



DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 4 2018	
WEEK 6	
Thursday 22 November	ES1 Assembly - KH and KR - 2.10pm
WEEK 7	
Tuesday 27 November	Year 5 KHS Taster day 9.30am KTP Teddy Bears Picnic 9.15am - 10.15am Year 3 fundamental movement skills at KHS 9.00am
Thursday 29 November	S3 Assembly - Spirit of Pottsville 2.00pm
Friday 30 November	Carols Yuli Presentation day Book club online orders close
WEEK 8	
Monday 3 December	2019 SRC and YCDI Ambassadors induction at morning assembly 9.00am Band end of year celebrations 1.45pm
Tuesday 4 December	S2 Presentation Day Assembly 9.15am Year 6 KHS orientation day
Thursday 6 December	ES1 Presentation morning 9.15am
Friday 7 December	S1 Final Assembly 9.15am

WEEK 9	
Tuesday 11 December	S3 Presentation and Ringing of the Bell 9.15am P&C meeting 7.00pm Pottsville Beach Sport Club
Wednesday 12 December	S1 Rewards Day Oasis pool Year 6 Farewell dinner 5.30pm
Thursday 13 December	S2 Rewards Day Oasis pool 2019 Sports Captains announced 9.00am S3 reports home
Friday 14 December	ES1 Rewards day S3 Rewards Day - Wet n Wild 8.55am K-4 reports home
WEEK 10	
Wednesday 19 December	Last day of school 2018 for students
TERM 1 2019	
Tuesday 29 January	Staff return for 2019
Wednesday 30 January	Year 1 to Year 6 students return for Term 1 2019
Thursday 31 January	Kindergarten start school Term 1 2019
INSERTS	
Stage 2 Rewards Day - Oasis Pool Banora Point	
School Carols information	

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Attendance at school is something that schools are required to administer and follow up as part of state law and government policy. As a % most children average 94% which is approximately a total of 10-12 days away from school for the year. Once a students' attendance drops below 90% their name automatically goes onto a watch list for monitoring and the family is contacted, usually by the class teacher. If the % drops again an outside group of people become involved and commence working with the family to address the issue. Attendance at school is not optional. All children aged 6-17 are expected to attend school. Parents will be aware of recent notes and phone calls going home asking for the reason for an absence. The school is required to follow up all absences and is monitored to ensure that we comply with state legislation in this area.

On Monday we had the privilege of welcoming to our school the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Early Childhood Education and the Assistant Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC and our local member Mr Geoff Provest MP. The purpose for the meeting was to inspect our Aboriginal garden and receive a cheque for \$10,000. The minister met our P&C representatives, Fiona, Katie and Danielle, our school SRC Executive - Toby, Riley, Maddi and Axel, Indigenous students (too many to name) and the force behind the garden - Mrs Frost, Ms Paron, Ms Tyson and Mrs Briggs.

Over the last three weeks I have had the privilege to work with Principals from across our district and to Principals from across NSW. The issues are very similar with often the only difference being the face you are looking at however there is one unique difference from Pottsville Beach Public School. We are very fortunate to have a student body who understand the values of respect, responsibility, trust and humanity to a level not seen at other schools. Our students are very much a reflection of this wonderful community we live in and the families who teach these values. Schools have students for about six hours a day the other 18 are with parents and family. The lion's share of teaching these values is done by parents. Well done to all parents.

Mark Downward
Principal

Meeting with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Early Childhood Education and the Assistant Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC and Local Member Mr Geoff Provest MP



You Can Do It! - Persistence

Isiah D of 5T and Jai P of KH

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Pottsville School Carols - Students, staff and parents are enthusiastically preparing for our upcoming Carols evening on Friday 30 November. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students, dance and band groups and more will be performing along with the school's voice ensembles who will also be leading the singing of carols. Food will be available from 5.00pm with the P&C providing a variety of stalls. The Carols will commence at 6.30pm. Santa will again be here providing families with the opportunity to have a Santa portrait. The P&C did a brilliant job with these last year and will again be coordinating the portraits. Santa photos will begin at 4.30pm at a cost of \$5.00. Again this year we ask that you bring your own seating, either chairs or rugs (the front area of the cola will be reserved for picnic rugs). We look forward to this great community evening. Please see attached note providing families with more information about the Carols for 2018.

Remembrance Day - 100 Year Commemoration - As part of our whole school assembly, a component was led by our SRC executive, Maddy, Riley and Toby to commence Remembrance Day. They explained the significance of this day and reminded everyone present of the amazing service given and the huge sacrifices made by Australians in wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations. Maddy wrote and presented a very moving speech from which I have included an excerpt. *"The 11th of the 11th is known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day. This day marks the ending of WW1. This year was the 100th year since the war ended. Yes, many wars have been fought within those 100 years. Yes, some countries still have hate dividing them. But this day shouldn't be known as a day where one side surrendered, it should be known as a day where the world comes together as one, to realise what they lost, but also what they achieved."*



Before School - A reminder to parents and carers that staff are not on duty until 8.30am each morning. Students that arrive prior to this time may attend Camp Australia - our before and after school care provider. If they arrive just prior to 8.30am students are to sit under the Kindergarten cola area and are not to roam around the school grounds. We ask this for safety reasons and thank you for reminding your children to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.50am.

