



March 2019

Term 1 Week 8

Newsletter

Important Dates

**Friday
22nd March 2019**

Cookie Dough
Pickup 3pm

**Friday
22nd March 2019**

Harmony Day
Potato Skin Meal Deal

**Monday
8th April 2019**

P&C Meeting 9.30am

**Thursday
11th April 2019**

Easter Hat Parade

**Thursday
11th April 2019**
Anzac Day Ceremony

**Friday
12th April 2019**

Athletics Carnival
Federal Park
BBQ Lunch
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 -

Last Friday I wandered over to Federal Park to check out our new format for sport. Each house was loud and proud and pumping out their chants and calls in perfect unison. Every student was involved in an organised game with a referee. Students are working together to earn points for their house and to hopefully win the Jeff Buxton Trophy at the end of the year. We are seeing sportsmanship develop as students come to understand that success is a team effort and everyone in the team can make a difference. Our new House flags arrive soon and will add colour to what is already a wonderful spectacle. Congratulations to our House Captains for their outstanding leadership!

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2019

Parents and Carers are reminded that on these days
students do not attend school

Term 2 (week 1)

Monday 29th April 2019

Term 3 (week 5)

Monday 19th August 2019



**This is not the first day back after the holidays.
It is in week 5 of Term 3**

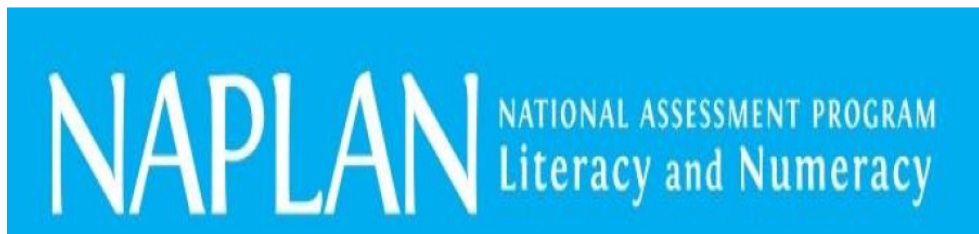
Crossroad Zone Rugby League Trials

Three of our students participated in the Crossroad Zone Rugby League Trials on Wednesday 13th March. The trials were run by NSW Rugby League and in conjunction with three other zones. Brody Dudgeon trialled for the opens team and Ben Saxby and Isaac Radburn trialled for the under 11's. It was a slippery field at Croudace Bay Sports complex as the rain set in but the boys represented themselves and Plattsburg well with all three boys successfully selected in their respective teams. They will now travel to Lakeside Sporting Complex at Raymond Terrace on Wednesday 27th March where they will play for a spot in the Hunter Rugby League teams. Good luck Boys.



Crossroads Zone Touch Football Trials

On Monday 18th March, Crossroads zone held their touch football trials at Newcastle touch fields. Three of our students trialled for the team and were successful in being selected to represent Crossroads. Congratulations Brody Dudgeon, Ben Saxby and Isaac Radburn. As part of the Crossroads team they will compete at the Hunter Touch Football trials in May.



The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, in schools across Australia. NAPLAN assesses writing, language conventions, reading and numeracy. NAPLAN results will help you understand how your child is progressing through school.

- Moving to NAPLAN Online
- Supporting your child
- Withdrawals and exemptions
- Understanding NAPLAN reports
- Disability adjustments
- Home schooled students
- HSC minimum standard of literacy and numeracy
- NAPLAN and privacy

In 2019 NAPLAN will begin moving from pencil and paper tests to online tests in some states and territories. A proportion of NSW schools will do NAPLAN Online in 2019. Schools moving online will be contacted by their sector representatives in early Term 1, 2019. The move to NAPLAN Online means new benefits for your child's school including better assessment and greater student engagement.

Supporting your child: NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning in school. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with test formats prior to NAPLAN tests. The best way to [support your child through NAPLAN](#) is to encourage them to do the best they can on the day.

Withdrawals and exemptions: You can withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests. Your child may be exempt from NAPLAN tests if your child has: significant disabilities, or a language background other than English, has recently arrived from overseas and has been attending school for less than a year. Please contact your child's Assistant Principal for further information about withdrawals and exemptions.

Understanding NAPLAN reports: Your child's NAPLAN report will show their results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Reports are produced for all students who participate in NAPLAN, whether paper or online. These will be available about 12 weeks after the test window closes.

Disability adjustments: Adjustments are available to students with disability. Adjustments to testing conditions should reflect the normal support a student receives in classroom assessments. The first step is to discuss possible adjustments with your child's teacher.

NAPLAN and Privacy: NESA collects from NSW schools the personal information of students and their parents/carers, including students' date of birth, gender, year level and language background. This is so that NESA can carry out its function under the Education Standards Authority Act 2013 in relation to literacy and numeracy testing.

