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Kalori Newsletter

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Principal's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Presentation Day	Tue 11 th Dec
P & C Meeting	Tue 11 th Dec
Semester 2 Reports Home	Fri 14 th Dec
Combined Scripture	Fri 14 th Dec
Picnic Day	Tue 18 th Dec
Talent Quest	Wed 19 th Dec
Last day for Term 4!!!	Wed 19 th Dec

WHAT'S DUE NOW

Year in Review DVD
Dance DVD
Teen Ranch DVD
Statement of Accounts <i>especially Year 6</i>
Swimming Carnival
Jellybeans
Band Fees

TEEN RANCH – THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF AND WONDERFUL YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Last week our Year 6 students and teachers were at our annual Teen Ranch camp. Unfortunately I was unable to make a visit, but once again, I was so proud of our students when I heard the positive feedback from our teachers upon their return. I'd like to thank our Year 6 students for representing our school in ways that are memorable for all the right reasons. I'd also like to thank our staff: Mrs Rose, Mrs Chatterton, Mrs Allen and Mr Narris who showed bravery and commitment at this busy time of year by heading off to camp. Not only did they leave their families for 3 days, but they put report-writing on hold and did a 72-hour straight shift that involved everything from tears and laughter to capsizing canoes and giant swings. Finally, a huge thank you goes to Mrs Chatterton for organising this wonderful opportunity for our Year 6s who will undoubtedly remember their last camp in primary school with their friends at Teen Ranch.

THANK YOU REVESBY WORKERS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Every year, Revesby Workers' Club show their continued support for the local community by generously donating education funding to their local schools. On behalf of the Picnic Point PS community, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Camilleri, the Board of Directors and the rest of the team at Revesby Workers' for their support. The funds provided will allow us to employ our fabulous teacher's aides for additional hours to support learning in all classrooms. I'd also like to thank our P&C Vice President, Mr Steve Hancock, for missing our Thank You Morning Tea to represent our school through his attendance at the ceremony.

PRESENTATION DAY

Today a note was emailed with information about Presentation Day. We are looking forwards to celebrating the achievement for another year full of hard work.

Details for our Presentation Day will be as follows:

Start Time:	Start promptly at 10:00am
Finish:	Approx 12:00pm
Where:	School Hall
Wear:	All children must be in full summer uniform. Girls' hair tied back neatly.
Recess:	9:30am - 9:50am

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Just a reminder all overdue fees are now due. We will be mailing a statement of account to all families that have fee owing this afternoon. Could all overdue fees please be paid by the last day of school, Friday 14th December 2018.

If you have any questions or queries about your statement please do not hesitate to call the school office.

MOVEMBER MUFTI

Last week on Thursday, our SRC held an excellent fundraiser for a wonderful cause. We had our very first Movember Mufti Day where everyone wore blue and sported a mo for the day! By doing this we were raising awareness around men's health issues and fundraising so the people in the Movember team can make a positive difference for men's health – in things like prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

I'd like to acknowledge and congratulate Mary K, Sarah C and Alexandra A who initiated the day after hearing that a family friend and former PPPS P&C President, Steve Brown, had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It was so heartwarming to see these students showing such a high level of empathy and bravely taking action to help. We were fortunate to have Steve visit on the day where he shared the story about his illness and journey along the road to recovery. Steve also works for the Sydney Thunder and he was accompanied by a colleague, John, who went to great lengths to thank PPPS for helping out his mate Steve by donating a signed WWBL bat and some shirts to Mary, Sarah & Alexandra.

Steve and his wife Carol wanted to pass this message onto our wonderful community:

"Steve and I cannot put into words how touched we were by (last Thursday's) Movember mufti day. To have Mary come up with the idea and you agree to do it means so much to us. The support we have had during Movember has truly helped Steve with his recovery. Please pass on our gratitude to the staff, students and families. We are so lucky to live in such a great community."

We all wish Steve a strong and speedy recovery and want him to know we're all behind him. All the best Steve!

