

# Newsletter 2020

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Swim.. Swim...Swim...

Tuesday 18th February 2020

#### Dates to Note

- <u>Friday Feb 21st</u> Swimming Carnival 9:30-2:00
- Thursday Feb 27th
   Assembly 2:30pm
- <u>Friday 28th Feb</u>
   Sporting Schools -Basketball
- Wed 4th March
   Parent Information Evening
   Library 7pm
- <u>Thurs 5th March</u>
   Beecroft Zone Swimming
- <u>Friday 6th March</u>
   Sporting Schools -Basketball
- Tuesday 10th March
   P & C Meeting 7 pm
- <u>Friday 13th March</u>
   Sporting Schools -Basketball
- <u>Friday 20th March</u>
   Celebrating Harmony Day
   Sporting Schools -Basketball
- Mon 23rd March to Wed 25th March

Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush camp

**Swimming Carnival:** A reminder that this Friday 21st Feb the whole school will be participating in the annual combined swimming carnival at Galston Aquatic Centre. Parents are requested to take their child directly to the pool **by 9.15** and pick them up from the pool **at around 2pm**. Of course parents are always welcome, and indeed encouraged, to stay and cheer their children on!! Any special concerns or circumstances, please speak with any of the teachers.

The Beecroft Zone Swimming carnival is on Thursday 5th March, 2020 at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

**Parent Information Evening:** A reminder that we are holding a Parent Information on **Wednesday 4th March** in the Library commencing at **7pm**. Tis evening aims to inform you about the daily happenings, school programs and directions as well as aspects specific to each class.

**Assemblies:** Thank you for your attendance at last week's assembly. What an amazing turnout. So delighted to see our students step up to their new roles and the confidence in our new Kindies in their stage presentations around Problem-Solving. We look forward to you visiting us on Thursday 27th at 2:30 for our next assembly in the 3-6 classroom.

**Canteen:** Please wait to hear from our canteen supervisors who will announce to us all when the canteen is able to operate again. Things are happening. We appreciate your patience and support.

**Sporting Schools Program:** This term we have organized as part of our P.D.H.P.E a four week basketball skills program. Commencing Week 5 Friday 28th February . This program is delivered by qualified and accredited staff from the Hawkesbury & District Basketball Assoc. and is fully funded by the Australian Government Sporting schools grant.

**Attendance:** It is a requirement that all students are in attendance every school day. If your child is unwell, we ask that you please notify the school by ringing or emailing, if possible, and that a written note confirming this absence is sent upon the student's return. Any absence due to illness longer than 2 days will require a doctor's certificate. Late arrivals and early departures are required to be signed in/out at the front office by the parent/carer.

**School Hours:** The bell rings at 9:00am each day for a 9:05 start. Students are allowed to be dropped off at school from 8:35am each day. The school bell rings at 3:05pm. Parents are asked to pick up their children at this time. No child is allowed to play after school and the play equipment is completely out of bounds to children before and after school. All students waiting for pick-up are requested to wait on the K/1/2 verandah where they can be sheltered and supervised until they leave.

**Principal's Relief Days:** As of next Thursday, we welcome Miss Handley as part of our staff. She will be working with K/1/2 while I tend to some of Principals' duties (as did Miss Roberts last year each Wednesday). Most of you will know Miss Handley as a teacher at Hillside PS, where she is in attendance on the other four days each week. I look forward to being able to share my class with Miss Handley and to catching up on much of my office work.

**Road Safety:** The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. Parents and Caregivers need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. If you break the rules you will be fined. Attached to the newsletter is information regarding the parking and traffic rules in a school zone. Please model safe and considerate behavior for your child—they will learn from you.



### Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = Library

Wednesdays = Scripture, 3-6 PE

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

Friday = Sports day





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## **Small Schools' Combined**

Swimming Carnival



Galston Aquatic Centre
Friday 21st February
9:15 to 2pm

Please bring lunch and morning tea. See note attached

## Our P&C will be meeting on

Tuesday 10th March, 2020

in the school library.

These meetings are short, fun and best of all .....

#### PRODUCTIVE!!!

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.



Learning is a treasure that will

follow its owner everywhere.

Chinese Proverb

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please **speak to the class teacher** to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

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