



Newsletter

Important Dates

Saturday

23rd November 2019

P&C Bunnings BBQ

Wallsend.

Volunteers required

Tuesday

26th November 2019

CA Brown Village

Choir and Digj Group

Friday

8th November 2019

Student Leadership EOI due

Tuesday

3rd December 2019

Year 7 2020 Orientation Day

Callaghan College Wallsend

Thursday

5th December 2019

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday

11th December 2019

Presentation Day 9.30am

Christmas in the Gully

2pm to 6pm

BBQ, Rides, Performances

Wednesday

18th December 2019

Last Day for Students

Principals Message - In this newsletter edition is a 2013 Kindergarten photograph of some of our current year 6. We have 42 students in Year 6 with 17 having commenced with us in Kindergarten. What an adventure we have all been on across those seven years with some of the highlights mentioned under the photograph. And the cycle of life goes on as we begin to welcome our 2020 Kindergarten to Plattsburg. What never changes is the making of friendships, slips and trips; but my favourite is the mischief the kids get into. At the end of the year I especially enjoy the video Year 6 make where they talk about personal highlights at school. This is usually where I hear all sorts of things that happened that I never knew about and, I love it! Although, had I known of some of the mischief there definitely would have been consequences - if nothing more than a stern talking to. There is a definite character to a Plattsburg student, they are resourceful, kind and always up for a challenge. Thanks to all our parents and carers for encouraging our kids to be who they are and accept everyone the way they are.



DECEMBER 11th | 2 p.m - 6 p.m

CLASS PERFORMANCES | RIDES

HAMPER RAFFLE | BBQ

FAIRY FLOSS | SNACKS

Oakevale Farm

On Thursday, 14th November, Essa, Rakoch, Jaber and Talal went on an excursion to Oakvale Farm. They got to feed the animals, go a tractor ride and learn about the koalas. They even tried milking a cow. It was a great day.



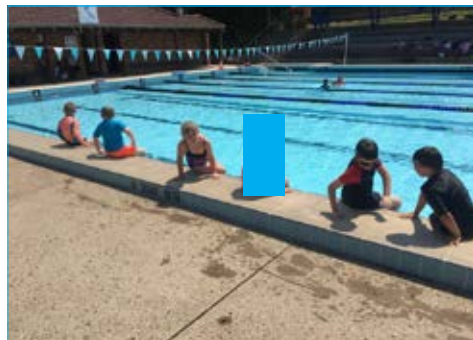
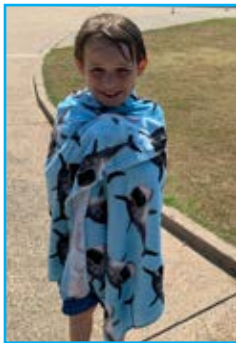
Congratulations Jade

Jade from 5/6T is our very first GOLD AWARD winner for 2019. Well done Jade.



SWIMMING

Students have been enjoying the School Swimming and Water Safety Scheme at Wallsend Pool. The students have learnt water safety and survival skills.





On Monday 25th November the Plattsburg Chess Team will be playing Merewether P.S. in the return leg of our inter-school chess tournament. We look forward to welcoming Merewether P.S to Plattsburg on the 25th. Our team has been practicing each Tuesday lunch time in the library. All the best to both teams! Regards, Mr Hopson



Bro-Sistaspeak Excursion

On Monday, some students ventured to Port Stephens as part of the Brospeak and Sistaspak program. The day began with Leigh Ridgeway welcoming us to Country and to give insight into life on Worimi Country. Students then boarded a boat and went for a cruise to take a closer look at the Worimi totem, the dolphin. We were lucky to quickly find a pod of dolphins that seemed quite happy to cruise close to the boat, giving the students a great view. A huge thank you needs to go out to Mrs Bax for organising the day.



Friday 22nd November



Dress in **GREEN**

and bring a gold coin donation 🍊🍊

All money raised goes to help **Koalas In Care Inc.** with the rehabilitation of sick and injured koalas. Donations will help provide medical supplies for koalas injured in the recent bush fires.