HELPING OUR BRAVE STUDENTS SUPPORT GOOD CAUSES - AVANGELINA A

Avangelina in 2 Tonga is currently running a personal fundraiser to raise money for JDRF - Type 1 Diabetes in hope that they will find a cure for her younger brother. Through her bravery and optimism, Avangelina has already raised over \$2100! She will be cutting her silky long hair to donate to the Cancer Foundation to make wigs for young children.

Please read her story on the link below and feel free to share with your friends:

<https://teamcurediabetes.everydayhero.com/au/hairaising-angel>

Ava's family have asked us to spread the word and while they would be very grateful if you could donate they would also be grateful if you could simply share the link with others who may be interested in supporting. Good luck Ava and congratulations on your commitment to such a great cause and for showing love and support for your brother.

RESPONDING TO ABSENCE SMS

Our daily SMS for absences has been a great success this year and received with much positivity by our parent community. To enhance the accuracy of this great system, could I ask those families who, on the odd rare occurrence, may have multiple children absent on the same day to please reply to each text message for each child. Replying to one message with an explanation for multiple children doesn't work well. When you reply to an SMS, we approve that explanation and it automatically attaches to the child to whom the original text was attached to in the database. If you reply to one text, but have 3 children absent, then the explanation doesn't attach to the other two children. We would really appreciate your support on this matter. Many thanks in advance.

CANTEEN DAMAGE

Unfortunately, since the weekend of vandalism earlier this term, someone has been regularly pulling the wooden lunch order boxes off the exterior canteen wall. Fortunately, we have many families that meet their children around the canteen area at 3:00pm. Could I please ask that, if you are in that vicinity of an afternoon, could you please keep an eye on the lunch order boxes and let the office know if you see anyone tampering with them. It may be something completely innocent, but it is giving a lot of extra work to our already hardworking General Assistant, Don. Many thanks for your support on this.

Ben Walsh
Principal

Shared Language of Learning

BEE REFLECTIVE

"Only by truly knowing where I've been can I understand where I need to go"

Definition

Reflection is our student's ability to think about their learning with honesty, open-mindedness and gratitude. They seek to understand how they learn best, monitor where they are in their learning, plan where to go next and to appreciate their progress.



Why Reflective?

Reflective practice has huge benefits in increasing self-awareness, which is a key component of emotional intelligence, and in developing a better understanding of others. Reflective practice can also help you to develop creative thinking skills, and encourages active engagement in work processes.

Language of Learning Challenge

Reflect on your year and choose the best moment that helped you grow and explain why

Student Quote of the Week

"What being reflective means to me is to reflect on what the teacher says and remember what she says."

By Kate Stalgis Stage 3

"Being a reflective learner means to go back and see what you have achieved and next time you do it you can reflect on what you did wrong and what to better." By Julia Stokes Stage 3

Stage 1 Report

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students on a fabulous year. We have seen you all blossom and mature and are now ready to move on to the next chapter of your schooling. We have certainly seen our students continue to embrace our Learner Qualities and we look forward to starting 2019 with our brave, curious, optimistic, zesty, gritty, collaborative, mindful and reflective learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have assisted us throughout the year. Whether it is in the classroom helping, listening to children read, helping out at canteen or even at sport. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge my amazing team for the passion, dedication and commitment they show in providing the best possible learning environment for your children.

It has certainly been a truly wonderful year and I feel privileged to work with such talented teachers, supportive parents and enthusiastic children every single day. Picnic Point is certainly a great place to work!

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 reports and portfolios go home next Friday. We all know that this is an extremely busy and hectic time of year for everyone but hopefully you make the time to sit down with your child to discuss their progress throughout Semester 2.

The children have all made progress which we know you would be extremely proud of and they all have their goals to aspire to in 2019. We thank you once again for your continued support in encouraging your children to follow our school motto, 'Strive to Excel' and continually aim for their personal best.

CLASS PARTIES & SECRET SANTA

Class parties & Secret Santa information came home this week. Could Secret Santa presents please be sent in to school by Friday 14th December. Party food to be brought in on the day, Tuesday 18th December.

Please see your child's class teacher if you are unsure of anything. Please remember we have students with nut allergies therefore we'd appreciate if you do not send in any nut products. We appreciate your support in this fun end of year activity. Thank you.

