

Newsletter

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Our P & C Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
All parents and community members are welcome to attend
Our School Council meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6.00pm

Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 10 October 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 4!

The older we get, the quicker time flies!

Before we know it, it will be Christmas and we will be heading into our summer holidays. Until then however, we have many events to look forward to. Please keep up to date with our school calendar, as this term promises to be every bit as busy as the last one. Key dates for Term 4: Carols Evening Thursday, 7 December, Presentation Day Monday, 11 December, Year 6 Farewell Tuesday, 12 December. As always, further information will be distributed as these dates approach.

Staff have returned to school relaxed and refreshed ready to power through Term 4. Our students also look rested and ready to learn! On Wednesday our Stage 3 students accompanied by staff members and parents, head to the nation's capital for the annual Canberra excursion. Ms Blanch has been liaising with the tour company to ensure this trip covers as much as humanly possible in the three days we are travelling. I know the students are excited, but the staff and I are really looking forward to this adventure too.

SLAM Australia is holding afternoon workshops at our school in Term 4 to "Design your own video games", for students in Years 3 - 6. This is a six-week program to learn coding, game development, graphics, animation and more. If you would like your child to attend, please return the expression of interest note attached to the newsletter, **by the end of this week.**

Throughout this term we will be busy writing our School Plan for 2018-2020. Feedback provided by our staff, students and community members, will be considered as we finalise what our next three years and beyond will look like.

Have a terrific week everyone.

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

OFFICE NEWS

2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program

The 2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program has commenced. If you have a child or know of any families who have a child turning 5 on or before 31 July 2018 please contact the school office.

SMS Absences

Thank you to the parents who have been replying to the SMS Absence Notifications. **It is imperative that if you**

have more than one child away that you reply to each child's SMS Notification as this is an automated service. Your explanation automatically attaches to student's absence. For further information please contact the office.

Scholastic Book Club

Book club brochures are being sent home today. Parents wishing to order books from the Scholastic Book Club will need to process their orders online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP

LOOP orders for Issue 7 will be open until Wednesday, 18 October 2017.

An instruction sheet for ordering online is attached to this newsletter.

Orders cannot be accepted at the office.

Reminder

Visitors to School Grounds

All visitors to the school grounds between 9am and 3pm are reminded that they must sign in and out of the visitors book located in the foyer of the administration building.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY - NOW OPEN!

We invite all parents and carers to participate in the *Partners in Learning* survey. This survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between Tuesday, 29 August and Friday, 20 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/maryland2017>



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Education &
Communities

Calendar

Term 4 – Week 1

Tuesday, 10 October 2017	2019 Year 7 Selective High School application website opens
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Thursday, 12 October 2017	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Stage 2 & Stage 3 Swimming Program Money Due
Friday, 13 October 2017	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion 2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly

Term 4 – Week 2

Tuesday, 17 October 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session 1.10pm Bandfest School Council Meeting 6pm P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday, 19 October 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Commences
Friday, 20 October 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program Commences 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly

Important Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 26 October 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 27 October 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
Thursday, 2 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 3 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Thursday, 9 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Digifest CCWC
Friday, 10 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Monday, 13 November 2017	2019 Year 7 Selective High School application website closes
Wednesday, 15 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Thursday, 16 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 17 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
Tuesday, 21 November 2017	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday, 23 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 24 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Wednesday, 29 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Thursday, 30 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 1 December 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Tuesday, 5 December 2017	CCWC Year 6 High School Orientation
Thursday, 7 December 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Finishes

	Carols Evening
Friday, 8 December 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program Finishes Principals Picnic
Monday, 11 December 2017	Presentation Day
Tuesday, 12 December 2017	Year 6 Farewell
Friday, 15 December 2017	Last day of Term 4

Term 1 2018

Monday, 29 January 2018	Staff resume for 2018
Tuesday, 30 January 2018	Year 1 to Year 6 resume for 2018
Friday, 2 February 2018	Kindergarten commence for 2018
Wednesday, 14 February 2018	Swimming Carnival
Monday, 19 February 2018	Individual and Class Photos
Thursday, 15 March 2018	2019 Selective High School Placement Test

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

Welcome back to all our students and we hope you had a wonderful holiday.

Students have three opportunities this term to spend some time visiting Stage 1 as part of a transition program. I am sure they will find this experience exciting as they join in the variety of activities planned.