Unacceptable Behaviour

Recently there was an incident of unacceptable behaviour at our school crossing. The incident occurred between adults and the language and threatening nature of the incident was serious enough to report to the police. Our school adheres to a strict behaviour policy where students, their families and those visiting our school must display self-discipline, self-awareness and consideration for others at all times. We focus on building and maintaining positive respectful relationships between all members of the school community and outlines our priorities and strategies to achieve the outcomes of:

- compassion and cooperation
- effective communication
- a culture of respect
- positive behaviour
- success and achievement
- safe and inclusive learning and working environments

Respectful and inclusive schools are critical to achieving staff and student wellbeing that enables the achievement of high quality learning goals and respectful behaviour.

Court Orders

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. Parents can also reach agreement about issues such as contact in a parenting plan. If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders or plan that could impact on your child's education. In the absence of any notification to the

contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.

Plattsburg is Allergy Aware

We have a number of students with allergies, food intolerances and other medical conditions that require a particular diet. The school has information and hygiene processes in place to support the different needs of students. Of late we have had a few children sharing food. Staff remind students not to share food and direct them to wash their hands regularly. We seek your support to help us in maintaining Allergy Awareness by following these simple suggestions:

- Remind your child not to share food/drinks with other students.
- If your child has eaten nuts prior to coming to school, make sure they wash their hands before leaving home.
- Please always contact the Classroom Teacher before sending any food for sharing with

the class for special occasions like birthdays, Easter and Christmas.

- Please avoid sending foods such as nuts, peanut butter or nutella sandwiches to school with your child.
- We greatly appreciate your support for children with allergies. Together we can make a difference.

Weather Alerts

The Department of Education and the Principal has the safety of students and their families as a priority at all times. In uncertain weather conditions, we sometimes have to make a decision quickly to protect our school community. We have certainly seen some unstable weather conditions of late! The high winds and bushfires of the last couple of weeks has caused us to close our play areas and on some days, keep children inside classrooms at lunch and recess. Weather conditions are generally assessed each day. Children will be kept indoors if there are any dangerous conditions or threats to student health.

Active Kids Program

The Active Kids program, launched in 2018, aims to increase participation of school-enrolled children in sport and physical activity by providing parents with vouchers to help cover the cost of registration and membership fees. Families can now access two separate \$100 vouchers for each school-enrolled child. This means more kids can get involved in physical activity and learn healthy habits from a young age. on parents. Claim your voucher at www.servicensw.com.au

Thank You

Thank you Jack from 5/6T and his Mum for your donation of oven bags to the canteen. Very much appreciated!



Dear CU Children and Families,

I would like to write a letter of thanks and congratulations to all students that attended the recent Children's University graduation ceremonies. This year we welcomed onto campus 1500 graduating students and over 4,000 families across the six evenings.

The CU team would like to congratulate all students for their behaviour and enthusiasm shown throughout the evening. We planned for these evenings to be a celebration and recognition of the effort and time you have placed into all the learning opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you to all families that attended. We appreciate your presence on the evening, hope you enjoyed the celebration, and look forward to seeing you all again in the future.

Children's University continues to encourage children and their families to keep learning in their communities during the Christmas holiday period. All learning experiences that occur between now and Term 1 next year are added into the hours for 2020 Graduation. Please place a line in your passports to indicate that 2019 hours are finalised.

Our FACEBOOK page lists events over school holidays. **Children's University Australasia (Newcastle)**

Your passport hours continue across into next year. To be eligible for graduation in 2020 you need to have moved up into the next award category. For example, if you got 30 hours this year you would have to make it to 65 hours to get the Silver Award.