PLASTIC BAGS

Could all students please bring in 2 plastic bags by Monday 10th December to bring home their books and work. Thank you.

REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019

Today a note was sent home regarding requirements that they will need next year. There might be some good ideas for stocking fillers!

LOST PROPERTY

At the end of year many items are left in lost property. If your child is missing any items of clothing or lunchboxes please check the lost property basket before the end of term as all unclaimed items will be donated to the school's uniform shop.

HOMEWORK AND HOME READERS

Today was the final week for homework and home readers. Please make sure that all home readers are returned on Monday. Library books must be returned ASAP as stock take is already underway.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mrs Austin, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Bowen, Mr Bowen, Mrs Pokorny, Miss Dawes, Mr Burdon, Mr Belgre and Mrs Carrett, wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year! Enjoy all the festivities with your families and take the time to put your feet up and relax! Stay safe!

Stage 2 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Class Party Day Year 3 and 4 Glasgow
Class Party 4 Christchurch

Tue 18th Dec
Mon 17th Dec

CLASS PARTY AND SECRET SANTA

Parents, notes were sent home about our Secret Santa event and teachers have spoken to the children about the meaning of gift giving. We would like you to reinforce this at home and talk to your child about

receiving their own gift graciously, even if it may not be their favourite thing. The giver bought it with the best of intentions and it can be very hurtful to see disappointment. This is about showing empathy, kindness and getting pleasure from giving someone a little joy.

STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 REQUIREMENTS

Notes have also gone home about requirements and equipment your child will need next year. Please go through it with your child, they will explain anything you may not be sure about. Remember they don't have to be all new items - if you have pens, pencils, rulers etc at home, there is no need to rush out to buy new things. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

NARRABEEN 3 DAY CAMP 2019

Sport and Recreation needs you to complete this form on behalf of your child. The form is available online and is easy to complete. Once you submit the form it is sent directly to the Centre so the staff can prepare for your child's visit.

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/medicalandconsentform>

It is vital that you enter the following details to complete the online form by **Wednesday 23rd January 2019**:

Booking Number	535956
Booking Start Date	13/02/2019
Booking Venue	Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation

For information on camp life and what to pack, go to

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampparentinfo>

A note with all requirements will be going home in the new year.

TALENT QUEST

Keeping with our tradition for some Christmas fun, on our last day (Wednesday 19th Dec) we will be holding a talent quest. We invite students to be brave and take this opportunity to get up on the stage and have some fun doing a solo or getting together with a few friends. Any type of entertainment is welcome - songs, dance, plays, jokes, miming, etc - up to your creativity. Remember Year 4 - this is a good way to become known to the whole school, which comes in handy when you try out for leadership next year!

REPORTS

The end of year reports will be sent home next Friday. The students' work samples will also come home, and it is important for parents to take some quiet, uninterrupted time to sit with their child and allow them to show their work and discuss its meaning. Any successes should be celebrated and goals for future effort discussed. Many comments will mention Learner Qualities - allow your child to explain these to you and what they mean to them.

JELLY BEANS MUSIC PROGRAM

The notes for this program has gone home, to give parents time to return them promptly, with payment, before the program starts on Wednesday 13th February (Week 3). The students enjoy learning or advancing in their recorder skills, singing, dancing and appreciating music and rhythm.

STAGE 2 TEACHING TEAM

I would like to acknowledge and thank my team of teachers for their professionalism and incredibly hard work. It is very difficult for anyone to imagine the endless number of hours teachers put into their job - and that is not counting the hours 9:00am to 3:00pm!

I trust the community would join me in congratulating Mrs Psomadelis, Mrs Mayorga, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Hagan, Mrs Ashton and Mrs Black on their dedication and wish them a well earned and happy holiday and rest.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Stage 2 teachers would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students and their families for their efforts and support throughout the year and to wish you a wonderful, delicious, exciting Christmas and a safe and fun filled holiday! Refuel your batteries and come back to us full of zest, optimism and a list of goals to challenge yourself next year! Whatever class or teacher you will have, it is a great opportunity to make a brand new start and show your best characteristics!