A quick overview of the content ES1 will be studying this term includes:

English - students continue with their modeled, guided and independent reading and writing activities. Incorporated into these activities will be a variety of texts supporting the key concept of 'making connections'. This integrates very well with our Geography work on the environment and meeting needs and the science topic 'Weather in our World'. The focus for personal development work is on safe and healthy living including road safety education.

Maths - students continue to work on early arithmetical strategies as part of the TEN program as well as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. We will continue to work on learning the 'Friends of Ten' e.g. $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, etc, reading and writing the numbers to 20 correctly (those teen numbers are tricky!) and counting to 30 from any number and beyond. Volume and capacity will also be covered along with mass and area.

We will continue to have PE during the week and sport on Friday. Focus this term will be on skill development using a variety of equipment, incorporating these skills into modified games such as T Ball, and the importance of an active lifestyle. With the warmer months now upon us please ensure your child brings their hat daily along with a water bottle. Students will continue to create, make and explore in creative art activities and enjoy music and drama. Don't forget all students have a weekly visit to the library, so lots of opportunity to exchange books. What an action packed term with so many things to look forward to!

Keep those home readers coming in and encourage your child to write at every opportunity, making lists, notes, cards etc for friends and family.

We are looking forward to a very productive and rewarding Term 4.

Mrs Williams (ES1 Leader)

STAGE 2 NEWS

Stage 2 Swimming Program

Permission note and payment for the Stage 2 Swimming Program are due this Thursday, 12 October. **Payments made to the school office must be received by 3.00pm and online payments must be made by 5.30pm. No late payments can be accepted.**

Mr Blyth (Relieving Stage 2 Leader)

STAGE 3 NEWS

Selective High School Placement Process for Year 7 2019

If your child is currently in Year 5 and performing at a high academic level you may wish to apply for them to attend an academically selective high school in 2019. The nearest selective high school for Maryland students is Merewether High School. Information can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

What Are Selective High Schools?

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. There are: • seventeen fully selective high schools • twenty-four partially selective high schools • four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school for the school term.

Applying for Selective High School Placement

Parents must apply online at the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> and should read the instructions carefully. Applications are available between **10 October and 13 November 2017**.

You will:

1. register to receive a password using your own email address, not one belonging to your child
2. log in to complete the application using the password
3. submit your application
4. receive an email confirming that you have successfully submitted
5. check the attachment to the email to confirm all details are accurate.

Do not apply twice for the same student, as the selection committee can consider only one application for each student. Some email providers will not accept emails with attachments sent from the Unit. If this happens we have to send all information by mail. To avoid this problem add ssu@det.nsw.edu.au to your email

contacts list and check your spam or junk folders regularly.

Reminder

Stage 3 Swimming Program

Permission note and payment for the Stage 3 Swimming Program are due this Thursday, 12 October. **Payments made to the school office must be received by 3.00pm and online payments must be made by 5.30pm. No late payments can be accepted.**

Ms Blanch (Stage 3 Leader)

BRONZE AWARDS

Emelyn K, Harry P, Cooper M, Jacinda Z, Bella J, Bianca M, Chase B, Summa B, Evie S, Tyler C, Zoey C, Evangeline O, Imogen T, Ava D, Riley B, Cooper P, Abdullah A, Aiden J, Ava R, Lachlan S, Cooper S, Ethan T, Rebecca F, Mitchell S, Belle B-P, Cody K, Taj McK, Kim D, Ryder A, Aiden McC, Chelsye McN, Bodhi R, Ella S Saige T, Mila S, William P, Lauren K, Tyler A, Logan C, Thomas C, Grace J, Darcy S, Logan P, Mikayla B, Joshua F, Abdullah A, Ethan H, Lauren C, Rathin K, Summah S.

SILVER AWARDS

Max U, Penelope O, Flynn McC, Savana T, Shijin N, Callum M, Amelia W, Taya D, Campbell T, Mitchell S, Grace F, Marnie J, Jericho B, Kahlee D, Mia McK, Layla C, Emelyn K, Grace J, Dustin C, Jasper H, Mia M, Clay A.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Anh N, Nathanael M, Mitchell S, Campbell T, Archie S, Taj L, Brianna McM, Jonathan McM, Noa A, Evie McK, Nithin K, Keeley S, Caleb L, Clay A.

BAND NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4, we are not wasting anytime in getting back into a busy band schedule!

