



May 2019

Term 2 Week 2

Newsletter

Important Dates

Wednesday
8th May 2019
Mother's Day Stall
Gifts from \$2 to \$7

Thursday
9th May 2019
Bunnings Family Night
6pm - 8pm
FREE

Friday
10th May 2019
Mother's Day Breakfast
Bacon and Eggs
8am All Welcome

Monday
13th May 2019
P&C Meeting
9.30am in library

Tue/Wed/Thur
14th/15th/16th May
2019
Naplan

Friday
17th May 2019
Year 5 Opportunity Class
Applications Close

Monday
10th June 2019
Queen's Birthday

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

Principals Message

Congratulations to our students for the exemplary sportsmanship they displayed at our recent Athletics Carnival. This has been a focus in the school during first term, and was clear for all to see on the day. It was wonderful to see our students cheering on each other and doing their war cries for their teams. A big thank you must go to Amanda Mikulski, who again did a great job organising the day. The day could not run without the help of our volunteers - from our starters and timers to our sausage cooks, and all those jobs in between. Thank you for supporting a great day for our students.

This Friday is also our annual Mothers Day Breakfast, from 8am. Students are invited to bring their mother, grandmother or other important woman along to be treated to a bacon and egg sandwich. The P&C do a great job each year in organising and supporting this event, and I know the teachers are already warming their frypans and testing their tongs.

Lastly, thanks to our school leaders who proudly represented our school at the Dawn Service on Anzac Day. We saw a number of Plattsburg families participating in this event, and we thank them as well for their attendance.

Wallsend ANZAC Service

Our leaders and students represented Plattsburg Public School with pride and honour at the Wallsend Diggers ANZAC Dawn Service during the holidays. The leaders laid a floral tribute at the base of the cenotaph and all were clearly moved by the occasion. Thank you to Miss Donna for escorting the students to the service.



Community Events

The following events are coming up in our community:

Wednesday the 8th May -

Immersion Week Celebrations

It is a free event 5:30-7:30pm with free food and activities for all – including Speaking Colour workshops, Drum workshops, cultural dance and music performances. <https://www.facebook.com/events/390882491513973/>

Thursday the 9th May -

Bunnings Wallsend Family Night
6pm to 8pm Minmi Road Wallsend

Saturday the 11th May -

KO Classic Charity Surf Event

Free event from 7:30am Dixon Park Beach <https://cuaustralasia.com/events/childrens-university-newcastle-events-ko-classic-charity-surf-event-dixon-park-beach/>

Sunday the 12th May -

The Magic of Mother's Day

Miss Porters House

434 King St Newcastle

1 - 4pm. A much-loved tradition. Treat mum to a slice of history and enjoy special displays of tea sets, photographs and other memorabilia belonging to the Porter family

Saturday the 18th May -

Cinema in the Park (The Incredibles 2)

Free event from 2:00pm at Speers Point Park - <https://cuaustralasia.com/events/childrens-university-newcastle-events-allambi-care-cinema-in-the-park-free/>

Saturday the 18th May -

Fire Station Open Day

Free event from 10:00-2:00pm at participating fire stations <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=619>

Saturday the 25th May -

Variety Family Fun Day

From 11am at Foreshore Park Newcastle - <https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/event/variety-family-fun-day/>

Whooping Cough Alert

A student at nearby Callaghan College Wallsend has a confirmed case of Whooping Cough. Please read the attached information and see medical advice if your child is displaying symptoms. Please read the Whooping Cough information sheet attached to this newsletter.

Tissue Donations

The mornings are starting to turn chilly and with the colder weather comes with it colds and sniffles. We are asking for donations of tissues for each classroom and office. Thank you for your donation.

Clothing

The weather has started to cool down, so make sure that students have school jumpers at school and that they are clearly marked with the children's names, so if the day pans out warmer then the clothes are easily returned to their rightful owners.

School Opal Card

When using a School Opal Card, it is a condition of use that students must tap on at the beginning of a trip and tap off at the end of a trip. Opal data gathered by tap on and tap off is used to determine the level of service to schools. If students don't use their Opal cards it indicates that bus services may not be required so please ensure you use your Opal Card on every trip to and from school.

School Hours

School Supervision does not begin until 8.30am and ends at 3pm, please organise your child care around these hours. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to organise before and after school care. It is not acceptable to drop your children at school before supervision commences. Children on the school site before or after supervision ARE NOT SAFE. We understand that many parents may have commitments at work which require them to start early. We start early too. There are OOSH services operating at Wallsend Public School and Maryland Public School. As an alternative, you may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children before school. Some families in our School who have working parents take turns to take each other's children to school.

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.

Kindergarten 2020

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2020. Families who reside within our 'Enrolment Zone' may apply for enrolment at any time. Our boundary map is on our school website. Due to enrolment projections, we may not be able to accept non local students. This may now include all siblings of current students who live outside the school's intake zone (ie non local siblings). Parents need to be aware of these policy implications now and make the necessary adjustments with their children's enrolments. All you need to do is contact the school office and we will take your child's name and some other details. There will be a Parent Information Session here at school on the 13th November at 5pm

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are participating in the Woolworths Earn and 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 and Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn and 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 will be able to get some great new equipment.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Term 1 ended with another successful athletics carnival. Students had been working on their school spirit and sportsmanship leading up to the carnival and it showed.