Mrs Stawski, Mrs Psomadelis, Mrs Mayorga, Mrs Hagan, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Ashton and Mrs Black

Stage 3 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 6 Farewell

Thu 13th Dec

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The night of nights will soon be here! Thursday 13th December at Revesby Workers Club - Waratah Room - will be the venue for this special event.

Parents may wish to take their son or daughter to Lambeth Park prior to the event (4:30pm - 5:00pm) for some photos kindly being taken by Mr and Mrs Hickey.

The students may be brought to the Waratah Room at 6:00pm (sorry, but this is a parent free zone until 8:45pm :))

Smart casual is the expected dress code for the evening. Parents are invited to join us at 8:45pm where the DVD, cutting of the cake and presentation of signature bears and Year 6 photo will be a highlight of the evening.

DVDs of the slide show will be available at the end of the night at a cost of \$5 each.

Teen Ranch DVDs will also be available for sale for those interested parties. If the demand is greater than the DVDs available, we will take names and payment and extra copies will be burnt at school the following day.

The staff are looking forward to seeing our departing Year 6 students enjoying their special night.

2019 REQUIREMENTS

The current and incoming Stage 3 students have been issued with a list of requirements needed at the beginning of the new school year. We encourage all families to ensure that all stationery needs and belongings are clearly labelled.

CLASS PARTY DAY

All classes will be celebrating the end of year with a class party. Some classes have issued notes concerning Secret Santa gifts and party food to be brought in. Please be mindful that we discourage nut

products and if you are sending in foodstuff that needs refrigeration, we are limited in space, so perhaps this type of food/drink could be brought in eskies. Thanks for your assistance and understanding.

TALENT QUEST

The students last day, Wednesday 19th December, is traditionally Talent Quest day. We encourage all students to “have a go” and join in the fun of the day. Senior students will be organising the day.

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AND FINALLY.....

2018 has been a year of many ups and downs. The Stage 3 teachers have worked tirelessly, organising so many events, incursions and extended overnight excursions for the educational and social benefit of our students. My personal gratitude to them cannot be adequately expressed. They are a hardworking, cohesive team, each with skills and talents which are freely shared. Many laughs, good natured “digs” at each other, but a common bond of professionalism and genuine concern for our students is what makes our team work so well. At no time, have requests for help or assistance been denied - more often than not - above and beyond is offered. So, to Mrs Chatt, Mrs Perantuono, Mrs Allen, Mrs Domenici and Mr Narris - we have shared another great year together, always with the welfare and learning growth of our students our main target. Along with Mr Walsh, who backs our crazy ideas both financially and with our welfare in mind, it's been a whirlwind year.

On a personal note, it has been a somewhat difficult year for me. Because of this, I have decided to take a “sabbatical LSL” break at the beginning of 2019. I can do this with the absolute trust and reassurance that Stage 3 will continue to run smoothly and that the students will be well catered for and continue to thrive in their educational, social and emotional journey. One thing I have learnt in my 41 years of teaching is that the most important thing any child can receive, apart from love, is time. So parents, please let your children find their own pathway in life. Guide them, advise them, let them make mistakes, pick them up after they fall, but remember it's their journey. Give them their wings to fly and then stand back and smile and trust that you have given them the tools to make their way throughout life. Hug your loved ones.

Time to turn off the computer, draw the blinds, stack the chairs and reflect on another successful year whilst putting our feet up and embracing the importance of our families.

May everyone have a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Library

END OF YEAR CLEAN UP

Thank you so much to all those amazing families who have fought the dust bunnies and the cobwebs to search for missing library books... they do like to hide in the most outrageous places!! I wonder who has had the most interesting finding spot??? We still have a few to find, so please look really carefully this weekend so we can reward the classes who have brought all books back...it is a very close race this year! Unfortunately I will have to send out some bills for lost books next week.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

We are still waiting for our Gold and Platinum certificates. The PRC team has emailed all coordinators to apologise for the delay, so I am passing the apologies on to all our hard working readers. Certificates will be handed out as soon as they arrive.

