



September 2019

Term 3 Week 10

Newsletter

Important Dates

Thursday
26th September 2019

Grandparents Day
12.15pm

Friday
27th September 2019

Colour Run/Sausage Sizzle
Last Day of Term 3

Tuesday
8th October 2019
Year 7 Selective High School
Applications Open

Monday
14th October 2019

First Day of Term 4
There is no Staff
Development Day at the
beginning of Term 4.

Tuesday
22nd October 2019
Whole School Assembly
2.15pm

Tuesday
5th November 2019
Whole School Assembly
2.15pm

Friday
13th November 2019
Kindergarten Information
Evening. 5pm - 6pm

Thursday
5th December 2019
Year 6 Farewell

Principals Message -

What a busy week to end the term on - Grandparents Day, Alien Invasion Evacuation Drill and Colour Run!

My sincere thanks to all the Grandparents who took the time to come to school and share their wisdom, patience and good humour. Our kids were asked to come up with some questions to ask our visiting Grandparents. Here's one: Back in the day, were phones run on gas or electricity? At least there is an understanding that we had power "back in the day" and that we weren't sitting around candles cooking our gruel on an open fire. There is nothing like a child's perspective to put a smile on your face.

A big thank you must go to the P&C for organising the Colour Run. A lot of thought and hard work has gone into organising this much loved event.

Please have a happy and safe holiday and thank you for the support you give to your kids and our school.

SCHOOL Holidays

30th September - 13th October

Students Return Monday 14th October

Be Safe Online

STRANGER DANGER

Plattsy Kids Stay Safe

Safety Means Always Recognising Trouble

Take Care of Each Other

When Using the Computer

When Playing Outside

Visit www.safety4kids.com.au for more safety tips

Refugee Awareness Day

On Thursday 19th September the students at PPS were presented with a real life refugee story by George Najarian. George was representing the Refugee Council of Australia and provided the students with an insight into his journey to Australia and living as a refugee.

After the presentations George spoke very highly of the students at PPS and their welcoming nature.

The day was very informative for the students.



Office Hours

School phones are manned from 8.30am until 3.15pm. The office window is opened at 8.30am and closed at 3.00pm however office staff are available until 3.15pm. There is a teacher on duty at the bus line.

Going Home Arrangements

Please ensure that your child is aware of how they will be going home in the afternoon. If these arrangements change during the day it would be appreciated if you could contact the office prior to 2.00pm to ensure that the message is passed on to your child.

Skoolbag App and Website

Download the PPS Skoolbag APP to both iPhone and Android devices. Event updates and important information will be sent out via our Skoolbag APP and you can record your child's absence from school as well. You will also find our School website at <https://plattsburg-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> which is regularly updated with events happening in our school.

Late Arrival/Early Departure

If your child is late arriving to school or needs to leave early for an appointment, a partial absence slip is to be collected from the school office prior to collecting your child. This slip is given to the classroom teacher.

Payment of Money

School fees and activity costs can be paid by credit card via the Plattsburg Public School website (<https://plattsburg-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>) using the 'Make a Payment' tab. If you are making a cash payment please place the money in an envelope with the child's name, class and the reason clearly noted. We have cash collection envelopes at the school office for your use. All money is to be given to your child's teacher. When making payments for multiple children, separate money and envelopes for each child

is appreciated, as it is very time-consuming to sort out at the time of receipting.

Library Books

During the holidays could you please scour bedrooms, bookshelves, and all those places that books like to hide and find any belonging to Plattsburg Public School? The library is stocktaking next term and all books must be returned and/or accounted for.

Asthma Action Plan

Every person with asthma should have an Asthma Action Plan in writing. Please check with the office to see if your child's plan and medication is in date. An Asthma Action Plan provides clear information and instructions for managing your asthma. It includes easy-to-read information about your medications, symptoms and danger signs. Information in an Asthma Action Plan includes:

- Medications when well
- Medications when not well
- Medications and instructions when getting worse
- Danger signs – when to call an ambulance

Asthma Action Plans are important tools available to assist with asthma self-management. Their effectiveness in reducing the risk of emergency complications is well established. An Asthma Action Plan is a document recommended by your health professional in case you experience symptoms. To construct an Asthma Action Plan, you should work with your doctor to identify the main two or three signs your asthma symptoms are worsening. Your child's, Asthma Action Plan should be reviewed and updated yearly, and always in collaboration with you, the person or carer of the person with asthma.