Each house, led by their house captains marched over to Federal Park before jumping into a day of events. Students participated in 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump and relay events and earned points for their houses.

Every student who competed did so with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship and those who chose to spectate encouraged and cheered on their fellow house mates with great passion.

It was another close year with house points with Macquarie coming out on top with 184 points, followed closely by Tasman on 179 points. Cook came in third on 156 points and Phillip trailed on 142 points. These points have been added to the overall house totals.

Congratulations to everyone who competed and to the students who have progressed to the Crossroads Zone carnival later in the year. A very big thank you to the volunteers who helped on the day. Our carnival is run by the P&C and it's success is due to the amazing volunteers who put their hand up to help.

This year, there has been a change to the sports awards with the introduction to the Buxton Cup and the new sports program. In honour of Mr Buxton who gave many years to sport at Plattsburg and to the wider community we now have Sportsmanship awards which will replace the traditional age champion awards. The Sportsmanship awards which will be presented at the Presentation Day at the end of the year will be determined by a best and fairest approach during sport throughout the entire year.



Cross Country

On Friday the 3rd of May students from Plattsburg Public participated at Crossroads Zone Cross Country. All gave their best effort competing in their race. Congratulations to Cooper Marks and Jayarni Townsend who will now represent the school at the Hunter Primary Cross County. Good Luck Cooper and Jayarni!



Touch Football Junior State Cup

During the school holidays Ben Saxby and Isaac Radburn played representative touch football at the Junior State Cup in Wollongong. Isaac and Ben trialled for the 12 Boys teams and were successful in being selected to represent the Wallsend Wolves at the state event. The Wolves were so close to beating the favourites, Manly in a nail-biting game and were sitting 3rd on the ladder after Day 1. At the end of the competition the Wolves came 9th out of 56 teams from across the state. An amazing effort of skill and sportsmanship for not only themselves but their club and school. Well done boys.



NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2019

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

PRE SHOW FUN STARTS AT 5:30PM

FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH PLATTSBURG P&C
ON SALE SOON



EVENT
CINEMAS
GLENDALE

Family Movie Night - P&C Fundraiser

Join Woody, Buzz and the gang on a road trip alongside old and new friends where they discover how big the world can be for a toy.

Pre show fun starts at 5:30pm

Movie starts 6:30pm

Tickets are \$15 each

which includes the movie and a showbag.

Family discounts will be available.

Tickets on sale 24th May.

Good for Kids good for life GREAT CHOICE HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN

We are excited to share that our school canteen is now a leader in providing a healthy food service to our students and staff. Our menu has been recognised as a "Great Choice Healthy School Canteen" meaning that it meets the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

A big thanks goes to our Canteen Manager/ P&C Committee/ Canteen Committee for all your hard work in reviewing our school canteen menu. Please support our canteen by ordering lunch and/or recess or volunteering in the canteen.



HNELHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



You're invited

Please join us for our Mother's Day Breakfast.

Friday 11th May from 8am

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



Breakfast Club Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6/5/2019 Michelle Baurer	7/5/2019 Michelle Baurer (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	8/5/2019 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia	9/5/2019 Kylie Evans	10/5/2019 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
13/5/2019 Michelle Baurer	14/5/2019 Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	15/5/2019 Nabeel Tawfia	16/5/2019 Kylie Evans	17/5/2019 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
20/5/19 Michelle Baurer	21/5/19 Michelle Baurer (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	22/5/19 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia	23/5/19 Kylie Evans	24/5/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig
27/5/19 Michelle Baurer	28/5/19 Allison NM (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	29/5/19 Amanda Mikulski (Bread Cutter) Nabeel Tawfia	30/5/19 Kylie Evans	31/5/19 Carly Ackerman Sheridan Uhrig

Canteen Roster

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



Communicable Diseases Factsheet

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 28 June 2018

Whooping cough affects people of all ages. It can be especially serious for babies. Vaccination reduces the risk of infection and severe disease.

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 18 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.

- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby's vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.

Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School –based Vaccination Program.

Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Free vaccine is provided through GPs and hospital antenatal clinics.
- other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether you've had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local public health unit. Public health unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

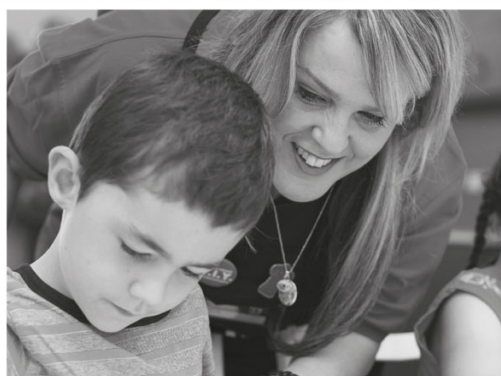
Identify - Protect – Prevent

[NSW Health whooping cough campaign:](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx)
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>

For further information please call your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au

Mother's Day Family Night

FREE



Time: 6pm-8pm

Date: Thursday 9th May 2019

Activities:

Join us here at Bunnings Wallsend for our annual Mother's Day Family Fun Night. There will be plenty of fun for the entire family including a Jumping Castle, Photo Booth, Adult Macramé DIY, Kid DIY's, Massages for Mum, Supplier Demonstrations, Gift Wrapping, Light Refreshments and Lucky Door Prizes

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