HOLIDAY READING

Have fun reading together over the holidays. It is a great time to relax with a good book and to share some quality reading time together. Remember that reading helps with all academic achievement...so curl up with a good book!!! Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Band restarts

Mon 4th Feb

BAND IN 2019

We now have a huge band - around 90 strong! - and will be grouping tutorials so that the least time possible is missed from the classroom. All tutorials will be given after recess on Monday and Tuesday, to allow the morning sessions free for classroom learning and instruction. Senior band will still have their practice at 8:00am every Monday and the Training band's time will be advised at the beginning of the year. Please note that drum lessons will now be also held on Mondays.

THANK YOU

I extend a big thank you to all the Year 6 leavers. They have made a huge contribution to the band over the years, and hopefully will continue their instrumental studies into high school and beyond.

I would like to thank Mrs Stewart and acknowledge that she is the driving force behind the band - we have been the recipients of her positive energy, through the depth and quality of the performances. We applaud her and admire her fierce conviction that music is the number one Key Learning Area!

Big thanks must also go to our office ladies, who maintain the administration, finances, student lists and instrument stocktakes.

Finally, I would like to express recognition and thanks to the band committee and all the parents behind the scenes, for their tireless work. Be it helping with competitions, driving, transporting instruments, helping with organisation and fund raiser activities or attending band meetings, many people are behind the success of the band. Although it is the joint effort of many people, I would like to give a special mention to our Band Convenor, Anthony Quach, and Chief Fundraiser, Maria Musumeci. Your work is much appreciated!

Wishing everyone a joyful and relaxing Christmas with your family!

Sonia Stawski

Chess

SUCCESSFUL 2018

Our Chess Academy classes on Wednesday afternoons have grown to more than 30 and have now been divided into two classes, with an additional tutor for more individualised tuition.

Our lunchtime chess clubs are well attended and a good starting point for beginners and fun battlegrounds for advanced players.

In the JCL Metropolitan Competition, five teams were battling other schools in the JCL competition in Terms 2 and 3. Their behaviour, sportsmanship and self-discipline continued to cement our school's reputation in the chess world. I was thrilled to have a girls' team for the first time this year and certainly hope this legacy will continue from this year forward!

Our Team A came first in the championship division in the St George-Sutherland Zone.

Well done to all our players - Mr Burdon and I look forward to an even bigger 2019!

Merry Christmas and Checkmate!

SRC

MOVEMBER

We had so much fun with our painted moustaches last Thursday and raised \$580 for Men's Cancer Research! Thank you so much Picnic Point Public School and to Mary Klianis and her support team (Sarah Cannon and Alexandra Apostolovski) and the SRC for organising the event. We even had a visit from Steve Brown to tell us about Movember and how much raising money for this good cause helps those men who are going through difficult times.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful SRC team this year who have worked tirelessly to support our school and raise funds for important causes. Also thanks for their ideas for the construction of our new veggie garden. We have had a great year and wish our Year 6 SRC members and prefects all the best in their future endeavours.

Sport Report

PSSA GIRLS TOUCH

Our girls touch PSSA season came to a close last Friday with our Senior Girls competing in their grand-final a week after our juniors played theirs. Our junior girls played Milperra in windy conditions. Having played each other in the first week of the competition, the match was always going to be tough as teams improve a lot over the course of the season. The first half was difficult with our girls struggling to control the ball which resulted in minimal field position; however, their defence was outstanding and despite the pressure placed on them, the girls went into half-time with a narrow 2-1 lead. The girls came with more enthusiasm in the second half. Their defence continued to hold strong and their attack lifted. In a strong finish to an outstanding season the girls raced away to a 5-1 win to finish as undefeated premiers. Congratulations to the girls on their achievements and success. They have worked well together and come a long way as a team.

