



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

**Tuesday**

**12th March 2019**

World's Greatest Shave  
8:30am hair colouring  
2:30pm Nate's Big Shave

**Thursday**

**14th March 2019**

Selective High School  
Placement Test

**Friday**

**22nd March 2019**

Cookie Dough Pickup  
3pm

**Friday**

**22nd March 2019**

Harmony Day

**Thursday**

**11th April 2019**

Easter Hat Parade

**Thursday**

**11th April 2019**

Anzac Day Ceremony

**Friday**

**12th April 2019**

Athletics Carnival  
Federal Park  
Volunteers Needed!

**Friday**

**12th April 2019**

Last Day of Term 1

**Monday**

**19th August 2019**

Staff Development Day  
Professional learning for  
staff - No students.

## Principals Message -

My sincere thanks to the wonderful parents who volunteer in our Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club is an important part of our school day. It helps working parents who experience the delights of trying to find shoes, socks, plait hair and butter toast all at the same time. It's a great opportunity for our kids to sit down in the morning to talk and laugh with friends over a nice breakfast.

We are also very fortunate to have Sadie and Izzy back this year. These are our Education Support Dogs. Incredibly well trained and well behaved these two girls support a number of students throughout the school day.

Congratulations to our Cultural Dance Troupe for their amazing performances at Surf Fest, Merewether Beach. Thank you too to the parents and carers who were at the beach early on a Saturday morning to support their kids and our school. Good one Mrs Keers!

**A reminder to all Kiss and Ride Parent/Carers  
PLEASE display your  
NAME TAG on your Dashboard**

## KISS AND RIDE ZONE

### Afternoon Operation

**3:00pm to 3:10pm**

(NB, This area is NO PARKING at all times between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm)

In the afternoon staff at Plattsburg will operate a KISS AND RIDE ZONE for parents to stay in their car to collect their children from the front gate (GATE 2)

This is a STAND only, not PARK area and you may STAND for 2 minutes MAXIMUM.

- Display your KISS and RIDE sign on front passenger side dash.
- Stay in your vehicle with hand brake on.
- Be on time

## Zone Swimming

On Thursday the 21st of February students from Plattsburg Public participated at Crossroads Zone Swimming Carnival. All gave their best effort competing in their races. Special mention goes to Cooper Marks who was named Crossroads Junior Boy Champion taking out first place in the Junior Individual Medley, 50m Backstroke, 50 Butterfly, 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke. Cooper will now represent the school at the Hunter Primary Swimming Carnival.



## Hunter Regional Swimming

Tuesday 5th March Cooper Marks represented Plattsburg Public School at the Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival. Cooper is 8 years old and competed in 5 Junior (8-10yr) events.

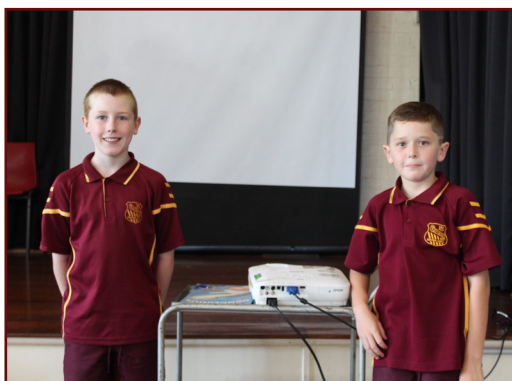
- 200m Medley coming 3rd with a time of 3.18.37
- 50m Backstroke 7th 44.38
- 50m Butterfly 1st 39.63
- 50m Breaststroke 4th 50.12
- Under 9's 50m Freestyle 1st 34.78

Cooper achieved some awesome PB's and is off to represent Plattsburg with the Hunter swim team at State on the 11th and 12th April. Congratulations Cooper, an outstanding achievement.



## 6I Clean Up Australia

It was wonderful to see students from 6I showing how much they care about their school. Together they have made a difference to our environment this Clean Up Australia Day. We can't just hope for a better future for the planet, it's up to us to create one. Well done 6I.