**PLATTSBURG'S
COLOUR
EXPLOSION
FUN RUN**
Friday 27th September

The Colour Explosion Fun Run will be run in conjunction with the Mandatory Evacuation Drill which is a requirement of the Department of Education Work Health and Safety.

ORDER OF EVENTS FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Students are to wear **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** to school.

MANDATORY EVACUATION DRILL

9:15 - 10:30am

Students will assemble under the COLA before walking to Plattsburg Park.
On arrival at Plattsburg Park students will receive an ice block courtesy of the P&C before returning to school.

RECESS

11am - 11:25am

Recess as usual.

MIDDLE SESSION

11:25am - 12:50pm

Middle session as usual.

LUNCH

12:50pm - 1:40pm

The P&C will run a sausage sizzle meal deal. Students who have pre ordered will come up in classes to receive their order. Remaining sausages will be sold once pre orders have been collected. Parents are welcome to join their child/ren for lunch.

COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN

1:45pm - 3pm

Students will return to class. Students who are participating will have an opportunity to change into their **white shirts** and receive their sweatbands and sunglasses.
Classes to assemble in the gully. The Fun Run will start around 2:15pm. Students who are not participating will be offered alternative activities.

**National Week of Deaf
People 2019**



**A national celebration
of Deaf people and culture**

The Lake Macquarie West Hearing Support Team proudly supports students who are Deaf and hard of hearing across the region. The team recognise the Deaf Community as important role models and stakeholders in Deaf Education and are celebrating Deaf people in our area in Week 10 for National Week of Deaf People. Deaf Australia began the National Week of Deaf People celebration to allow Deaf people the opportunity to celebrate their community, language, culture and history. It is also a time to recognise the achievements of Deaf people so the Hearing Support Team will be coordinating activities across the week to acknowledge the amazing Deaf people in our community.

Deaf Australia values:

- Auslan as the language of the Australian Deaf community
- The potential of Deaf people to succeed
- Individual difference
- Dedication to the organisation
- Establishing and enhancing relationships with members and partners
- Open communication
- Honest and positive attitudes
- High quality information and service
- Involvement/contribution of members
- The views of the Deaf community
- Continuous improvement and innovation

LEVEL ONE WATER RESTRICTION RULES IN NSW



- 1** Hand-held hoses can be used to water gardens before **10am and after 4pm** if they are fitted with trigger nozzles
- 2** Standard sprinklers and watering systems cannot be used at **any time**. Watering system can be used to water garden if they feature rain or soil moisture sensors
- 3** Cars can be washed with hoses fitted with trigger nozzles, buckets and high pressure cleaning equipment
- 4** Hoses cannot be used to clean paths, driveway and paved areas
- 5** Pools and spas can be topped up to replace water lost through evaporation



Education

High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2021?

You must apply online at:

education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7



Key Dates

Application website opens:
8 October 2019

Application website closes:
10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent
overnight on:
4 July 2020

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents should check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal Address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Please Note:

* 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'

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you **intend** to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2021 through the High Performing Students Team website between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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Mattara Festival has got family entertainment covered these September school holidays! **Wallsend Park** will be packed with activities from the **5th Oct. – 13th October 2019** and best of all, it's free entry!

Don't miss the opening weekend fireworks to get the festival kicked off with a boom! There will also be loads of kid-friendly stage performances, plus Elmo meet and greets too! Let the kids explore their creative side at the arts and crafts tent, cuddle your furry friends at the petting farm, or spin yourself silly with unlimited rides like the Tea Cups, Dodgem Cars, Giant Slide, and more!

