



July 2018

Term 2 Week 10

# Newsletter

## Important Dates

**Monday**  
**23rd July 2018**  
Staff Development Day  
NO STUDENTS

**Tuesday**  
**24th July 2018**  
Students Return for Term 3

**Tuesday**  
**31st July 2018**  
Whole School Assembly  
2.15pm

**Friday**  
**3rd August 2018**  
Junk Sculpture/Upcycling  
Competition

**Wednesday**  
**8th August 2018**  
Book Week Parade

**Tuesday**  
**11th September 2018**  
School Photo Day

**Wednesday**  
**19th September 2018**  
International  
"Talk Like A Pirate Day"

**Tuesday**  
**25th September 2018**  
Whole School Performance

**Wednesday**  
**29th August 2018**  
Father's Day Stall

**Friday**  
**31st August 2018**  
Father's Day Breakfast

**Friday**  
**26th October 2018**  
Day for Daniel

## Principals Message -

Students were surveyed last week about the things they have been learning in STEM and the things they would like to learn in the future. Overwhelmingly our kids want to learn to build robots. The thing that I find amazing, and you will need to remember at my age, is that a school student actually can build a robot in 2018. In my day a robot was this giant tin can waving its arms around and saying, warning Will Robinson. But, while it is entirely possible for our kids to build a robot they still need to master the coding skills that are the foundation to robot construction. I really hope our parents, grandparents and carers can join us in Education Week to experience a lesson in STEM and share in the excitement that our kids have for this subject. At the end of each term I check through the data collected on student achievement. One area of concern for me is our student comprehension. Many of our students are not retaining the details of the information they hear or read. Two ways you can help at home to improve comprehension are: 1 - ask your child to recount a verbal instruction you have given. 2 - ask your child to predict what might happen next in a TV show, movie, book or if they don't do their chores. Please have a safe holiday, remind the kids of stranger danger, make sure bike helmets are worn and bike brakes work.

# SCHOOL Holidays


**JULY 9TH - JULY 23RD**


Students Return Tuesday 24th July


Be Safe Online


## STRANGER DANGER

Plattsy Kids Stay Safe









Visit [www.safety4kids.com.au](http://www.safety4kids.com.au) for more safety tips

## Recycle for Santiago

I would like to say thank you to all the students that are continuing to put there cans and bottles in Santiagos bin. Below is a letter from Santiago.

*Hello my dear Plattsburg sponsor,  
Thanks for the letter you sent me. I want to tell you that on my vacation, my cousin and I played with our friends. We played ball and with the bicycle. We ride in the van with his parents. We ate backed chicken at Christmas and New Year. At carnival, my cousins played with water. Afterwards we went to church. I behave well in school. I have a new teacher and new class mates. I like to go to school. I say goodbye with a lot of affection.  
Your friend Santiago*



I have written back to Santiago asking him what a carnival is and if the picture above is of his house. We have raised \$145.20 with our cans and bottles towards the sponsorship of Santiago. If you would like to write a letter to Santiago please give it to me so I can forward it on.

Charlotte Turner



# Playground

As we approach the half way mark of the 2018 school year I would like to make a special mention to the teachers aides who have been running games and activities during our recess and lunch breaks. The time and effort they put in is greatly appreciated by our school community.

Regards, Mr Hopson.



## MOZZIE BLOCKERS

### *from the Principal*

Across all schools in NSW every staff member is required to design a Professional Development Plan (PDP). At Plattsburg a personal learning goal is encouraged. This is usually an opportunity to learn something of high interest and also something that we can take back into the classroom. This year I decided to learn about the Bush Tucker and other indigenous plants in the school grounds. Miss Karen, our Aboriginal Education Coordinator, has been a great help and I now know that the grounds of Plattsburg are teeming with indigenous plants. Some of which are edible such as the Lilly Pilly –edible but not particularly palatable (bit like my own cooking).

Knowing how ferocious the mosquitoes can be in the Gully I decided to see if there was an indigenous plant that repelled our dreaded mozzies. After speaking with the Principal of the Awabakal Wetlands I was directed to a species called *Leptospermum* or Mozzie Blockers. With the help of Brandon, Josiah, Lexie, Molly and Erin, all from year 6, we planted the length of the Gully fence line with Mozzie Blockers, 36 in total. Hopefully each plant will thrive and provide some repellent to the mosquitoes that invade the playground every year. They will grow to between 150- 200 cm high and provide a pink blossom in the summer. Here's hoping they thrive and grow.