Enrolments - It is that time of year where we begin to look at our school structure for 2019. If your child or children will NOT be returning to Pottsville Beach Public School in the 2019 school year could you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Indiana B - One of our past students Indianna B (sister to Avalon and Sachi) continues to impress the world stage of skateboarding. Recently she placed 5th amongst 40 girls from around the world in Under 14 bowl competition and placed 3rd in Under 14 Vert. Congratulations Indi.

NDIS - National Disability Insurance Scheme - As the school has a number of providers that provide services to some of our students through this scheme, we are beginning the process of setting up a data base of those students who access this scheme at school. If your child or children access this scheme could you please send a note to your child's class teacher indicating this. Alternatively you may contact the school office or myself.

Jenny Foster - Deputy Principal

STAGE 1 NEWS

Celebrating Success - Congratulations to the following students who received awards in Weeks 4 and 5.

1/2F - Ollie W, Kai R, Hudson P, Narz H, Sunny S, and Ruby D

1H - Aliah H, Charli M, Asha M, Ezra M, Isaac C, Harrison K, Archie R, Mia T

1D - Connor R, Isaac W, Lacey R, Makayla R, Roman M, Harley E, Beau H and Matilda O

1S - Paige C, Sebastian C, Blake C and Ry C

2H - Joshua B, Drew D, Nylah L, Peggy S, Indiah W, Sam E, Kyra R

2PS - Havana B, Jaymz W, Madison M, Jackson B, Lewis C, Lincoln W, Riley M, River R

2S - Jacob H, Max B, Kyah C, Piper B, Taya T, Arli T-S, Marcus R and Heath M

Rewards Day - We are looking forward to celebrating the 2018 year at our Stage 1 Rewards day at Oasis pools on Wednesday 12 December.

Week 8 Final Assembly 2018 - will be hosted by our Year 2 SRC representative's. We will share some of our favourite songs and dances as well as view a slide show of our year. Please join us on Friday 7 December at 9.15am.

Minister Visit - On Monday our SRC, Year 6 Art group, Yuli group and Indigenous students had the opportunity to meet the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Early Childhood Education and the Assistant Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC and Geoff Provest MP. The students spent the time sharing with great pride our Aboriginal garden. They outlined how we will be spending the \$10,000 we have been gifted. Items high on our list are shade for the sand pit and an echidna, climbing frame. We are hoping to have all the work completed over the summer break ready for our students to enjoy in 2019. The Yuli group performed the Pelican dance to the delight of the Minister and all present. A huge thank you to staff who supported today's visit by taking extra students to allow Miss Paron, Miss Tyson, Mrs Briggs and Mrs Frost to attend. A big THANK YOU to Polly who came and gave the garden a quick clean on Monday after the big storm - our garden looked amazing.

Glass Jars for 1H and 1/2F - Mrs Harris and Mrs Frost would like donations of glass jars with lids for an end of year craft activity. If you have some you would like to donate - please bring to Mrs Harris or Mrs Frost's classroom. Please do not send with children.

Kathy Frost - Assistant Principal

STAGE 2 NEWS

Stage 2 Rewards Day at Oasis Pools Banora Point - Is fast approaching on Thursday 13 December. The cost of the excursion will be \$10.40 and all students received their permission note today. Our rewards day and other special events are to celebrate appropriate behaviour at school. Students who do not consistently follow our school rules will be at risk of not attending these events. All the students and the teachers are looking forward to having a superb time.

Year 3 Fundamental Movement Skills program at KHS - Year 3 students are attending a Fundamental Movement Skills day at Kingscliff High School next Tuesday 27 November (Week 7). Year 3 will leave school by bus at 9.00am and return at 2:30pm. There is no cost for this excursion however permission notes must be returned by Monday 26 November. Year 3 are looking forward to this Coastal Learning Community event.

Stage 2 Presentation Day Assembly - Stage 2 will be having their Presentation assembly on Tuesday 4 December at 9.15am in our school hall. This assembly will be hosted by our fabulous Year 4 SRC representatives. We invite all Stage 2 family and friends to come along to celebrate a wonderful year for Stage 2.

Eleanor Collier - Relieving Assistant Principal

STAGE 3 NEWS

Spirit of Pottsville - Year 6 2018 will be presented with the Spirit of Pottsville award at the final assembly on Thursday 29 November at 2.00pm. Eligible students will receive the award if they have consistently

followed our school rules.