HSC minimum standard of literacy and numeracy: From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard. Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests, which are available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 or 12 and after the HSC. 2019 Year 10 students, who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2018 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

For more information:

[Information for Parents and Carers](#)

[Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)

[Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

How was your school day?

When we hit this time of the year and everything no longer feels new and exciting, maybe your question about “how was your day?” results in the standard one word answers: “good” or “fine.” We know that doesn’t give you much information. Here’s a list of new questions to try out this week:

1. What’s the funniest/best thing that happened today?
2. Can you tell me three different people you talked to today?
3. What’s something special that happened today that you wish happened every day?
4. Who would you like to play with at recess tomorrow?
5. What will you do tomorrow that’s different from today?
6. What are you excited to do tomorrow?
7. What was the hardest thing about today?
8. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
9. What did you eat first at lunch?
10. What’s the biggest difference between this year and last year?

Benefits of School Uniform

The wearing of school uniforms by students helps build self-confidence and a sense of connection with their community. School uniforms are a great leveler. We often compare our homes, cars, holidays, handbags, phones, shoes, pencil cases or lunch boxes and find ways to evaluate the levels of privilege that different people enjoy. School uniforms take one of these comparisons out of play. School uniforms are a cue to ‘work’. The same way putting on our sports clothes or our pajamas to signal sleep. Wearing a school uniform is one way that our students “change gears” from leisure to school. School uniforms can help keep school communities safe. It is an automatic way to identify who is part of the school community and who is not. Intruders are immediately identified.

This helps the teachers not only count students quickly it also helps students stay together as a group and identify as one. School uniforms make life more simple.

Stage 3 Camp

43 more deposits are needed for the Stage 3 excursion to Morisset Outdoor Education Camp to go ahead. A \$50 refundable deposit is needed by Friday 22nd March to secure our booking. The camp can be paid off until the end of Term 3. Cost includes all meals, snacks, activities and instructors. Check out their website for all the fantastic activities the students will be able to participate in.

<https://outdoorednsw.com.au/>

Questions to Ask

3 questions to ask at the upcoming parents teacher interviews, with the aim of getting the most out of parent teacher interviews.

1. What are my child’s strengths? Ask to see evidence that shows your child’s current level of achievement and recent progress. Discussing your child’s key learning attributes and how these support their overall learning progress will also assist you to understand your child better.
2. Are there any areas of concern? This does not have to be limited to academic progress but should also cover conduct, diligence and any other issues that may have an impact on your child’s overall learning.
3. What are the upcoming focus areas of the curriculum and what strategies can we put in place to support my child? Working with teachers to adopt strategies that will support your child’s learning progress will make you feel empowered and provide you with clear goals to work toward. A little direction can go a long way.

Teacher interviews for KH, KA, 1T, 1/2S, and 2/3S

Term 1 parent-teacher interviews for students in the above classes will be held on Wednesday 10th April.

These interviews are for the students in the following classes:

K Hulk-Miss Jasmine
K Ants-Miss Amy
1 Thing-Mr Henderson
1/2 Spiderman-Miss K
2/3 Lockjaw-Miss Ashley

These interviews are an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress so far this year. Appointments are available between 3:10pm and 6:00pm. These interviews are strictly for 10 minutes in duration. If you require a longer interview to discuss more specific concerns about your child’s progress, please contact your child’s teacher for an alternate interview time.

To book your interview please go to your Sentral Parent Portal. Parents of Kinder students will be issued with a parent access key and instructions on accessing the Sentral Parent Portal. If you have misplaced your access key or require assistance please contact the school. Bookings for these interviews close on Monday 8th April.

Visit our school website for further information on how to register for the Parent Portal.



<https://plattsburg-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/portals.html>

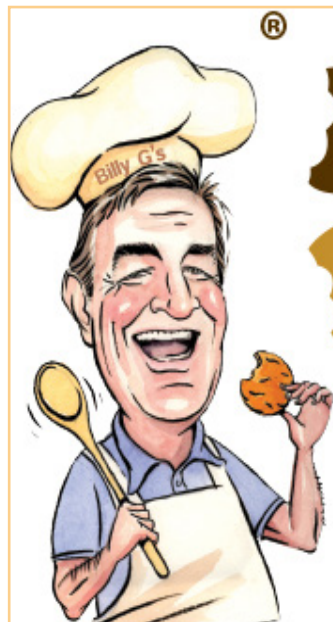


Leukaemia Foundation

**WORLD'S
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SHAVE**



Well done Nate from 4/5S who shaved his hair for the World's Greatest Shave. Student donated a gold coin to have their hair coloured and from students at school and online he has raised close to \$350. Nate would like to thank everyone again for supporting him. He is still collecting donations so if you would like to add to his total please head over to his sponsorship page, <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/amandamikulski>



**Billy G's®
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Thank you everyone who supported our Cookie Fundraiser for Emily and her family. We sold over 270 tubs of cookie dough and raised \$892.80!

