



DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 2018

WEEK 8

Wednesday 12 September Book Club online orders close
Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues

Thursday 13 September FNC Public Speaking Finals
Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues
ES1 Assembly 2.10pm

Friday 14 September North Coast Athletics - Lismore
Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues

WEEK 9

Monday 17 September Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues
KTP 9.15am - 10.15am

Tuesday 18 September Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues
KTP 9.15am - 10.15am
BUPA visit 9.30am

Wednesday 19 September Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues
Stage 2 Historical Pottsville walk

Thursday 20 September Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues
Yuli Camp

Friday 21 September Stage 3 Assembly 2.15pm
Stage 1 Intensive Swimming continues
Yuli Camp

WEEK 10

Monday 24 September Talent Quest Final 11.50am

Tuesday 25 September Stage 2 Fundamental Movement Program
ES1 Rewards Day

S2 Rewards Day

S1 Rewards Day

Thursday 27 September S1 Assembly - 1D 9.05am

Friday 28 September Last day Term 3

Monday 15 October First day Term 4

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Plover Post order form

Stage 2 Pottsville Historical walk

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents

SAS RECOGNITION WEEK - Last week was School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Recognition Week, a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our public schools. Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community. SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions. Pottsville Beach Public School has a super team of staff that deliver in all areas of the school. A huge thank you to this team.

P&C - Last Tuesday the P&C held their AGM. The election saw committees formed for uniforms, canteen and fundraising along with executive positions of treasurer and secretary. We have three remaining positions to fill - President and two Vice Presidents. I have asked on numerous occasions if parents could give one year of service to the P&C over the seven years your children attend Pottsville Beach PS. That moment could be now. The engine room of the P&C has been covered with experienced and enthusiastic parents who are more than willing to support a senior executive. If you are interested, please contact the school for more information.

BOOK WEEK - Over the past week, students and staff have once again had the opportunity to engage in our annual Book Week celebrations. This year's theme, "Find your Treasure" has provided a myriad of opportunities for students to explore some beautifully written books and participate in stimulating and enriching activities. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Hollis who has worked tirelessly in promoting our love of reading here at Pottsville and for her coordination of the Book Week activities. Thank you to all of our families who purchased books and who made the time to come and celebrate Book Week with us. We hope that you enjoyed the experience as much as we did!

FORTNITE GAME - I have had some feedback that there are a number of students across the Tweed district who are accessing an online game 'Fortnite' which is a "survival" game full of weapons and violence albeit animated. The idea is to kill off other players. The players can apparently play in large numbers. From what we have been able to find out at school, students are often not signed up to this game however are accessing it through others streaming it on the internet. This game is being used as a model for playground games at some schools during lunch and recess breaks. I am not aware of this at Pottsville Beach Public School however we are not immune to outside influences. Please be vigilant when your child is online. The following link has been shared with me. <https://www.commonssensemedia.org/game-reviews/fortnite>

SCHOOL UNIFORM - One of the many elements that distinguish Pottsville Beach Public School from other schools is the pride that is taken in the wearing of our school uniform, especially the wearing of the school's broad brimmed hat. Students and parents are reminded, that caps are not permitted to be worn at school as they offer little protection from the harsh Australian sun. Students who fail to wear the correct hat will be directed to a "No hat" area of the school, out of the sun and may be restricted from participating in those activities that occur in direct sunlight.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - All volunteers or parents who have direct contact with children in the provision of administrative, clerical or providing assistance in the school i.e. classrooms, library, canteen etc. will need to complete their Working With Children's Check -Declaration. The office has copies of this document and is able to assist in completing the forms. A copy is held at the office. A Working With Children Check and if applicable declaration is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace misconduct.

The result of a Working With Children Check is either a clearance to work with children for five years, or a bar against working with children. Cleared applicants are subject to ongoing monitoring, and relevant new records may lead to the clearance being revoked. The check is fully portable which means it can be used for any paid or unpaid child-related work in NSW for as long as the worker remains cleared.

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

Mark Downard - Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Spelling Bee - Congratulations to Max M, Jamie M, Amelie M and Charlotte M-K who represented our school at the Regional Spelling Bee finals on Friday 7 September. All students did extremely well with congratulations to:

Max Morley - 3rd place in junior section

Amelie M - through to the last round and 5th place in the senior section

Charlotte - through to round 5 in senior section

Jamie M - 5th place in junior section

Disco - Thank you to all who supported the SRC Disco. All money raised will be sent directly to assist our farmers in drought. The SRC toy raffle will be drawn on Monday 24 September at the school assembly. Tickets for the raffle will be sold by the SRC each morning from 8.30am until Friday 21 September at a cost of \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. The SRC are proud to be able to support such a cause and appreciate the support of our school community. The total money raised will be announced at the final school assembly this term.