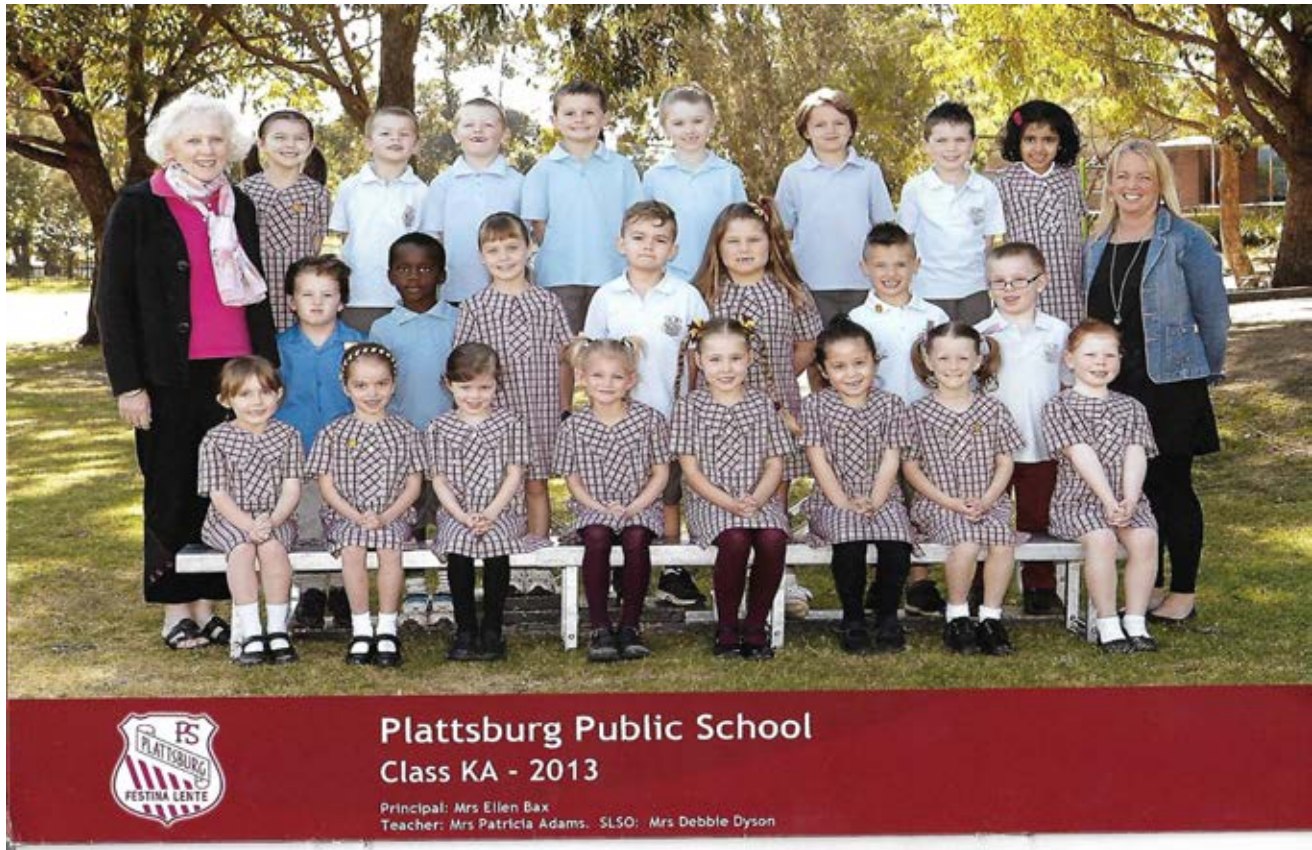
This program is an annual commitment. Children have the capacity to opt into the program each year. If you would like to be involved next year, please indicate this to your teacher in charge of the program.

Once again thank you, children for your enthusiasm for learning and parents for your support. If you or your family has any questions about the program, please contact us. If you would like to make suggestions for improvements or place a comment regarding the evening please do so at childrensuniversitynewcastle@newcastle.edu.au or call 49218739. Hope to see you all in 2020.

Children's University Newcastle Team

Year 6 Graduating 2019

For some of our current year six students their school journey began in 2013 when they started Kindergarten with Mrs Adams and Mrs Dyson in KA.