Cookies will arrive on Friday 22nd of March and can be picked up at 3:00pm from the old canteen. If you have a reusable bag or freezer bag that you would like your cookie dough put into please clearly label it and hand it to Miss Jasmine on Friday morning.

Easter Raffle Donations



PosterMyWall.com

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.

What's New at the Canteen?

- Baked Bean Jaffles \$3
- Spaghetti Jaffles \$3
- Vegemite Scrolls \$2

Welcome to our new canteen volunteers. We have a number of new faces at the canteen this year and we appreciate you giving your time to support our P&C canteen.

Our menu is ready to be submitted to Healthy Canteen for approval. We have introduced a number of new "green everyday" products which have been a hit with the students.

Our parents have embraced EFTPOS. We are pleased to be able to provide this convenience when paying for lunch orders or uniforms. You can also order from home online at quickcliq.com.au

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
18/3/19 Michelle Baurer	19/3/19 Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	20/3/19 Nabeel Tawfia HELP	21/3/19 Kylie Evans HELP	22/3/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
25/3/19 Michelle Baurer	26/3/19 Michelle Baurer (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	27/3/19 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia HELP	28/3/19 Kylie Evans HELP	29/3/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
1/4/19 Michelle Baurer	2/4/19 Allison NM (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	3/4/19 Nabeel Tawfia Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) HELP	4/4/19 Kylie Evans HELP	5/4/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig



Plattsburg P&C
Your Voice
Our Kids
Together

The Annual General Meeting was held this month with some new faces voted into the P&C Association. Congratulations to those volunteers and thank you for your service. We look forward to a productive year of events and fundraising that will benefit our school and its community.

President: Odette Radburn
Vice President: Kerrie Partridge
Secretary: Amanda Mikulski
Treasurer: Susan Saxby
Auditor: Lynette Austin
Patron: Sonia Hornery
Executive: Beau Lea, Janet Duff, Les Duff, Kelly Fulcher, Kylie Evans, Bernadette Jopp.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION **2020** ORIENTATION DAY DATES

NOVEMBER 2019

13th Information Night 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

19th Student Orientation 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

20th Student Orientation 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

28th Student Orientation 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Welcome to Plattsburg 2020 Kindergarten

PLATTSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL



KINDERGARTEN 2020

ENROLLING NOW

Checkout our webpage: 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 2020 Kindergarten

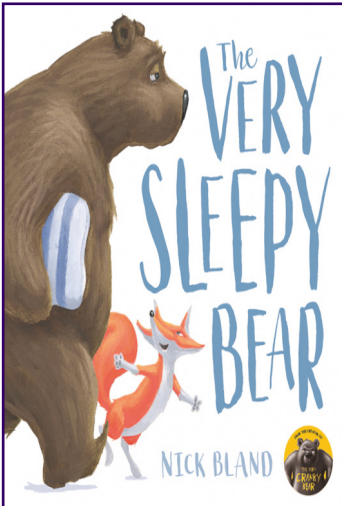
Kindergarten

Kindergarten Fun - Afternoon Activities

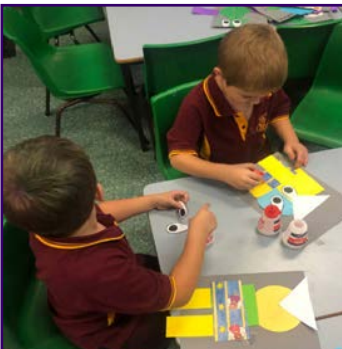
Challenge 1: To make a bridge that could hold more than 20 bears using 4 plastic cups and 4 large paddle pop sticks. Everyone had fun making different bridges.



Challenge 2: After reading *The Very Sleepy Bear* by Nick Bland students were to make a house out of magnetic blocks so that the bear could finally take a nap.



Challenge 3: To make a shape monster using the shapes we have been learning about during Math lessons.



