Philpott 0413 267 214 (President) or Melissa Laws 0429 669956 (Secretary)



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