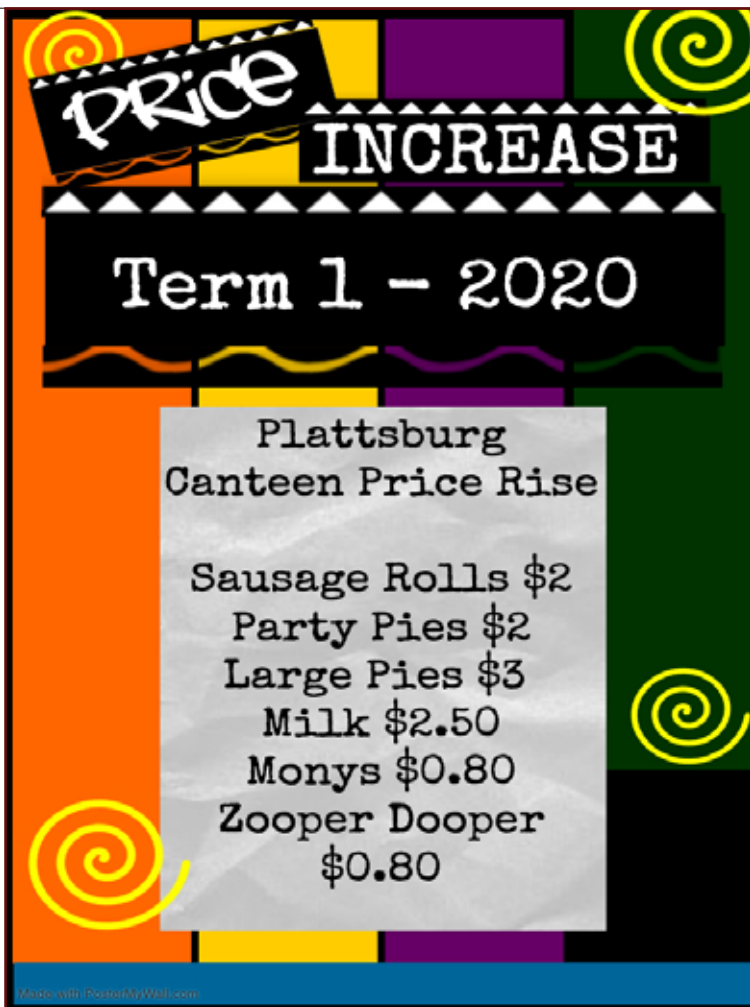
Some of the highlights of Primary School include the friendships they have made and the excursions they have attended, especially The Great Aussie Bush Camp, excursion to Murrook, The Greatest Showman performance, other highlights were being elected as School Executives.

They are looking forward to the new challenges of High School. These include meeting new teachers, making new friends and finishing year 12.

Keep an eye in the future as they all hold aspirations for careers such as an interior designer, an illustrator, actress/artist, an engineer, carpenter and an ophthalmologist.

Plattsburg Public School wishes them all the best for their futures.

By Charlotte Turner



Price INCREASE

Term 1 - 2020

Plattsburg Canteen Price Rise

Sausage Rolls \$2
 Party Pies \$2
 Large Pies \$3
 Milk \$2.50
 Monys \$0.80
 Zooper Dooper \$0.80

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Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to keep food safe in summer.

Foods such as meat, fish, poultry and eggs; cooked pasta, noodles and rice; and dairy items such as milk, yoghurt, custard and cheese need to be kept very cold.



- Use a cooler bag and ice brick or frozen water bottle to keep food cold in the lunch box.
- Freeze items such as sandwich bread, milk poppers, and home-made muffins. They will be thawed and ready to eat at lunch time and keep other lunch box items cold.
- If preparing lunches the night before, store in the fridge or freezer.
- Don't store food in an insulated bag in the fridge, it stops the cold air reaching the food.
- For food that has just been cooked, cool it in the fridge overnight before packing.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Meeting Notice
P&C Meeting
Monday 10th February 2020
9.30am in the library
All Welcome.

| Breakfast Club Roster | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 26/11/2019 Michelle Baurer Kayla K | 27/11/2019 Belinda Rickford (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Kayla K | 28/11/2019 Belinda Shahn Bread Cutter | 29/11/2019 Kylie Evans | 30/11/2019 Carly Ackerman Melanie |
| 2/12/2019 Michelle Baurer Kayla K | 3/12/2019 Zac Marshall (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Kayla K | 4/12/2019 Belinda Amanda Bread Cutter | 5/12/2019 Kylie Evans | 6/12/2019 Carly Ackerman Melanie |
| 9/12/2019 Michelle Baurer Kayla K | 10/11/2019 Michelle Bauer (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Kayla K | 11/12/2019 Belinda Christina Bread Cutter | 12/12/2019 Kylie Evans | 13/12/2019 Carly Ackerman Melanie |

| Canteen Roster |
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| Monday Sandra Moriarty |
| Tuesday Sandra Moriarty |
| Wednesday Bernadette Jopp Clare Woodrow |
| Thursday Sandra Moriarty |
| Friday Sandra Moriarty Amanda Walker (13/12) |
| Order online at www.quickcliq.com.au |

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.



In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification. Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2019 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2020 classes. Please let students know new cards for 2020 are not posted during the Christmas / New Year period.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. Note; not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued). Please see website for more information <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school>





PLATTSY CHRISTMAS APPEAL for the Salvation Army

Food: non-perishable, preferably with a long storage date, that can be used by families over the Christmas and New Year period. Christmas goodies.

