



April 2019

Term 1 Week 11

Newsletter

Important Dates

Friday
12th April 2019
Last Day of Term 1

Monday
29th April 2019
Staff Development Day
NO STUDENTS

Tuesday
30th April 2019
Students return for Term 2

Wednesday
8th May 2019
Mother's Day Stall

Friday
10th May 2019
Mother's Day Breakfast
8am for bacon and eggs

Monday
19th August 2019
Staff Development Day
Professional learning for
staff - No students.

Principals Message -

My thanks to the amazing parent volunteers that help with reading, transport to chess and cultural activities, Breakfast Club, bread pick ups, uniform shop, sports carnival, fund raising and canteen. You are appreciated and I hope you know that. You have helped to make our first term successful and you have certainly made a difference in the lives of our students.

Farewell to Mrs Keers. Mrs Keers was successful in winning a new position where she will support and grow Aboriginal Education across the district. I do think though, that we will still see her and that she will continue to support our cultural programs.

I wish for all our parents and carers a peaceful school holiday - but you may have to work at that.

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

No Staff
will be at school on
Monday 29th April 2019
due to
Staff Training

Students Return for Term 2
Tuesday 30th April 2019



No Staff
will be at school on
Monday 19th August 2019
due to
Staff Training

Students Return for Term 3
Monday 22 July 2019



**Term 3 change due to Staff Training workshop in
week 5. There will be no staff Monday 19th August.**

St James Lodge Scholarship

Last week at assembly we had two special guests, Mr Muir and Mr Marshall from St James Lodge, Wallsend. The St James Lodge of Wallsend has provided two scholarships to students entering either year 5 or year 6. Congratulations to Alexis and Scarlett on your successful applications. A bursary amount of \$300 will be paid to each of these students. Both Alexis and Scarlett have demonstrated a high level of civic responsibility, exemplary attendance and excellent application to school studies. Well done girls.



Marching Lessons

This Term we had a marching instructor from the Air Cadets visit the school. He provided 3-6 students with instruction and guidance on their marching technique. The students are practicing their marching in preparation for the Athletics Carnival when students will march over in their houses.



Chess and Sporting Groups with Mr Hopson

Mr Hopson's Sporting Group runs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunch times at Federal Park. This term the students have been playing soccer, continuous cricket and oztag. The students have been displaying sportsmanship towards each other and it has been great to see students of all ages participating in the games. Chess Club had the largest turn-out this term to date with students of all levels enjoying the game. New members are welcome no matter what your level of ability.



Respite Foster Carers NEEDED!

Respite carers provide short stays for children in our foster care program. Respite carers aim to provide support and positive experiences for the child or young person, sometimes regularly or on an as-needed basis.

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Leaderlink

On Wednesday 27th March Scarlett, Sami and I walked up to Callaghan College Wallsend to represent Plattsburg at Leaderlink day. We gained important leadership skills by participating in a lot of activities during the day. My favourite was a lemon squeeze which showed you the more you put into something, (in our case the harder you squeezed the lemon) the more you got out of it. We made some friends with leaders from all of the different feeder schools and were provided with recess and lunch (from Subway) which was shared with everyone. During the day we all had to present a video about being a leader and of course we thought it was the best. Miss Bax encouraged us to think of our own ideas and it paid off. Also thanks to Miss Rebecca and Miss Casey for allowing us some free time to put the video together. Charlotte Turner.



Attendance Notifications

Every five weeks, Plattsburg Public School notifies all families if a child's attendance falls below 85%. We do understand that children may have leave for many reasons e.g. illness, family holidays. The school is obliged to bring this leave information to your attention regardless of the reasons for non attendance as part of the NSW Department of Education's Attendance Policies. The attendance rate includes pre-advised and explained absences for holiday/illness during school terms.

- The school's attendance monitoring

system produces a 'Below 85% Attendance' list for every five-week period.

- Individual reports sent home are not done so to cause offence. They are provided in good faith as part of our mandatory reporting requirements to you. This is still the case for if the leave has been justified, approved or is unapproved and will include holiday periods taken during school time.
- Below 85% attendance averages out at more than 3 missed days per 4-weeks of school. Thank you for your assistance, support and understanding.

McDonald's Family Fun Night

Thank you to our community for supporting Plattsburg P&C at the recent family Fun Night at Wallsend McDonalds. \$307 was raised for the P&C. Amazing effort!