Check out our exciting themed days for 2019:

Sat. 5th Oct. - Wallsend Community & Cultural Day
Sun. 6th Oct. - Superhero Sunday

Mon. 7th Oct. - Dogs in the Park NSW
Tues. 8th Oct. - Bunnings Greening Day
Wed. 9th Oct. - NBN Family Fun Day
Thurs. 10th Oct. - Triple M Radio Rocks Mattara
Fri. 11th Oct. - Interactive Sports and Activity Day
Sat. 12th Oct. - Happy Halloween Day
Sun. 13th Oct. - That's Mattara

We'll have all your favourites too, such as heaps of showbags to choose from, carnival games to play, and delicious treats to fulfil your appetite. There really is something for everyone to enjoy, so get excited and let the countdown to Mattara Festival fun begin!

For more information, check out our website at www.mattarafestival.org.au

Sonia Horner Christmas Card Competition

Each year I normally conduct a competition with some local schools to design the front of my Christmas cards. This year I am going to slightly change it. This year it is open to anyone living in Wallsend the electorate. The winner will have their design displayed on my card, with credit plus a prize. All designs must be hand drawn original design of what you think Christmas in the Wallsend electorate means to you. Get drawing!

Designs must be submitted to my office by 4pm, Friday 25 October.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BREAKFAST CLUB

BREAD COLLECTORS

BREAD CUTTERS

MORNING HELPERS

Made with PosterMyWall.com

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD



An exciting national photography competition is providing primary and high school students the opportunity to express themselves creatively through the exciting medium of photography. Endorsed by NSW Health and Healthy Kids Association, the competition invites students to submit photos that express their interpretation of the theme "Healthy Life, Healthy You". There are heaps of prizes on offer, as well as the chance to feature in a photo exhibition. Each winning entrant in the Primary School Category will also win a healthy school canteen prize for the school. So grab your cameras and start shooting! You can find out more about the competition, the entry requirements and prizes on offer at: yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au. Entries close on 13th October 2019. There is also a special prize category sponsored by Healthy Kids Association that encourages children to take a photo that best captures the idea of eating the rainbow. Winners of this special category will take home their very own iPad!" Check out the website for more information <http://yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au>

Breakfast Club Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/9/2019 Michelle Baurer Kayla K	3/9/2019 Allison (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	4/9/2019 Nabeel Tawfia Amanda Bread Cutter	5/9/2019 Kylie Evans	6/9/2019 Carly Ackerman Melanie
9/9/2019 Michelle Baurer Kayla K	10/9/2019 Michelle (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	11/9/2019 Nabeel Tawfia Shahn Bread Cutter	12/9/2019 Kylie Evans	13/9/2019 Carly Ackerman Melanie
16/9/2019 Michelle Baurer Kayla K	17/9/2019 Sandra Moriarty (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	18/9/2019 Nabeel Tawfia Christina Bread Cutter	19/9/2019 Kylie Evans	20/9/2019 Carly Ackerman Melanie
23/9/2019 Michelle Baurer Kayla K	24/9/2019 Michelle (Bread Collector) Michelle Baurer Nabeel Tawfia Kayla K	25/9/2019 Nabeel Tawfia Renaye Bread Cutter	126/9/2019 Kylie Evans	127/9/2019 Carly Ackerman Melanie

Canteen Roster

Monday Sandra Moriarty
Tuesday Sandra Moriarty
Wednesday Bernadette Jopp Kylie Evans Clare Woodrow
Thursday Sandra Moriarty
Friday Amanda Walker 27/8 Sandra Moriarty Odette Radburn
Order online at www.quickcliq.com.au

SUMMER 2019/2020

Surfing the Spectrum

Surfing the Spectrum host free surf therapy events in collaboration with local surf schools for children with autism and their siblings.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

FLYNN'S BEACH, PORT MACQUARIE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

NOBBY'S BEACH, NEWCASTLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SEVEN MILE BEACH, GERROA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

AVOCA BEACH, AVOCA

SATURDAY, JANUARY TBA

FLAT ROCK BEACH, BALLINA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CAVES BEACH, CAVES BEACH

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

ONE MILE BEACH, FORSTER





Surfing the Spectrum

Invites you to a fundraising party!