(Violet Loane ©, Talia Kumar, Cara Watters, Vitorian Tavitia, Natalie Lui, Talia Iskandar, Emily Fisher, Tilly Fuz, Sarah Cannon, Maddison Tirant, Kayla Bentley and Ava Hounslow)

Our senior girls had been dominant throughout the competition and had to hold off a week as their opponents, Panania PS, had School Spectacular commitments. Despite the hot conditions they faced, the girls were well prepared for the match and eager to complete an outstanding season of touch. The girls started strong. Their solid defence threw the other teams attack and their ability to move the ball and work as a team in attack saw them difficult to stop. The girls played one of their best games of the season and ran out comprehensive winners – in doing so, they showed they are one of the best teams to have ever played in our local PSSA competition. Well done to all the girls on a remarkable season and their continued success over the past few years!

(Abbey Fuz ©, Emilia Pengue, Serena Giang, Azaleeah Oloapu, Gabriella Davison, Amy Simpson, Mia Dodd, Channary Royal, Kayley Sommer, Makayla Ralevski, Jessica Arnold and Clare Ma)

PSSA BOYS CRICKET

The stage was set for a clash of the titans, the two strongest teams all year going head to head in the grand final. Padstow North a perennial powerhouse in the cricket competition going up against the undefeated rag tag bunch from Picnic Point.

When we arrived at Marco, we were met by what can only be described as apocalyptic conditions; winds howling, tornados of dust and hurtling boundaries cones filled the landscape. Having to make sure everything was hunkered down (including some of the smaller children), the boys took to the field first.

After the first innings, which included bowling and batting performances worthy of the grandest of stages, we were left with 82 to chase down to win the game. At the 10 over mark, we seemed to be coasting to victory at 1/62 with retirements from Mateen, Daniel and Ashton and an incredible 6 from Jack Ashburner, hit off his eyebrows. But then disaster struck, a couple of quick wickets and a snailing run rate meant that with 3 over remaining the boys needed 11 runs; a tough task in this format of the game. This was made even harder by the fact that by this time, the junior game had finished and the boundary swelled with spectators; the nerves began to creep in.

Standing resolute at the creases were James and Lucas. They picked up quick singles when needed and with one final blow towards mid on the celebrations could commence. A hard fought victory was in the books and for many of our Year 6's, a fitting way to end their PSSA careers. Congratulations boys, not only on the premiership, but also on how you conducted yourself as fine young men throughout the season.

Jack Ashburner, James Pevec, Lucas Pengue, Joshua Shun Wah, Ashton Simpson, Mateen Furmie, Anton Petrovski, Zeedan Wilson, Daniel Merheb, Kareem Riad, Logan Weir, Sam Kim and Dakota Kalamvokis.

BASKETBALL ACADEMY SEMI FINALS AND FINALS

We had 9 basketball teams this season and 5 teams made it through to the semi-finals. An amazing effort, well done boys and girls. Following this, we had 2 teams into the finals and 1 team finish as premiers.

Our **Junior Boys 1** (Daniel Pevec, Damon Beard, Jacob Poole, Blake Petrovski, Jake Dodd and Oscar Gibbons) are a feisty little team with plenty of grit and zest! They played extremely well in their semi-final against St Felix and were comfortable winners in the end.

They then proceeded to the finals against the Titans. This proved to be a tough match with the game see-sawing basket for basket. Our little Year 3 boys showed a lot of fight and played excellent defence the entire game. With 6 seconds remaining on the clock the scores were tied and Daniel Pevec was fouled driving to the basket. As cool as you like he went to the foul line and calmly made 2 foul shots in an exciting finish to win by 2 points. A fantastic team effort from a competitive team. Congratulations boys on finishing as premiers for 2018!!!! Thank you to Zac Petrovski for coaching, Mark Beard for scoring and Liz Errington for managing the team.

Our **Junior Girls 1** (Talia Iskandar, Kayla Bentley, Tilly Fuz, Grace Mitchell, Celine Alawieh, Sarah Cannon and Adelaide Filemu) had a slow start with the scores tied at half time. After a very technical half time chat the girls came out firing and started to score at ease and ran away with a convincing win.

This saw us come against St Christopher's in the final, a team we always have very close battles against. Our shots weren't dropping and we struggled with the physicality of the game, getting into foul trouble early. Unfortunately this wasn't our night and we were defeated 21-10. A great effort from our Year 3/4 girls. Well done! Thank you to Scott Bentley for coaching and Kathryn Cannon for managing the team.