Uniform - It is pleasing to note that students have been wearing their hats at all times in the playground and at sport and PE times. We are promoting the wearing of correct uniform at the moment and appreciate that parents ensure their child leaves home wearing the correct uniform. A reminder of our school uniform:

Shorts: Plain black shorts or with school logo only. No football or board shorts. Shorts must be longer than school shirt. No bike shorts/hot pants.

Socks: Black or white plain ankle length with no logo.

Shoes: Students must wear covered shoes and socks while at school. Black leather or black sports shoes are preferred.

Jumpers: Purple or black jumper with school emblem. No hoodies, logos or plain jumpers. Black and white school jacket with emblem embroidered in white.

YCDI! - Resilience - This week we would like to emphasise the strategy of taking three long slow breaths when your child is having difficulty managing anger or frustration. Research has shown that this type of breathing assists in dealing with difficult situations. It is also a great idea to have a positive thought or mantra that you can say to yourself like, "I can handle this...I've got this..." Resilient students also learn that it is helpful to have someone to talk to about their anger or frustration. As parents it is important to encourage this dialogue to help your child 'download' and work through their difficult times. Sometimes we just have to listen and continue to point out the positive aspects of each and every day!

Attendance - Every minute counts! We are working hard at Pottsville Beach Public School to maintain our attendance and would like to focus on arriving at school before the bell each day. Arriving before the bell sends a clear message to your child that you value school and understand the significance of the teacher's job each morning to set the scene for the day. This includes the distribution of messages, explanations of tasks and other classroom organisation. We thank you for your support.

School Carols - This year we will again be holding our school carols. These will be held on Friday 30 November with more information to follow early next term.

Tell Them From Me - The parent survey is now open and we value your

Awards - You Can Do It! - Resilience

Week 7 - Billy E of 5K and Sophie L of KP

Week 8 - Ashton B of KR and Ava K of 5K

comments and input into our school operation. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted from now until October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. To log on and complete the survey you will need to access this link: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ntdq8>

Quota - The school community are very fortunate to have the wonderful ladies from Quota International of Tweed Heads Coolangatta Inc provide our students with a hearing system. This system provides increased sound level for students who may have a hearing impairment or for students with normal hearing allowing them an improved classroom learning environment. We thank you for your very generous donation to our school.

Jenny Foster - Deputy Principal

ES1 NEWS

Kindergarten Transition - Welcome to our new families visiting for Kinder transition. Thank you to KP parents who supplied morning tea this week. KH will be providing morning tea next week Monday 17 September.

Prac Student - Thank you to Mr Clarke who has been teaching KP for the last few weeks. We wish you all the best.

Assembly - KR are hosting this week's Kindergarten assembly in the hall at 2.10pm on Thursday 13 September. We look forward to seeing you there.

SRC Disco - Thanks to those who come along to support the SRC disco, raising funds for drought affected farmers. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase.

Shara Perry - Assistant Principal

STAGE 1 NEWS

Celebrating Success - Congratulations to the following students who received awards in Weeks 6 and 7.

1/2F - Genevieve N, Damon W, Hudson P, Jai W, Tess O, Genki M, Narz H and Sunny S

1C - Johnny G, Sunny S, Juni K, Dallas S, Willow R, Charlie Y, Slater T, Layla K

1D - Natasha A, Jaxon B, William F, Aston M, Isabelle A, Khloe M, Elizabeth M and Roman M

1H - Aleisha M, Sunny W, Charli M, Mia T, Archie R, Zander L, Lincoln H, Addison H

1S - Willow H, Noah C, Bowie I, Charleigh D, Tiger J, Sophie G, Harrison L and Ry C

2H - Drew, Mason, Josha, Oscar, Callem, Sam, Keane, Connor

2PS - Lucas H, Sienna L, China D, Zack R, Indi-Rose B, Riley M, Emily E and Oscar D

2S - Lillie B, Jacob H, Harper J, Kyle M, Emily P, Marcus R, Thomas P

Rewards Day - Stage 1 will be having a Rewards day on Thursday 27 September. This will be an all day activity with students rotating around a series of different activities celebrating our STEM, Science and



Spelling Bee - Max M



Public Speaking Finalists

Geography units through fun interactive activities.