Help us raise funds to share the stoke of surfing with more children with Autism

FEATURING

THE RIDE-ONS

The Blues Bombers

JJ King

+ Many Raffles and Prizes



**Live@
the Wicko**

**SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2019
4:00 PM**

**WICKHAM PARK HOTEL
61 Maitland Road, Islington**



BIG APACHEE

FREE ENTRY, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

hunter
drama

PETER PAN JR.



CIVIC THEATRE 10-12 OCTOBER

Get whisked away these October School holidays to a place where dreams are born.

As a special offer, your students and their families can access the discounted ticket price of \$30 each (instead of \$56) for both children and adults. Simply call Ticketek directly on 49291977 or visit the Civic Theatre Ticketek on Hunter Street and quote the special code **FLYAWAY30**



hunter
drama

PETER PAN JR.



**CIVIC THEATRE
10-12 OCTOBER**



NAME





HOLIDAY CLINICS

DATE: 9/10/2019
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
AGE: 5-12 years
COST: \$40
WHERE: Grange Oval, Maryland



**LEAGUE
STARS**

STRIKERS SOFTBALL CLUB INC

PROUDLY PRESENTS

SOFTBALL SEASON 2019/20

REGISTER NOW!

striker.softball.org.au



Girls & Boys
4 - 12 yrs
From

\$50
REGO FEE

All abilities, ages 4 - 60+ yrs
Benny Ball, T-Ball, U12, U14, U16, U18
Senior Grades - 1st to 4th Grade
Games played same time and place
each Saturday
Stevenson Park, Mayfield West



SEASON STARTS
Saturday
12 October 2019



Don't forget to use your
Active Kids Voucher!



Call us on:
0412 998 246

strikerssoftballclub@gmail.com
[facebook.com/strikerssoftballclub](https://www.facebook.com/strikerssoftballclub)
[@strikerssoftballclub](https://www.instagram.com/strikerssoftballclub)



Tuesday 24 September 2019

Newcastle Netball Clinics

Newcastle Netball Courts

Time/Age: 4.30pm-6.00pm 6-10 year olds

Time/Age: 6.00pm-7.30pm 11+ year olds

Cost: \$45 per person (Inc. GST)

(includes coaching and a gift)

Bring: Water bottle and wear suitable training clothes

For registration, please go to www.spnetball.com/clinics
Registration closes 22nd September 2019.
Places are limited so get in quick!



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AUSTRALIAN NETBALLER
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Glendore PS
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Heaton PS
Islington PS
Jesmond PS
Maryland PS
Mayfield East PS
Mayfield West PS
Minni PS



SHOWING 31 OCT 2019

FILMS BY CALLAGHAN

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE

Plattsburg PS
Shortland PS
Tighes Hill PS
Wallsend PS
Waratah PS
Waratah West PS
CC Jesmond Campus
CC Wallsend Campus
CC Waratah Campus

AT CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS
Macquarie Street, Wallsend 4:30 - 9.00pm

Premiering Short Films

18 CEP SCHOOLS ON THE BIG OUTDOOR SCREEN

Tickets \$5 EACH OR \$10 FOR A FAMILY OF 4
ON SALE AT ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Come dressed up in Halloween costumes, come for the fun and stay for the films!
Complete the TRICK OR TREAT CHALLENGE, plus jumping castles and other fun activities.
Lots of food and drinks, including vegetarian, vegan, ice cream and sweets.
Get your family and friends together, we can't wait to see you there!!