Bunnings BBQ for Year 6

What wonderful team work last Saturday as Year six hosted a Bunnings BBQ at Wallsend. We were busy all day with our first order at 8:00am for 30 sausage sandwiches. Over the day we sold more than 660 sausages. Thank you to Donna, Ebony, Molly, Susan, Ben, Leanne, Scarlett, Odette Isabella, Charlotte and their Nan for working so hard during the day. Also thanks to Aldi for donating some bread for us to use. The money we raised will be used for a parting gift to the school from Year Six 2019 as well as go towards the farewell fun-day. The gift will be unveiled later in the year.



Welcome Miss Rubie



Yaama everyone, my name is Karen Rubie, and I am a proud Wiradjuri woman and teacher. I have been working in education for 30 years in roles as an Aboriginal Education Assistant, and for the last few years I have been working at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus as a HSIE teacher. This year, I have been fortunate enough to be working three days a week at Plattsburg Primary School to mentor, advise, and collaborate with staff on the delivery of Aboriginal Education. This is something that I am extremely passionate about. With the staff at Plattsburg Primary, I hope to ensure we deliver the best outcomes for our Aboriginal students, and our community. I hope to catch up and have a yarn with our parents, carers and families very soon.

Art with 2/3L

Students from Miss Ashley's 2/3L class have created some stunning artworks of parrots using mediums of paper, crayon and paint. Well done 2/3L.



House Verse House
Score Update
(next update mid Term 2)

21

Cook

21

Macquarie

17

Tasman

17

Phillip

New House Signs

Our new House Sport's banners look fantastic and will be used at the Athletics Carnival and each Friday during sport.



HARMONY DAY

On Friday 22nd March Plattsburg Public School celebrated Harmony Day. All cultures from around the world were celebrated and the theme of 'Everyone Belongs' was consistent throughout. Games from around the world were played in the morning during sport, Kindergarten to Year 6. The Indian 'Bollywood' Performance was brilliant in the middle session and in class activities made real significance from the day. Students enjoyed a "Loaded Potato Skin" meal deal prepared by our canteen volunteers, thank you. Within our school community all students and families are welcome and we have many families and students from all over the world. Everyone Belongs at Plattsburg. In the office foyer we have a world map and all our families from around the world are highlighted on the map which illustrates that our school and community is very multicultural. Each term at Plattsburg we are going to have a multicultural themed day to really promote 'Everyone Belongs' here at Plattsburg Public School.



IN OUR CLASSROOM

IT have been continuing to work on their imaginative texts throughout the term. We have been focusing on making the beginnings of our stories exciting from the first sentence. Below are some student examples created independently.

Crash! He turned around. The light turned off. He heard a boo and he thought it was a ghost. The noise was coming closer. He heard a crash and a boo. It must be a ghost. The door slammed.

He heard a zap. He turned around and he saw a broken window. Heard the window break. He saw a hand.

Boom! What was that? Its sounds like a monster. Creak went the door. "Grrr!" She turned around and she saw a green slug monster.

We've discovered a number of poets in 3/4S. Below are some poems for you to enjoy.

*I have a mountain bike,
I like to ride up and down the mountains that
rise up so tall, watch you don't fall off those tall
mountains that rise up so tall*

By Djarayi

*Who am I
What am I
I live in a house
A messy house
with a mouse and a
blouse
by Sienna*

*My name is Sinthiou
I'm here to teach you
With no issue
Do you want a tissue
Before you go aaah
choo*

*Saegan
I like my name I'm not going to complain
Because that was my name when it came into my
mums brain.
And from that day on it wasn't very plain.
And I knew that I would always be the same old
Saegan Laine Casey*





This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box at the office. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

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Breakfast Club Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1/4/19 Michelle Baurer Rumena Petrovski	2/4/19 Allison NM (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	3/4/19 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia HELP	4/4/19 Kylie Evans HELP	5/4/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
8/4/19 Michelle Baurer (Holiday Bread Collection 23/4/19) Rumena Petrovski	9/4/19 Allison NM (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	10/4/19 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia HELP	11/4/19 Kylie Evans HELP	12/4/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
29/4/19 Staff Development Day	30/4/19 Allison NM (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	1/5/19 Nabeel Tawfia Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) HELP	2/5/19 Kylie Evans HELP	3/5/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig

Canteen Roster

Monday Sandra Moriarty
Tuesday Sandra Moriarty Larissa Mitchell
Wednesday Bernadette Jopp Clare Woodrow
Thursday Sandra Moriarty Rumena Petrovski
Friday Amanda Walker 3/5 & 24/5 Sandra Moriarty Amanda Mikulski Order online at www.quickclik.com.au



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Term 1 ended on a high with the running of our school Athletics carnival. We were fortunate the weather was on our side. The primary students marched over to Federal Park in the morning in their Houses chanting their war-cries. They competed in the 800m, 200m and Long Jump events before the infant students came across to join in the action. Following recess were the age races with students from kindy to Year 6 competing. House Captains were leading their teams in cheering on their fellow house mates demonstrating great sportsmanship and comradery. Every student whether they were competing in every race or cheering on their friends represented themselves and Plattsy with pride.