Unwrapped gifts: The reason we request unwrapped presents is to allow parents to personally select suitable gifts for their children. This is a more dignified way of allocating gifts. Gifts can be placed in Christmas bags or just unwrapped.

Donations of Christmas wrapping paper, bags or decorations would be useful as parents of children receiving the gifts can wrap them themselves.....all the more fun and joy for those families

GIFTS URGENTLY REQUIRED THIS YEAR

Toddlers: 1-3 years, safe toys

Soft toys: The Salvo's have an abundance of soft toys so we ask that wherever possible you refrain from donating soft toys.

Boys and Girls: Age 12+

Teenagers

THANK YOU for your generosity in helping to make Christmas special for ALL children.

PLEASE DROP YOUR GIFT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE ADMIN FOYER TERM 4 OR GIVE TO

Ms Bridge before Friday 30 NOVEMBER 2019.

FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF PHONE 1300656336 or visit www.samaritans.org.au





PLATTSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTATION DAY CEREMONY

DECEMBER 11TH, 2019

9:30AM - 10:30AM

Christmas Hamper Donations

We are asking for new and non-perishable donations for

**Plattsburg Public School's
Annual Christmas Raffle.**

We have outlined some suggestions for each class to ensure a variety of donations. Donate as little or as much as you like, every little bit is greatly appreciated. You can drop your donations off to the office or the canteen anytime. This is a P&C initiative and all money raised from the Christmas raffle will go towards the new playground.

Raffle will be drawn during Christmas in the Gully.

- ♦ KJ Lollies, confectionary
- ♦ KIM Christmas items eg Bonbons
- ♦ 1/2A Pretzels, nuts
- ♦ 2A Chips, Cheezles etc
- ♦ 2/3FH Biscuits, crackers
- ♦ 3/4K Soft drinks
- ♦ 3/4C Chocolates
- ♦ 5/6R Christmas items eg Candy canes
- ♦ 5/6H Poppers, pop tops
- ♦ 5/6L Chips, biscuits



Christmas in the Gully

Wednesday 11th December 2019

This year our Christmas in the Gully celebrations will be conducted between 2 p.m. and approximately 6 p.m. Please view the programme below

CHRISTMAS IN THE GULLY PROGRAMME

TEACHER SUPERVISION BETWEEN 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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| 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. | • Students with pre-purchased wristbands enjoy inflatable rides and activities in the Gully |
| | • Those students who have not purchased a wristband will enjoy a movie/activities in the library |

PARENT/CARER SUPERVISION REQUIRED FROM 3 p.m. ONWARDS

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| 2:50 p.m. | • All students return to the COLA where rolls will be marked |
| | • Those students who have a nominated parent/carer to supervise them return to the Gully |
| | • Those students who do not have a nominated parent/carer to supervise them go home as usual |

FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO THEM

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| 4:00 p.m. | BBQ |
| 5:00 p.m. | • Activities and Inflatable rides will be packed up |
| | • Class performances commence |
| 6:00 p.m. | Pack up |



IS CELEBRATING TURNING 80
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE

THE TRIVIA MASTER

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH
GALLIPOLI LEGION CLUB
3/5 BEAUMONT ST HAMILTON
DOORS OPEN 6PM
TRIVIA STARTS 6.45PM
\$10 PER PERSON (MINIMUM OF 10 PER TEAM)

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
PCYC NEWCASTLE RECEPTION
OR CALL 4961 4493 TO BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW

RAFFLES
DOOR PRIZES
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS
BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE

All ages welcome



Keep active with Activate!

NEWCASTLE EOY CAMP 2019

DECEMBER
19th - 20th 2019
8:30am - 3:00pm

THE JUNCTION
PUBLIC SCHOOL
Union St. Merewether,
2291, NSW

2 days of Multi-Sports activities and games!

Expert coaching by top-grade players/primary teachers

All-inclusive activities for boys and girls aged 6 - 12 years!

Safe, supportive and fun environment

Save up to \$30 per child when booking online for 1 or 2 extra days!

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School Community Charter

Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.



We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



We all play a part

Respectful communication is a right
In all workplaces people have the right to feel safe and respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

Unacceptable behaviour:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.

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