Public Speaking - Congratulations to Ruby, Mia and Jaymz on their great results in the K-2 Public Speaking final. Ruby will be representing our school at the Regional Public Speaking finals at South Tweed Public School on Thursday 13 September. Good luck Ruby.

Intensive Swimming - Stage 1 - We have a large number of students who will be participating in the Intensive Swimming program. Students not participating in this program will be supervised at school and participate in PE activities and will be doing revision of numeracy and literacy content taught this term. Any questions or concerns please contact Miss Paron or Mrs Frost.

Assembly - Week 10 with Mrs Donnelly and 1D - We look forward to seeing you all at our next assembly in Week 10 at 9.05am.

Kathy Frost - Assistant Principal

1D NEWS

How do palaeontologists know what dinosaurs looked like, sounded like and behaved like? Dinosaurs through the study of fossils has been a focus of our science unit. 1D have been encouraged to use clues just as palaeontologists do to suggest and give reasons for characteristics of dinosaurs such as comparing skeletons of modern day animals with those of dinosaurs. We took a vote on a favourite fact and it was that Tyrannosaurus Rex had teeth the size of bananas! Roar!!!

Judy Donnelly - 1D Teacher

STAGE 2 NEWS

The Stage 2 Talent Quest semi-finals were held last Tuesday. The students thoroughly enjoyed all of the performances with acts showcasing talent in dance, drama, singing and guitar. The following students will be given the opportunity to dazzle us once again at the finals on September 24 at 11.50am: Crystal W, Nivarna P, Tian S, Layla A, Tuesday W, Harry P, Madelyn H, Willow C.

Our school has just been advised that our submission for funding to supplement our surfing program planned for Stage 2 students in Term 4 has unfortunately been unsuccessful. Therefore we will be unable to run the surfing program. Stage 2 students will participate in an historical walk on Wednesday 19 September around the Pottsville community. The walk will be led by Mr McDonald who will be sharing his extensive knowledge of the local area. The cricket gala day has been postponed until early next term for our Year 4 students. We will keep you posted! This term students will be rewarded for their positive behaviour on Thursday 27 September with a beach walk and play. Please return the permission notes distributed with students today at your earliest convenience.

Congratulations to 3/4M on hosting the assembly this week. The next assembly will be held during Term 4.

Leonie Richards - Assistant Principal



1D Tyrannosaurus Rex - 12 metres long

STAGE 3 NEWS

The Kindergarten teachers would like to pass on their encouragement to Years 4 and 5 students. They had a sensational start to KTP. All the buddies were exceptional! They even danced with careless abandon to the wiggles! Well done Years 4 and 5!

Rod Ryan - Assistant Principal

UNSW ICAS - WRITING

The following students are to be congratulated for their effort and performance in the Writing assessment.

Distinction - Matilda D

Credit - Sharni C, Marley I, Amelia K, Charlie P, Madeline S

Merit - Amelie M

Participation - Patrick E, Harry P, Elijah K, William E, Isabella P, Chloe M

Leonie Richards - Coordinator

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Congratulations to our public speaking winners Pippa H, Layla D and Ruby D. These girls will now compete at the FNC public speaking competition tomorrow at Tweed Heads South Public School. We wish them all the very best.

Karen Smith - Public Speaking Coordinator

PLOVER POST NEWS

Our magazine The Plover Post 2018 provides a snapshot of our year at Pottsville Beach Public School. It includes a class page for each class along with some of our highlights such as Grandparents Day and the Talent Quest. Our magazine will also include the ever popular Year 6 Profiles. Please use the order form that accompanies this newsletter for your copy of this wonderful momento.

Judy Donnelly - School Magazine Coordinator

TALENT QUEST NEWS

We are proud to announce that the following students have been selected to perform at our whole school Talent Quest final at 11.50am on Monday 24 September 2018.

ES1 - Bodhi L, Amelia M, Max M

Stage 1 - Sienna L, Asha M, Piper B, Alirra F, Tilly O, Ruby D, Grace C, Freya S, Genevieve N, Lulu R, Mavrik F, Denver C, Sunny W, Darcy K

Stage 2 - Crystal W, Nivarna P, Tian S, Layla A, Tuesday W, Harry P, Madelyn H, Willow C

Stage 3 - Elise N, Charly H, Ava K, Amelie M, Evie C, Gabby S, Amelia K, Caris P, Gemma O, Layla R

There are no prizes awarded at the final. It is a celebration of some of our wonderfully diverse and entertaining students. The final will be held in our big COLA, you are most welcome to attend.



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