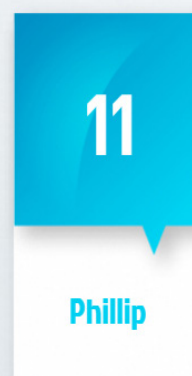
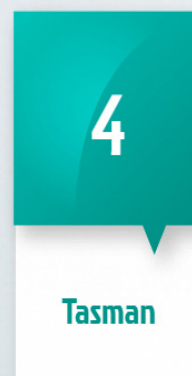
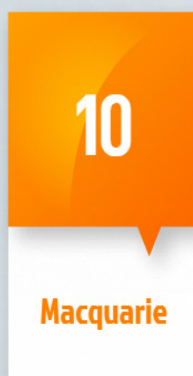


Stephen and Caleb our IT boys are doing a fantastic job behind the scenes each week at our stage and whole school assembly.



Alexis and Layla are proudly our flag bearers for 2019. Congratulations girls and well done for doing a great job proudly raising our flags.

## House V House Mid-Term Points Update



Next score update end of term



### School Banking

A reminder SCHOOL BANKING is on a FRIDAY. Please return your banking folder to the canteen on Friday mornings. Students are able to sign up for school banking at any time. Some of the prizes that students are able to choose from once they have earned their 10 tokens include bouncy balls, key rings, a tablet case, a pencil case, earphones, textas and crayons. You can also win a holiday!

### Lost Property

Please ensure your child's clothes, lunch box, pencil case etc are clearly labeled with their name. This helps identify lost items. Lost property can be found in our Lost Property box situated under the COLA.

### Breakfast Club

It's hard to learn at school when your tummy is empty. Our Breakfast Club provides a healthy start to the day. Providing breakfast within a school breakfast program helps children achieve their best in the classroom and in the playground.

Breakfast clubs are about more than providing a healthy start to the day. They also provide a safe and welcoming environment. Breakfast Club is supported by Foodbank and our P&C canteen who provide cereal, milk, butter and spreads. It would be

appreciated if children were to bring a silver coin donation each time they access Breakfast Club to assist us in continuing this very valuable school service. Thank you for your support.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun! This challenge commenced on Monday 4th March and will continue until the 30th August 2019. So start reading NOW and logging your books online. Students must read a certain number of books to complete this Challenge. K-2 students can read the books on their own, read them with someone or someone can read to them. Years 3-6 students must read the books on their own, but someone can help them choose the books. Teachers or parents will log books on the website for students in K-2, however, students in Years 3-6 must log them independently. For more information you can log onto the PRC website for more information <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

### School Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies commence at 2:00pm on Tuesdays each fortnight on even weeks. The next whole school assembly is week 8, Tuesday 19th March. Please join us at assembly and support your child's learning.

## My Little Sister

She kicks so very hard  
So I fight her in the yard  
I powerfully slap her in the face  
With both muscle and grace

I yell as loud as I can, she yells louder  
Like it's an achievement, she seems prouder  
As much as we fight and don't get along  
Mess with her you've done something wrong

If you want to be mean to her  
you'll be cursed  
Because to deal with her you  
have to get through me first

Because that's my little sister

By Ayen Manyong





## I'M SHAVING THE WORLD FROM BLOOD CANCER

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**WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**



Hi, my name is Nate and I will be shaving my hair for the World's Greatest Shave. You can help me raise money for this great cause. For a gold coin donation, you can have your hair coloured with hair spray and then after lunch you can cheer me on as I shave my hair at assembly. I will be donating my hair to Sustainable Salons who will then turn it into wigs. This is a great cause close to my family so please help me make a difference.

Date: Tuesday 12th March

Hair colouring: 8:30am

The big shave: 2:30pm

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# Easter Raffle Donations



Easter is creeping up on us quickly and the P&C are holding another Easter raffle. We are asking all parents and caregivers if they would like to donate a chocolate egg or bunny towards the fundraiser.

All donations are greatly appreciated and can be taken to the office or the canteen. Raffle tickets will be going home shortly and the raffle will be drawn during the Easter Parade on 11th April.

## Notice of P&C Annual General Meeting



**Plattsburg P&C**  
**Your Voice**  
**Our Kids**  
**Together**

11th March 2019 at 9.30pm  
Library – Plattsburg PS

Following the acceptance of the minutes from the 2018 AGM, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions. At the completion of the AGM the March general meeting will be held.