A HUGE thank you to all the amazing people who helped. Whether you were turning a sausage or raking a long jump pit, our carnival would not be so successful without each and every one of you. It is a long day for some of our volunteers who were at Federal Park before 8am setting up and still there helping pack up at 3pm. Whether you helped for the day or just for an hour, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

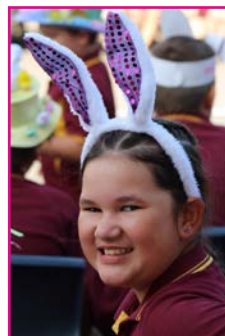
The whole carnival is organised and managed by Amanda Mikulski and Miss Casey. Amanda Mikulski organises the program and records results. It is a massive undertaking to ensure our students have a safe, fair and fun day and event would not be the success it is without her. THANK YOU. The event was beautifully captured in photographs by Allison Neal-Mahony. Miss Neal-Mahony certainly has gift capturing some spectacular action shots. THANK YOU for volunteering your time to record these memories for our students and their families. All photos are posted on our Facebook page and school website.



EASTER at Plattsy



What lovely weather we had for our annual Easter Hat Parade. There were many amazing creations by our students this year. Special thanks to our parents for your egg donations and for the P&C for organising the raffle. Mr Hopson had big shoes to fill with Mr Buxton now in retirement and he did an outstanding job. The student leaders all dressed in "Mr Buxton Bunny Suits" to pay homage to retired Easter Bunny. Thank you Allison Neal-Mahony for capturing these special moments. All photos taken on the day can be viewed on our school website.





Education
High Performing Students Team

Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in

2020

(Parents must read this document before submitting an online application)

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020?

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Application website opens

Friday 17 May 2019

Application website closes at 5.00pm

You must apply by the due date.

Wednesday 17 July 2019

Test authority letters sent to applicants

Wednesday 31 July 2019

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Application information should be read carefully before applying.

It is on the website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Note: The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the website.

Parents* should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website and Facebook for up to date information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Team

NSW Department of Education

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Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

[^] In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

*Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as 'a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

A list of the primary schools with opportunity classes is shown on page 2 of this document.



You're invited

Please join us in celebrating the significant women in our lives at our Mother's Day Breakfast.

Friday 10th May from 8am

The Mother's Day stall will also be open and the raffle will be drawn around 8:45am.



Term 1 update.

School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money* and here's how they manage it:



Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong - the amount should suit your family situation.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmite token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



Polar Savers Rewards:

- Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
- Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Ickle Slapband Ruler
- Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
- Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

School Banking Deposit Tracker.

Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144). School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.



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13 to 27 April 2019

Closed Good Friday, Easter Sunday, ANZAC Day

Dinosaur Exhibition featuring scale casts, fossils and resin replicas of dinosaurs from the collection of local paleontologist Mike Dawson

- Dinosaur Dig - What's that in the sand?
- Look out for Triceratops, Tyrannosaurus Rex and Acrocanthosaurus as you wander the Wetlands.
- Check out some modern relatives of dinosaurs with our Reptile Rangers.
- Dino Colouring, Dino Craft, Dino Hopscotch



Exhibition open daily 9.30am-1.30pm



Special Extra Event
Saturday 13 April & Tuesday 16 April

Dino Disco 10.30 to 11.30am

- Rock along to the Dino Disco. Come dressed up or make a Dino Mask to wear on the dance floor.
- Join in when children's author Deborah Kelly reads her book *Dinosaur Disco* and sets the mirror ball spinning.
- Prizes for the best costumes and dancers.

Included in Wetlands entry fee but please book online as space is limited.

www.wetlands.org.au

Special Easter Event
Saturday 20 April

Easter Fun Day 9.30am to 1.30pm

- Face Painting ♦ Jumping Castle ♦ Craft ♦ Meet the Easter Bunny at 10am, 11am or 12
- Included in Wetlands entry fee. Avoid the queues and book online.
- Easter Saturday Sausage Sizzle \$2.50





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.

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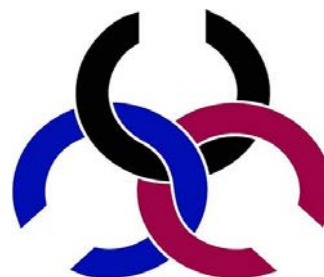


* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



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>