*Mrs Bax*



## Supported School Transport

The Australian Government has released a discussion paper about 'Supported School Transport and the National Disability Insurance Scheme' on their website <https://engage.dss.gov.au>. As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out across Australia, this paper asks for your feedback on how supported school transport could work under the NDIS. This is your opportunity to have your say via a submission on how you would like to see supported school transport operate in our State. The consultation period will end on 20 July at 5:00pm. There will be some face-to-face consultations held throughout the state, full details will be updated on their website when they are available. For any further information about the discussion paper or submission you can email [transport@dss.gov.au](mailto:transport@dss.gov.au).

## Translation Assistance

If English is not your first language, translation assistance is available. You can telephone the interpreter service on 131 450 if you need help talking with your school. This service is free. You can access translation services and long list of school documents that have already been translated into your first language at the following site: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents>

## Cookie Dough for STEM

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cookie Dough Fundraiser this Term. We raised \$737.00 for our STEM Resources! I hope everyone enjoys their cookies.  
Miss Jasmine

## PSSA Sport

Plattsburg netball and soccer teams played away at Garden Suburb Public School last round. All students played with enthusiasm and showed great sportmanship. The results are as follows:-

- Netball Junior Team
- Plattsburg 1 def by Garden Suburb 6
- Netball Senior Team
- Plattsburg 12 def Garden Suburb 5
- Soccer Junior Team
- Plattsburg 1 def by Garden Suburb 4
- Soccer Senior Team
- Plattsburg 0 def by Garden Suburb 6

The next games are at Plattsburg on Friday 6th July.

# Behaviour Management

Behaviour management is becoming more and more complex as time goes on. Studies have proven that early intervention is best, coupled by affective strategies and strong relationships. Below are some tips for parents and teachers when dealing with misbehaviour.

## Anger - what can you do?

- Anger is a normal emotion that all of us (adults and children) experience at some time. The resulting behaviour is what can cause issues for the child and lead to family conflict/school suspension etc. It is important to remember that it is the behaviour that must be addressed, NOT the emotion.
- Encourage children/students to recognise the physical changes in their body when they get angry as well. Such as, a pounding heart, explosive feeling, desire to hit/punch something, etc.
- It is important to not try and reason with them while they are experiencing an angry outburst. Just like adults, they will not see reason in the 'heat of the moment', and trying to make them, will only escalate the situation.
- Teachers all need to be aware of students who annoy others to 'get a rise', and avoid them working together.
- Avoiding a trigger will hopefully avoid the behaviour.
- It is important that parents and teachers keep their own emotions in control. It is your role to model the appropriate ways to deal with anger. If you yell/ scream, then the child behaviour is reinforced, rather than reduced.
- Ensure the child is safe during an outburst and wait for them to calm down. Then talk about the behaviour and any consequences. Ask them why they were angry? What did they do? What could they do next time? Discuss any future strategies and praise any strategy they tried to use.
- Teachers can also prevent classwork related triggers through preparation, e.g. a child who reacts when they have to start an assignment, perhaps needs more guidance getting started. By allowing time for this when work is given out may prevent unwanted behaviour.
- Avoid building the punishment up during the outburst. Just as a child will not see reason, they are not thinking logically about the consequences, and as the consequences increase, so will the behaviour.

*Excerpt from LDC Newsletter article. References: "Angry Child Outbursts" The 10 Rules of Dealing with an Angry Child" by C Banks [www.empoweringparents.com](http://www.empoweringparents.com), "Emotional Control Strategies for ADHD Kids, by ADDitude Editors [www.additudemag.com](http://www.additudemag.com), "Dr Hallowell's 10 Tips for Managing Anger in Children, by Dr N Hallowell [www.drhallowell.com](http://www.drhallowell.com)*

# UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



**BOOK/EDUCATION  
WEEK ACTIVITIES**

8th AUG



**McDONALDS FAMILY  
FUN NIGHT**

29th AUG



**FATHER'S DAY  
STALL, RAFFLE &  
BREAKFAST**

31st AUG



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
EVENT CINEMAS  
GLENDALE**

SEP



**COLOUR EXPLOSION**

OCT



**DIGITAL MEDIA  
FESTIVAL**

NOV



**BUNNINGS BBQ**

DEC



**CHRISTMAS IN THE  
GULLY**

DEC

Plattsburg P&C have been very busy planning some very exciting fundraisers. This years goal is to purchase some new playground equipment to liven up the Gully. Please support them in reaching their goal with 100% of proceeds going towards the purchase and installation of the playground.

# PLATTSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL



## KINDERGARTEN 2019

## ENROLLING NOW

Checkout our webpage: [www.plattsburg-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.plattsburg-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### WHAT YOU NEED

Enrolment Forms and additional information available at the front office  
Phone: 0249 559196

You will need the following documents:

- Proof of residential address
- Your child's birth certificate

Welcome to Plattsburg 2019 Kindergarten



**Starts  
Term 3**

# LOOSE CHANGE FUNDRAISER

Fill your class jar with your spare change  
The class who raises the most money will be rewarded

**ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS NEW  
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

PosterMyWall.com

# PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISING GOAL

## \$20 000



**Total Raised**

**\$5000**

**Our Aim**



Thank you for supporting  
Plattsburg P&C



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**Meeting Notice**  
**P&C Meeting**  
**Monday 13th August 2018**  
**9.30am in the library**  
**All Welcome.**

Breakfast Club Roster				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/7/18 Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Kristie O'Brien	3/7/18 Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Michele Ryan	4/7/18 Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	5/7/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	6/7/18 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
9/7/18 Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Kristie O'Brien	10/7/18 <b>Allison NM (Bread Collector)</b> Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Michele Ryan	11/7/18 Kylie Evans (Bread Cutter) Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	12/7/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	13/7/18 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
16/7/18 Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Kristie O'Brien	17/7/18 Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Michele Ryan	18/7/18 Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	19/7/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	20/7/18 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
23/7/18 Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Kristie O'Brien	24/7/18 <b>Michelle Bauer (Bread Collector)</b> Robyn Spiteri Michelle Bauer Michele Ryan	25/7/18 Kylie Evans (Bread Cutter) Michele Ryan Nabeel Tawfia	26/7/18 Christina Grew Carly Ackerman Nabeel Tawfia	27/7/18 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>

# FIND YOUR **Treasure** BOOK WEEK Celebrations August 8th 2018

Come to school dressed as your favourite character



## Book Week Celebrations

Join us for our annual Book Week Celebrations. This year's theme is "Find Your Treasure". At Plattsburg, we will have a day of celebrations with our Book Week Parade, Book Fair, P&C Meal Deal and announcement of the Junk Sculpture/Upcycling champions. All friends and family are welcome.

### Annual Junk Sculpture Competition

(Years K-2)

It is that time of year again - time to collect all your recyclable goods and turn them into a sculpture of your choice. Students are encouraged to collect and reuse household items such as boxes, tins, plastic bottles and egg cartons etc. Your sculpture needs to be completed and brought to school on Friday 3rd August. Sculptures are to be taken directly to the school library between 8:30am - 9:00am on this day. Please note sculptures will not be accepted before this date.

### Up-Cycling Competition

(Years 3-6)

This year we are changing it up for Years 3-6. With a school focus on red cycling we are challenging our primary students to an Up-Cycle competition.

#### What is Up-Cycling?

Upcycling is a form of recycling. Upcycling is a way to reuse discarded objects around the home in such a way as to create something new and useful. e.g. Old cd's turned into a sun catcher, tin cans into flower pots.

#### The Challenge?

The challenge is to make the most out of what you have around the home and be creative to up-cycle an object into something new. Students are encouraged to collect and reuse household items such as boxes, tins, and old cd's etc.

Your Up-Cycled creation needs to be completed and brought to school on Friday 3rd August. Creations are to be taken directly to the school library between 8:30am - 9:00am on this day. Please note creations will not be accepted before this date. Prizes: There will be a prize for the best infants and primary sculptures. Winners will be announced during Education/Book Week celebrations the following week.



## Crafty Creatures

Come along and make your favourite clay creature at Blackbutt Reserve

**Where:** Wildlife Arena  
**When:** 12:30pm-1:30pm  
Monday to Friday in school holidays  
**Cost:** \$2 per child (Pay at kiosk on the day, no bookings required)



For more information visit  
[newcastle.nsw.gov.au/blackbuttreserve](http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/blackbuttreserve)





## Respect Day

Students were invited to wear the colour yellow for “Respect Day” as that links with the colour of our school’s respect crow.

The day also incorporated Refugee Awareness with activities and presentations for the students.

The students were reminded to treat one another with dignity, cooperate with others, take care of property, value the interest, ability and culture of others, dress appropriately as outlined in our “Four Ways to Succeed”.

All photos can be viewed on our website



# DINODAY TOURS

## JULY 2018

For Dino Fans 7-12 years  
Wed 11th, Tues 17th & Thur 19th July  
9.30am - 12.30pm  
PLACES LIMITED - booking essential.