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LOUD SHIRT DAY



GET LOUD AT LOWES

BUY A HAWAIIAN SHIRT

15% OF EACH SHIRT SOLD WILL SUPPORT KIDS WHO ARE DEAF TO LEARN TO LISTEN AND SPEAK



USE CODE
LOUD2019
ONLINE AT LOWES.COM.AU

ASK YOUR FRIENDLY LOWES STAFF MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE

PROMOTION ON FULL PRICED HAWAIIAN SHIRTS ONLY. TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY. FOR SALES BETWEEN 1ST-15TH OCTOBER, PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE FIRST VOICE CENTRE IN THE STATE OF PURCHASE BENEFITTING CAN DO 4 KIDS, HEAR AND SAY, ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR DEAF & BLIND CHILDREN, TELETHON SPEECH & HEARING AND THE SHEPHERD CENTRE. OFFER ONLY APPLICABLE ON THE PURCHASE OF FULL PRICE SHIRTS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE T-SHIRTS.




Merewether High School

An academically selective school for gifted and talented students

Information session – The Application Process
Year 7 2021

Parents of Year 5 students 2019 are invited to attend an information session about the procedures for applying for entry in an academically selective school for Year 7 2021.

When: Tuesday 15th October 2019
Where: Bensley Hall – Merewether High school
Chatham Road Broadmeadow
Time: 4.00pm



FITFORLIFE

Fit For Life is an early intervention program designed to engage youth who are at risk of poor choices and anti-social behaviour. Through physical fitness, nutrition and social engagement, Fit For Life aims to improve overall wellbeing as well as prevent and divert youth from offending behaviours.

Focusing on fitness, community engagement and positive growth, Fit For Life builds confidence, communication and leadership as well as establishing a foundation for a positive relationship between youths and the local Police.






Part of the Commissioner's Rise Up Strategy, Fit For Life is aimed at youth aged 10-17 years old and is inclusive of a morning fitness session, a healthy breakfast, transport to school and a rewards scheme. Fit For Life is a pathway with the potential to lead participants into more structured programs such as Fit For Work and Blue Star leadership programs.

PCYC Newcastle

Cnr Melbourne and Young Road

Broadmeadow

7am Wednesday's during term

INFLATABLE FUN

School Holiday fun for all ages

\$15 per child
incl. unlimited inflatable and activity play

2 hour sessions
10am-12pm
12pm-2pm
2pm-4pm

Giant Slide
Big Ball Wipe Out
Hungry Hippo
Gladiator Joust
Jumping Castle
Mini Putt Putt
Pony Cycles
and more

tangerine events

The Station Newcastle Cnr Scott & Watt St, Newcastle



Parents

Don't make your children scared of the police

Please don't tell your children that the police will "Arrest them if they are naughty" or "Take them away to Gaol". We want the children to come to us if they are scared, lost or in danger. Not run away from us.

Let your children know we are the good guys and will protect them.





Children

The police will keep you safe

If you are in trouble, lost or scared, the police can help you. We're here to catch the baddies and to protect you. Please don't be scared of us. If you see us in the street give us a wave!

www.police.nsw.gov.au

NSW Police Force



YWCA Vacation Care

School holiday fun for children aged 5-12 years

Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking

Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncle@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 8 July	Tuesday, 9 July	Wednesday, 10 July	Thursday, 11 July	Friday, 12 July
HOLIDAY ROCKSTARS INCURSION	One day in RUSSIA IN-HOUSE	Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat EXCURSION	SUPER ROBOTIX INCURSION	TOY STORY 4 EXCURSION
Monday, 15 July	Tuesday, 16 July	Wednesday, 17 July	Thursday, 18 July	Friday, 19 July
NAIDOC DAY INCURSION	Pets 2 EXCURSION	HAPPY WORLD EMOJI DAY IN-HOUSE	CRAZY PJAMMA DAY IN-HOUSE	MECOMEMO EXCURSION

Venue: YWCA Hunter Region Inc, 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill 2300

Opening Hours: 7.30am-6.00pm

Ph: 4929 2954 Email: yncle@bigpond.com

Cost: \$50 per day (plus additional excursion/incursion costs)

Child Care Subsidy available to eligible families.

PLACES ARE LIMITED, DON'T MISS OUT!

To book visit www.ywcahunterregion.org.au/vacation-care