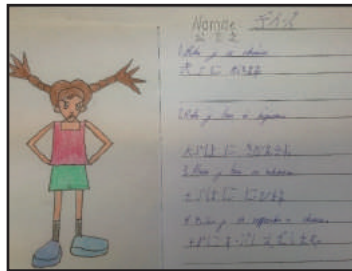
1. Learn at all times
2. Play safely
3. Show respect to others.

YCDI Ambassadors - Written applications were due Monday 19 November. Interviews for these positions will be held on Monday 26 November. Monday 3 December the SRC Executive and the YCDI Ambassadors for 2019 will be announced and badges presented at the whole school assembly at 9.00am.
Year 5 Taster Day - this will be held at Kingscliff High School on Tuesday 27 November. Please ensure all notes have been returned to your child's class teacher.

Stage 3 Team

JAPANESE NEWS

Japanese (Nihongo) - Minasan konnichiwa! It has been another busy term so far in Japanese. Both Stage 2 and 3 have been engaged in learning new concepts this term. Stage 2 have been looking at Japanese animals and how to say the names of animals they would find in our country. Students have illustrated and described their chosen animal in Japanese. Stage 3 have been busy learning how to tell the time in Japanese and how to talk about activities they may carry out during the day. Students have continued to be challenged to use the Japanese script 'Hiragana' to write profiles of anime characters to illustrate their understanding. To add to a busy classroom schedule all of Year 6 and 5/6S are getting ready to perform two Christmas Carols at this year's Carols night on the Friday 30 November. Students sound fantastic and are all looking forward to an energetic and entertaining evening. Currently I am seeing some fantastic progress of students learning language here at Pottsville Beach Public School. I look forward to receiving feedback from surrounding high schools when student's currently completing Year 6 filter through to try language learning at high school. Keep up the great work everyone. Ganbatte minasan!



Carroll Sensei - Japanese Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Book Fair - A huge thank you to our fantastic school community who generously supported our Library book fair fundraiser earning more than \$2000 for new books for 2019. We aim to keep our students reading happily at home and in the classroom. Thank you Pottsville!

Renai Hollis - Teacher Librarian

SCHOLASTIC BOOK NEWS

Issue 8 book club is now open online for orders. Issue 8 needs to be completed online by Friday 30 November. Orders can be made through the LOOP system at scholastic.com.au. We can call parents to receive books which are gifts if you select the gift function. Points earned go towards buying wonderful new books for our school Library.

Amanda Hawes - Book Club Coordinator (KH Teacher)

MUSIC NEWS

Learning and playing music stimulates and activates many parts of the brain at the same time and gets the different parts of the brain sending messages between them. Scientific research has shown that musical training can change brain structure and function for the better and make musicians more



mentally alert. It can also improve long-term memory and lead to better brain development for those who start at a young age. ABC TV has an interesting program 'Don't Stop the Music' on Sundays at 7.40pm. With Christmas coming up, now is a great time to buy an instrument. A serviced preloved instrument is generally okay. In 2019 our band program will be offering tuition to Year 3-6 students in saxophone, trombone, clarinet, flute, percussion, keyboard and electric bass. Instrument trials will be held on Monday 10 December. Contact Yvonne Thompson yvonne.thompson4@det.nsw.edu.au. For beginner violin and cello lessons (\$12 for a small group lesson, free violin hire) contact Paul Robinson 0400 574 309. Limited places available. For individual keyboard lessons with Barbara Downes contact the school office. For drum kit lessons contact Dan Mueller mail@danmueller.com.au. Year 4 and Stage 3 voice ensembles recently celebrated the joy of music by joining 700,000 students around Australia singing in unison as part of the 'Music Count Us In' program.

Yvonne Thompsom - Band Teacher and Coordinator

OFFICE NEWS

Statement of Accounts - These will be sent home today to all families with outstanding balances. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Please call the office if you would like to discuss this matter. Please disregard your statement if you have paid the balance owing since Thursday as statements were printed last Thursday.

Sue Matheson - School Administrative Manager

P&C NEWS

Thank you for all volunteers and support in making our second nachos day a success. We have donated over \$1500 to the school towards extra curriculum programs. With the next P&C year in full swing we would love to see a President and 2 x Vice Presidents join the executive committee.

Next meeting - 7.00pm Tuesday 11 December at Pottsville Sports Club.

Fiona Snell - P&C Secretary

CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS

We are excited to announce that your child can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for FREE! This is a great chance for parents to see what Camp Australia is like before signing their children up to our services. It's also free to register. You can register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree. Once you have completed the registration, you can activate your session whenever you like. This free trial is only for parents who register between the Monday 5 November and the end of Term 4. Make sure you use your session as First Day Free will expire at the end of Term 4 2018. If you need any more information please feel free to call Marika on 0438 400 610 or customer service on 1300 105 343.

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