

Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 2 – 2016 – WEEK 2

Thurs 5 May	Mother's Day Stall \$5
Fri 6 May	P&C AGM 9.30am
10 – 12 May	NAPLAN
16 – 24 May	Life Education
Fri 20 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Thurs 26 May	Athletics Carnival
Wed 1 June	Zone Cross Country
Mon 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday

ASSEMBLY Friday 12.30pm – item by 1/2S

PAYMENTS ON LINE

With the installation of the LMBR, we will be introducing the facility for parents/guardians to make payment on line. You may see this option available on our webpage, however, **please DO NOT use it until the 17th May**, as the systems will not be fully operational until then. Thank you to everyone for your assistance in this matter.

P&C AGM

The P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 6th May at 9:30am in the Community Room. All financial members are encouraged to attend the AGM as voting will take place for the new P&C executive. The following positions will be declared vacant and need to be elected:

President, Vice President/s, Secretary, Treasurer, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator, Uniform sub-committee, Fundraising sub-committee & Canteen sub-committee representatives

For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the conduct of the AGM, and the roles of executives and sub-committees, please go to the NSW P&C Federation website: <http://pandc.org.au/index.php/publications>

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members who joined or renewed their membership at our February P&C meeting are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM the May general meeting will be held.



P&C MOTHER'S DAY STALL
THURSDAY 5TH MAY
STARTING AT 9.30AM IN THE HALL
ALL GIFTS ARE \$5.00 EACH
PLEASE SEND IN A PLASTIC BAG WITH YOUR
CHILD/CHILDREN

WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to everyone and I hope you all had a very safe and happy holiday. We have a very busy term coming up, but first of all I would like to thank some groups of people.

Firstly, thanks to all the students and parents who attended the ANZAC Day service at The Entrance. It was wonderful to see so many families were able to attend. The students certainly looked great in their uniforms and were extremely well-behaved, considering they had to be so quiet for so long.

Secondly, congratulations to Miss Myers, Mr McBride and the school band, who finished 2nd in the "Battle of the Bands" in Sydney on Sunday. We are so proud of you all and know how much time you all give to practising, both at home and at school. The band has been sounding great to us and now we know it sounds great to everyone. Well done.

The Annual School Report has now been uploaded and is available to all parents on the website.

Sport in Schools began last Thursday and was an instant success with all the students. The program will continue every Thursday of this term.

Next Monday, 9th May, staff will be attending a 3 hour professional development afternoon. They will be undertaking training in LMBR, Teaching Standards and the Numeracy and Literacy Continuums, which plot students in their learning and provide strategies to assist students move to the next level.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2017

Applications for the 2017 Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement are now available on the following website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications opened on Tuesday 26th April and close on Friday 13th May 2016. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date.

GATS TEST – BERKELEY VALE HIGH SCHOOL

Unfortunately for students at our school, the GATS test for Berkeley Vale High is being held on the same day as our Athletics Carnival – 26th May. As a result, our students will be completing the test on another day. As soon as I know the date, I will let all Year 6 students know.

PARENTS – please check your children have the right hat.

Some children may have picked up a hat with the name of someone else on the hat. Please return to the office if the hat does not belong to you.

GONSKI

What is Gonski Funding? There has been quite a lot of talk around Gonski funding in the media of late. The Gonski Review recommended that Governments change the way they funded schools to a model which supported the needs of individual children.

Under Gonski funding arrangements, schools receive funding according to the individual needs and requirements of students in their school. This gives all students the opportunity to achieve a high level of education. The school receives a base amount of funding for each student and additional funding is available for students for a variety of reasons including non-English speaking background, low-socio economic backgrounds, learning difficulties and disabilities.

Schools can then use this additional funding to support the needs of individual students. For example, our school has used the money to employ additional staff to support students in the classroom and in the playground and to purchase and train staff to implement a variety of programs such as AVID and "The Real Game", which is already having an impact on broadening students' horizons and helping them to aim high for the future.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

At our school, we want all our students to be safe and happy. The Working With Children Check is a screening process to protect the safety, welfare and well-being of children.

At our school we have many parents and carers who volunteer and often engage with children other than their own. This may include assisting in the canteen, transporting children to and from events or helping in the classrooms. We really do appreciate all the work volunteers do at our school.

Although not mandatory yet (as it is in Victoria), we would like to encourage all volunteers within our school to apply for the Working with Children Check. Currently the Check is free of charge for volunteers.

What gets checked?

1. Criminal history including convictions, charges and juvenile records
2. Finding of misconduct and notifications by the Ombudsman
3. Ongoing monitoring

How do I apply for a Check?

The first step is to submit your Working with Children Check application online by going to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check. To help you access this website, Karma Gifford will be at school next week on Tuesday and Thursday at 9.00am and Monday and Wednesday at 2.30pm to assist those people who require help. She will meet you in the computer room.

Once your application form has been completed online, you will be given an application (APP) number. Then, to complete the application, you must take your application number along with proof of identity to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS Agency or Service NSW office, which is now situated at the Supercentre, Tuggerah.