Callaghan College Wallsend



2019 Timeline for Year 6 Transition to Year 7 2020

- Friday 8 March 2019 - Bandlink 1.
- Friday 15 March 2019 - GATS & CAPA Program Application Forms to be returned to Primary School with Part A completed by parent/carer.
- Tuesday 26 March 2019 - Year 6 Expo 4.00pm - 5.30pm
- Wednesday 27 March 2019 - Leaderlink
- Tuesday 2 April 2019 - COMPLETED GATS & CAPA Program Application Forms are to be submitted to CCWC
- Friday 12 April 2019 - Letters of confirmation mailed to GATS & CAPA Program applicants.
- Monday 6 May 2019 - GATS Program Exam
- Term 2 Week 2 (date to be confirmed) - CAPA Program Audition
- Friday 7 June 2019 - Bandlink 2
- Thursday 20 June 2019 - Transition Soccer Gala Day
- Friday 28 June 2019 - Students who applied for GATS and CAPA Programs will be notified of the outcome.
- Friday 28 June 2019 - GATS and CAPA Program successful applicants must accept/decline their position by this date.
- Wednesday/Thursday 7/8 August 2019 - Taster Lessons for all students who have been accepted to attend Year 7 at CCWC in 2020.
- Friday 30 August 2019 - Bandlink 3
- Tuesday 24 September 2019 - Transition Rugby League 7's
- Friday 25 October 2019 - Bandlink 4
- Wednesday 27 November 2019 - Message Stick Workshop
- Tuesday 3 December 2019 - Official Year 6 Orientation Day

See Callaghan College Wallsend Website for further information
<https://wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment/year-6-transition.html>

Callaghan College Wallsend Expo



Do you have a Year 6 Student enrolling in Year 7 at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus in 2020?

Parents and Year 6 students are invited to come along to our Parent Expo on Tuesday 26th March 2019. There will be organised tours of the school. Meet in the hall at 4:00pm. Staff and student leaders will be available to answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday 26th March at 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Environmental Education Teacher and Student Network Day

Lexie, Charlotte, Hayley and Molly presented at the Wetlands Education Centre's Student and Teacher's Network Day on March 14. They did our school proud sharing all the activities PPS does to help take care of the environment including information on the herb and vegetable garden they created. The girls have lots of ideas about how we can do more at our school to help!



Autumn Art by 2/3 Lockjaw





Facebook Code of Conduct

Using Real Names

All users interacting with the P&C run Plattsburg Public School Facebook page must do so using a Facebook account that clearly identifies them by their real name.

Etiquette

Our Facebook page is to be a celebration of our community and we are happy to see people support various posts via a Facebook comment or a 'like'. Plattsburg Public School reminds all families that our page is not the appropriate forum for raising personal issues. Matters involving any of our children, parents or staff must not be raised on our Facebook page. We encourage you to contact the Principal directly if you have matters that require attention.

How to Interact with the Facebook Page

Users will be able to comment on the school's postings and on comments by other users. Users will also be able to 'like' a post or comment by clicking on the like button. Users are reminded that if you choose to 'like' our page, a thread is automatically linked to your personal Facebook page which then becomes accessible to others. It is therefore recommended that you regularly review your own Facebook settings.

Moderation and Blocking

Plattsburg Public School reserves the right to set the strength level of the Facebook profanity filter and to add additional words and names to the pages block list. We reserve the right to remove any content that we believe is in breach of these policies, guidelines and the values of our school. Actions resulting in breaches to this policy may include prohibiting a user from interacting with the school Facebook page.

Actions Resulting from any Breaches of the Code of Conduct

Plattsburg Public School reserves the right to ban any user from interacting with its Facebook page for breaches of the Code of Conduct.

The Law and Facebook's Terms

Plattsburg Public School Facebook page operates under the Commonwealth Telecommunications Act and Facebook's terms, of which both are enforceable. Plattsburg Public School will remove content if it contains:

- Offensive, abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racist.
- Comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation
- Solicitations and advertisements by other organisations
- Endorsements of other organisations
- Any content the school deems inappropriate
- Any content which does not align with our values, standards and policies



On Friday 14th March the Plattsburg Chess Team participated in a gala day at Bishop Tyrell Anglican College, Minmi. Thank you to all the students who attended. All students represented the school with great sportsmanship.


Thank you to all the parents who provided transport to and from the gala day as it was greatly appreciated.

Our Chess Captains for 2019 are Riley O'Brien and Phoebe Lee who were presented with their badges at the last assembly. Congratulations Riley and Phoebe.



IN-STORE APPEARANCE BY

JAMIE WHINCUP



Wednesday 20th March 6pm-8pm

Bunnings Wallsend Trade Night. Trade Supplier Demonstrations & Fun for the Family. Bookings Online: www.bunnings.com.au/stores/nsw/wallsend







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BULLYING. NO WAY!

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.



HARMONY DAY



Saturday 23rd March 2019

11am-2pm

Jesmond Neighbourhood Centre

44 Mordue Parade Jesmond

Join us for a picnic to celebrate Harmony Day. Bring your own picnic rug and/or chair. Activities will include face painting, Fire truck, free BBQ and a jumping castle, chill out space, Art exhibition by local school kids, dancing and singing

More info tel: 49798555