Bandfest is here already! We perform next Tuesday, 17 October at Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre at 1:10pm. Students will need to arrive at school wearing their black performance pants and shoes. Entry fee is \$5 for audience members, we'd love you to come and support us! **Notes and payment for students are DUE TODAY by 5:30pm for online payments.** Your child received a 2nd green note yesterday if applicable.

We are planning an **extra morning rehearsal** before Bandfest on Tuesday, 17 October (Week 2) at 8am. This is due to our Stage 3 members' absence this week due to Canberra. This will be our only chance for a full rehearsal before the performance so please be prompt.

Stage 1 and Stage 2 students will still rehearse and receive lessons as normal this week. Stage 3 students will receive a catch-up lesson next week.

Wish us luck, and keep up the practice!

Mrs Garven and Mrs Shaw (Band Coordinators)

ICAS Mathematics & English

Congratulations to the following students who received meritorious mention in the ICAS Mathematics and English Competitions.

ICAS Mathematics**Year 3**

Credit: Abdullah A, Brodie W

Merit: Addison C, Bella P, Lyla W

Year 4

Distinction: Mitchell S

Credit: Liam C, Yi-Jhen L, Brianna Mc, Sam Mc

Merit: Drake C, Lincoln S

Year 5

Distinction: Mitchell F, Tyler F, Joseph M, William R, Rosamond Z

Credit: Cooper B, Kane C, Jeremy L, Vishnupriya S

Merit: Cadence C, Tiffany T, Mia S

Year 6

Distinction: Viet Anh N, Prian S, Isabella L

Credit: Caerwyn B, Jericho B, Thomas B, Reuben C, Isaac C, Vishnu K

Merit: Kira D, Zayed A

ICAS English**Year 3**

Distinction: Abdullah A

Credit: Lyla W

Merit: Thomas F

Year 4

Credit: Drake C, Matilda I, Crystal L, Brianna Mc, Sam Mc, Mitchell S, Holly W

Year 5

Distinction: Tyler F, William R

Credit: Cooper B, Cadence C, Mitchell F, Joseph M, Emelia P, Mia S

Merit: Vishnupriya S

Year 6

Distinction: Thomas B

Credit: Caerwyn B, Jericho B, Lachlan S, Isaac C, Joshua D, Vishnu K, Isabella L, Mya Rose R, Prian S

Merit: Lachlan A, Reuben C.

NEWS FROM THE P&C**Colour Run News**

The Colour Run sponsorship money and prize ordering period has now closed. If you have handed in your money without a prize order request you may still hand in your prize request order sheet. **Any money and prize order sheets that have not yet been handed in will not be able to be processed as the program has closed.**

Be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with what's happening.

Search 'maryland public school p&c association'.

Alissa Jamieson (MPS P&C President)

NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Country Feeling Uniforms has just gone live with an Ecommerce website. Families can now order all their uniforms online and pick up from the Uniform Shop at school.

The Uniform Shop hours will NOT change – this is an added resource especially for busy families.

Visit the website by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au/>

Opening Hours

- Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**Opening Hours**

- Tuesday Mornings 8.30am until 9.00am
- Thursday Afternoons 2.45pm until 3.15pm

Cyndi and Carmen ☺☺

CANTEEN NEWS**Canteen Roster Term 4**

Day	Date	Name
Week 1		
Wednesday	11 October	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	12 October	Susan B, Helen
Friday	13 October	Jamie, Bec S, Amanda S,
Week 2		
Monday	16 October	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	17 October	Carmen, Sarah J
Wednesday	18 October	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	19 October	Alisa, Carmen
Friday	20 October	Jamie, Deanna, Sharna, Sheree
Week 3		
Monday	23 October	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	24 October	Carmen, Sheree C
Wednesday	25 October	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	26 October	Katie O, Jessica F
Friday	27 October	Jamie, Deanna, Alicia G, Kassandra

Full Term 4 Roster on Web Page

COMMUNITY NEWS



Feel like heading to the beach this summer

Come and try Nippers...

Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club is running a come and try *Nipper* program for all indigenous kids and their families...

BOOKINGS REQUIRED: please call 0424027720

Dates: Friday 17 Nov; Friday 24 Nov; Friday 1 Dec

Time: 4:00-6:30pm (BBQ dinner included each Friday)

Venue: Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club House – Bar Beach

Cost: FREE

What to bring: swimmers (you will get wet each week), towel, change of warm clothes, shoes, sunscreen, hat

Structured learning activities covered:

- Entering and existing surf water safely
- Beach safety
- Flag races
- Beach Sprint
- Rescue techniques
- Riding rescue boards



Thank you to Port of Newcastle, for their sponsorship to ensure this program is possible.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to eat all the colours of a rainbow.