Once you have received your Working with Children Check, please give a copy to the school's front office to be kept on record.

Thank you everyone for your co-operation and if you have any concerns, please come and discuss your situation with me.

VARIATIONS IN SCHOOL ROUTINES

Monday – Teacher Professional Learning – All Staff – 3.15pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday – 7.30am – Principal Meeting – Mrs Hall

Wednesday – 8.00am – Transition 6 to 7 meeting – Mrs Hall

Wednesday – 3.15pm – 5.15pm – Focus on Reading – Stage 2 teachers

Wednesday – History Hub – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday – LMBR – Mrs Hall – 8.30am – 3.30pm

Friday – LMBR – Jo and Melanie – 8.30am – 3.30pm

Book Club Orders- IMPORTANT

Orders for Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club need to be put on LOOP by no later than Thursday, 12th May.

There will be NO paper orders with cash available this month due to the LMBR rollout.

LOOP orders go to : <http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP>

If you are unsure how to do LOOP, please see Mrs Nankivell in the library office on Thursdays or go to the following link for instructions:

http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assests/pdfs/LOOP_How_to_4.pdf

Anne Bailey
Teacher Librarian

LIBRARY NEWS

To access Oliver and Orbit, our new library webpage, go to our school website and click the tab at the top labelled "Links".

Click on " My School Library" and this will bring you to the Oliver Home page.

Students can:

- read about events happening in the library
- read e-books
- search for books
- reserve books
- browse new books to the library collection

To access their own Orbit home page, students click on the Orbit button at the top right of screen.

If students or parents have any questions about Oliver or Orbit, please come and see me in the library.

Mrs Bailey

SCHOOL BAND

Congratulations to the school band, who travelled all the way to Sydney to represent Chittaway Bay Public at a "Battle of the Bands" competition last Sunday. Although our band was half the size of the others competing, we were awarded second place. A big thank you to all the parents who gave up their Sunday to transport and support their children.

Miss Myers

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received their '10 Merit' Award:

Liam Harris-Walch, Max McGrath, Bryson Norris, Keira Taylor, Travis Waerea, Brooke Gilligan, Robert Todd, Zane Grant, Sam Liddell

PBL BOOK AWARDS sponsored by Wiseberry Real Estate Tumby Umbi, Lakedge and The Entrance.



Sophia, Eliza

SCHOOL EXEMPTIONS/HOLIDAYS

If you are thinking of going on holidays during the school term, The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has introduced procedures for registering 'Exemption from School' requests.

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel outside of school holiday periods needs a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel available from the school. While on vacations, parents may be asked to produce this certificate to ensure a child's leave-from-school has been authorised.

A Principal should accept a reason for travel during school term if it is in the best interests of the student, such as educational, social and participation reasons. This also includes family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

On accepting a parent's application, a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel must be issued. This certificate is provided to the parent. A Principal may decline to accept a parent's Application for a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel and then the parent will be advised in writing.

Travel outside of the vacation period will count as an absence on your child's school report.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 – Week 2

Wed 4.5: K Donnelly, S Reynolds, A Hancock
Thurs 5.5: K Donnelly, W Hawkins, A Van Drempt, M Mahony
Fri 6.5: K Donnelly, W Hawkins, M Mahony

Mon 9.5: CLOSED
Tues 10.5: K Donnelly, N McCarroll

Please phone Karen Donnelly on 4388 4006 or the Canteen on 43885950

Closed in shoes must be worn at all times in the canteen. Thongs and sandals are not allowed due to Health and Safety regulations.

THE UNIFORM SHOP

Open Fridays at 8.45 – 9.30am (school term only)
In the community room – Lay-bys available
Orders and money, marked "Uniform Shop" may be placed in the box in the Office. These orders will only be filled on the Friday of that week. Complaint / suggestion slips should also be placed in the box.

Girls may not wear shorts as uniform.
Our uniform is black shoes, no coloured laces etc, please!

CAMP AUSTRALIA – Before and After School Care

Coordinator – Jess Farrugia Mobile – 0411 298 352

Program	Times	Full Fee	Final Costs after Government Subsidy
Before Care	6.30am-8.30am	\$15.19	\$4.20 - \$7.60
After Care	3.00pm-6.00pm	\$25.94	\$7.88 - \$12.97

Most families are entitled to between 50% and 85% subsidy

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Jo-Anne Whitelaw

Piano – Keyboard Teacher 0411388669

The lessons cost \$18 per lesson, with a small discount for siblings, and run for 45 mins per lesson.

Keyboards will be provided for the lessons, and there will be a fee for the books used in the lessons.

If you are interested in your child taking part in these lessons, please fill out the permission slip below and return to the schools office.

✂ _____
Piano/Keyboard Lessons

School Name: _____

Students Name: _____

Parents Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms): _____

Parents Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

R J STIMSON

Chartered Accountant ABN 78 694 488 716

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