### Canteen Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sandra Moriarty	Sandra Moriarty Larissa Mitchell	Bernadette Jopp Clare Woodrow	Sandra Moriarty Rumena Petrovski	Amanda Walker (22 March) Sandra Moriarty Odette Radburn Amanda Mikulski

### Breakfast Club Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/3/19 Michelle Baurer Kristie O'Brien	5/3/19 <b>Allison NM (Bread Collector)</b> Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	6/3/19 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia <b>HELP</b>	7/3/19 Kylie Evans <b>HELP</b>	8/3/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
11/3/19 Michelle Baurer Kristie O'Brien	12/3/19 <b>Michelle Baurer (Bread Collector)</b> Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	13/3/19 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia <b>HELP</b>	14/3/19 Kylie Evans <b>HELP</b>	15/3/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
18/3/19 Michelle Baurer Kristie O'Brien	19/3/19 Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	20/3/19 Nabeel Tawfia <b>HELP</b>	21/3/19 Kylie Evans <b>HELP</b>	22/3/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig

## IS IT BULLYING?

### NOT NICE

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they do it **once** ...  
That is **NOT NICE**

### MEAN

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they do it **once** ...  
That is **MEAN**

### BULLYING



When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **keep doing it, over a period of time**, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset ...  
That is **BULLYING**





## 5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

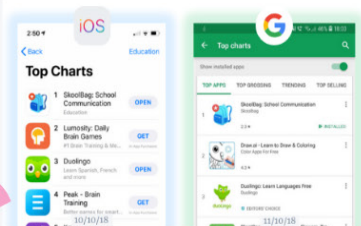


SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

### 1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication

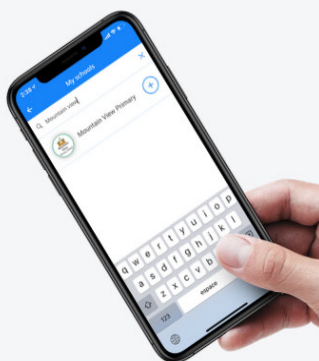


### 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

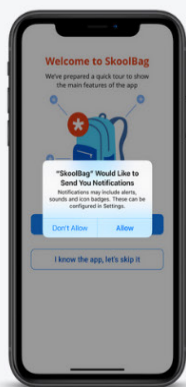
### 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



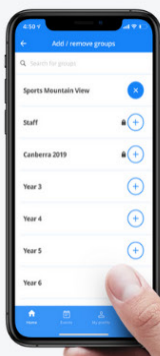
### 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.

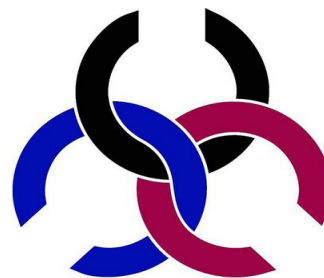


### 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



## Callaghan Wallsend CAPA and GATS Program



The Primary to Secondary transition program spans several months of activity between cluster schools and Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. Activities ensure that Primary students have contact with Callaghan College Wallsend Campus staff, and other students in Stage 3.

Callaghan College was established to provide new horizons and new opportunities for our students. In this spirit, Callaghan College Wallsend Campus (CCWC) aims to build upon its programs for talented students by offering enrollment in a Gifted and Talented Extension Program (GATS) and Creating and Performing Arts Enrichment Program (CAPA).

Applications for these classes in Year 7 2020 are available to download.

#### Summary of Important CAPA & GATS Dates

- Students must reside in our local catchment area to apply for either the GATS or CAPA Programs.

- Section A is to be completed by parents and sent to the Primary School by Friday 15 March 2019. Administration fee must be included with your application. (\$10 for GATS & \$25 for CAPA)

- Section B completed by Classroom Teacher/Principal and sent (with Section A) to CCWC by Tuesday 2 April 2019.

GAT Students will sit the GATS Exam at CCWC on MONDAY 6 May 2019.

- CAPA Students will be notified by mail of audition date and time by Friday 12th April 2019 AND Auditions will be held at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus in Week 2 of Term 2.

- Students will be notified of the result of their GATS and/or CAPA application via mail by Friday 21st June 2019.

- Successful applicants must accept or decline their offer by Friday 28 June 2019.

Please note that "ALL parts of the GATS and CAPA HS application forms must be filled in before they are returned to school which includes attaching a passport size photo of the student applying"

Application forms can be found on the Callaghan Wallsend Website via this link <https://wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment/year-6-transition.html>