If you have fussy eaters in your family, try these presentation tips to get them eating and enjoying more fruit and veg.



Offering a range of fruit and veg in different colours will help make meals more attractive and provide a variety of nutrients.

Kids will get excited about eating a rainbow and can even help arrange the colours on their plate.

Other simple presentation strategies include:

- Chop fruit and veg into smaller pieces.
- Offer raw sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber with dip.
- Give small portions.
- Add fruit at breakfast.
- Add salad veg to a sandwich or wrap.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
 or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



The simplest way

...to stay shaded.

Did you know?

Almost all skin cancers are caused by over exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. To protect your skin, seek shade when UV levels are 3 or above. Good quality shade can reduce UV exposure by up to 75%.



Seeking shade

Shade is one of the best and easiest ways to protect against UV radiation. In many situations, combining built (pergolas, sails and awnings) and natural (dense trees and shrubs) shade is the best option. You can always set up portable shade if it is not available.

Promote the use of shade

Plan your outdoor activities in shaded areas and follow the shade as it moves throughout the day.

For total UV Protection:

- Slip on clothing which covers as much skin as possible.
- Slap on 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
- Slap on a broad brimmed, legionnaires or bucket hat.
- Slide on some wrap-around sunglasses.
- Seek shade when outdoors.

For more information on shade visit: <https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-prevention/sun-protection/>

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Pack your child a HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



Fruit	
+	
Vegetables	
+	
Dairy	
+	
Wholegrains	
+	
Lean meat & alternatives	
=	A Healthy Lunch Box

Source: Northern Sydney Local Health District



PHONE 4924 6499

DESIGN YOUR OWN VIDEO GAMES

Join SLAM each Wednesday from week 2 of Term 4 and team up with others to create your own video games!

Learn coding, graphics, animation, sound editing and a whole lot more*.

Where: Maryland Public School

When: Wednesday from Term 4, Week 2 (6 weeks)

2:55pm—3:10pm start

5:10pm—5:25pm pickup

Cost: \$25 per session (All sessions: \$150)

For: Year 3—Year 6

* Parents, it's true. Your child will be collaborating with other kids on real STEM/STEAM projects while learning computational, systems and design thinking skills, and implementing creative and critical thinking. These are the pillars of the new technologies curriculum.



Expression of interest: if we can get the numbers, we'll definitely be coming to Maryland Public School! Please cut-off this section and return it to the school office.

I am interested in sending my child, _____ of class _____ to the SLAM Design Your Own Video Games workshops.

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Signed: _____

PREMIERING SHORT FILMS

18 CEP schools on

The BIG OUTDOOR SCREEN.

Written, acted and edited by students K-12.

Bring a chair, sit under the COLA and indulge in the many offerings that will be available from our community of schools.

SPECIAL GUEST JUDGES: Sam Eather, Annette Hubber.

FIRST PRIZE SCHOOL WINS A DRONE kindly donated by the Real Film Festival

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS
Macquarie St, Wallsend

THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Gates Open 4:30pm

Entertainment and Stalls 4:30 -7:30pm

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE
By The Marching Koalas at 6:45pm



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**CEP
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2017**



Tickets Available at Participating Schools

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JesmondPS MarylandPS MayfieldEastPS MayfieldWestPS MinmiPS
PlattsburgPS ShortlandPS TighesHillPS
WallsendPS WaratahPS WaratahWestPS
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COFFEE /TEA COLD DRINKS SWEET TEMPTATIONS INDIAN FOOD NACHOS
FRUIT STICKS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FAIRY FLOSS CUPCAKES JARSTALL
SHOWBAGS GLOW STICKS FACE PAINTING HAIR BRAIDING BACON and EGGS
CORN ON THE COB CAKES POPCORN ICE CREAMS BROWNIES
BIRD HOUSES JAR TOMBALA HENNA TATTOOS + much more

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Starts
7:40pm**

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\$10 Family
of 4**

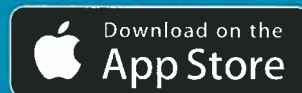
Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?



Item No.

FIND

3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.