\$20 /child

**EVOLVING WETLANDS**



**EXHIBITION**  
FOSSILS, SKULLS & MORE  
WITH PALAEOANTHROLOGIST  
MICHAEL DAWSON



**DINO DUNG**  
GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY  
ROLLING SEED BOMBS  
THAT SPREAD THE LOVE



**REPTILES**  
LEARN ABOUT THE  
MODERN DINOSAURS IN  
A HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

**DINO HUNT**  
FIND AS MANY DINOS  
AS YOU CAN LOOKING  
FROM EGRET TOWER

# ART MANIA STUDIO

your happy place

WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY

Term 3 Schedule  
July - Sept, 2018

**WORKSHOPS**  
Glass Wind Chimes SAT, 28th July 10:30-2:30pm  
Special FX Facepainting SAT, 28th July 10-12:30pm  
Beginners Resin SUN, 29th July 10:30-2:30pm  
Macrame SAT, 4th Aug 10-2pm  
Painting with Alcohol Inks SAT, 4th Aug 10-4pm  
Acrylic Pour SUN, 5th Aug 11-3pm  
Drumming TUES, 7th Aug 6-8:30pm  
Hazel Sculpture SAT, 11th Aug 9:30-3:30pm  
Beeswax Eco Wraps SAT, 18th Aug 10:30-1:30pm  
Glass Fusing Spring Garden SAT, 18th Aug 10:30-3:30pm  
Resin Feature Piece SUN, 19th Aug 10-2pm  
Let's Paint Frida SAT, 25th Aug 10-4pm  
Felting SAT, 1st Sep 10:30-3pm  
Beginners Resin SUN, 2nd Sep 11-3pm  
Drumming TUES, 4th Sep 6-8:30pm  
Clay Torso SAT, 8th Sep 10-4pm  
Organic Weaving & Coiling SAT, 8th Sep 10-4pm  
Candle Making SUN 16th Sep 10:30-1:30pm  
Beginners Pottery SAT, 22nd Sep 10-3pm  
Resin Crystal Geode Art (2 part) SAT/SUN 8 & 9 Sep 10-2pm

**BLOCK COURSES**  
Glass Lead light - 5 week blocks start anytime!  
MON:6-8:30pm / WED:6-8:30pm / THU:10-1pm  
Glass Fusing - 5 week blocks start anytime!  
WED:10-1pm / WED:6-8:30pm / THU:10-1pm  
Learn to Draw - 8 week block THU, 2nd Aug 6-8:30pm  
Pottery - 10 week blocks (2 options) WED, 25th July 6-8:30pm THU, 26th July 6-8:30pm  
Pottery - 6 week blocks (2 options) FRI, 10th Aug 10-12:30pm SAT, 11th Aug 1-3:30pm  
Upholstery - 6 week block FRI, 10th Aug 6-8:30pm

**WEEKLY CLASSES** Join anytime!  
Mosaics & Bling WED: 10-12:30pm & WED: 6-8:30pm  
Painting FRI, 9:30-12pm

**KIDS & TEENS**  
Kids Creative Clay - 5 week block SAT, 11th Aug 10-12pm  
Kids after school (5+yrs) - 10 week block TUES 24th July & THU 26th July 4-5:30pm  
Teens after school (12+yrs) - 10 week block THU, 26th July 6-7:30pm

**EVENTS**  
Rug & a Mug live music / soups art / family fun SAT, 25th Aug 4-8pm  
Studio Open Night live art demo's wine / cheese FRI, 14th Sep 6-8:30pm

**FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK** [WWW.ARTMANIASTUDIO.COM.AU](http://WWW.ARTMANIASTUDIO.COM.AU)  
12 COUNCIL ST WALLSEND, NSW, 2287 P: (02) 4955 0509  
E: [hello@artmaniastudio.com.au](mailto:hello@artmaniastudio.com.au) Version 3 - 20.6.18 Schedule subject to change

# ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS

Activate your sporty self

**WHEN**  
JULY 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 2018  
8:30am - 3:00pm

**WHERE**  
Rutherford Public School  
Gate 3 - Weblands St, Rutherford, 2320, NSW

**WHAT**  
A 2-day Multi-Sport Camp where children play a variety of modified sports and games with the guidance of professional coaches and primary school teachers in a safe, positive and supportive environment!

**BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME FROM AGES 6 TO 12!**

**BOOKING OFFERS**  
- Book for more than one day and save \$10 per extra day booked!  
- 20% OFF when enrolling more than 1 child!  
See website for details

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Rainbow Bricks Presents

# NEWCASTLE BRICKFEST

A LEGO Fan Event



**Sunday 15th July**

**Great family Fun!**

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**VENUE: Newcastle Jockey Club**  
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