Our **Senior Girls 1** (Azaleeah Oloapu, Abbey Fuz, Georgia Sabbagh, Violet Loane, Vitoria Sneddon, Leilani Filemu and Tahlia Caddy) were too dominant for the Senior Girls competition so have played this season in the boys competition. Well done girls! They came up against a fired up Heat team in the semi-final, and we had previously had very close matches with this team the entire season. The girls played hard and were down by 10 early with some players in foul trouble. They fought back well and with a minute remaining were only a point down. Unfortunately we didn't get a chance at another shot and went down in a thrilling game by a point! Well done girls on your efforts throughout the entire season up against the boys every week. Thank you to Joe Sabbagh for coaching, Noel Sneddon for scoring and Mira Da Costa for managing the team.

The **Senior Boys 2** (Jake Bender, Jeremy Cannon, Lucas Ng, Max Tilley, Brandon Ednie, Zac Pokorny and Luke Tiberti) met first placed St Christopher's in the semi-final and were ready for the battle. As Year 5's these boys have really improved over the season and always gave their best in every game. We look forward to seeing them continue to develop next year as Year 6's. A great year boys! Thank you to our coach Mrs Pokorny, our manager Jenny Tilley and to Nicole Stewart and Yenny Ng for doing the scorebench throughout the year.

Our **Senior Boys 3** are mainly Year 4 (Finn Benson, Adam Williams, Joshua Sabbagh, Hayden Gibbons, Xavius Wilson, Bailey Hickey and Sam Bayley) who are a talented group of boys who have played up in the senior competition. Despite the size and age difference these boys give it their all and every week and play a competitive brand of basketball with outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship. It's a pleasure to watch you boys! Thank you to Lachlan Benson for coaching the team, Kylie Bayley for scoring and Andrew Benson for managing the team.

Our little **Junior Boys 3** (Stephen Oloapu, Gabby Abdulwahab, Oliver Hickey, Kareem El Badawi, Danis Osmanagic, Jayden Federico and Lauchlan Smith) came up against a much bigger and stronger opposition in St Christopher's in their semi-final. They have played hard all season and for Year 2's did a great job in their first year of basketball. Thank you to Sam Abdulwahab for coaching, Layla Abdulwahab for scoring and Sheree Smith for managing the team.

Our **Senior Boys 1** (James Pevec, Anton Petrovski, Lani Salt, Zeedan Wilson, Daniel Merheb, Xander Walsh, and Andre Kleckin) played well throughout the season, continually coming up against tough opposition every week, including our senior girls! Thanks to Damian Salt, their coach, for all the extra work he put into training the team. Thanks also to Linda Pevec and Alison Walsh for doing the bench every week and Kristie Merheb for managing the team.

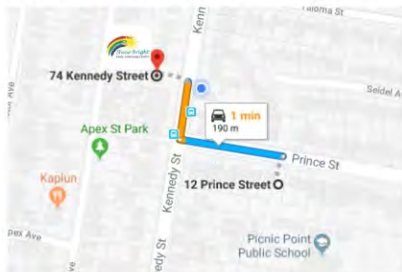
Our **Junior Boys 2** (Logan Fischer, George Karagiannis, Jarrod Hancock, Levi Haggett, Thomas Luong and Riley Moffat) unfortunately just missed out on the semi-finals but they showed great improvement throughout the year and their skills and teamwork in particular, really started to gel. Well done boys. Thank you to Steve Hancock for scoring every week and The Haggett family for managing the team.

Our young **Junior Girls 2** (Juliet Loane, Sienna Bender, Daniela Katzakis, Zoe Hancock, Mackenzie Bowler and Avangelina Afungia) were up against some much older and stronger competition week in and week out. They never gave up and were brave in their efforts, showing determination every week to improve. Well done girls. Thank you to Spiro Katzakis for coaching the girls and Steve Hancock for managing and scoring every week.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in coaching, managing and scoring throughout the season. We couldn't have done it without you and really appreciate your help. Thank you to Mrs Pokorny for always assisting me at training and games.



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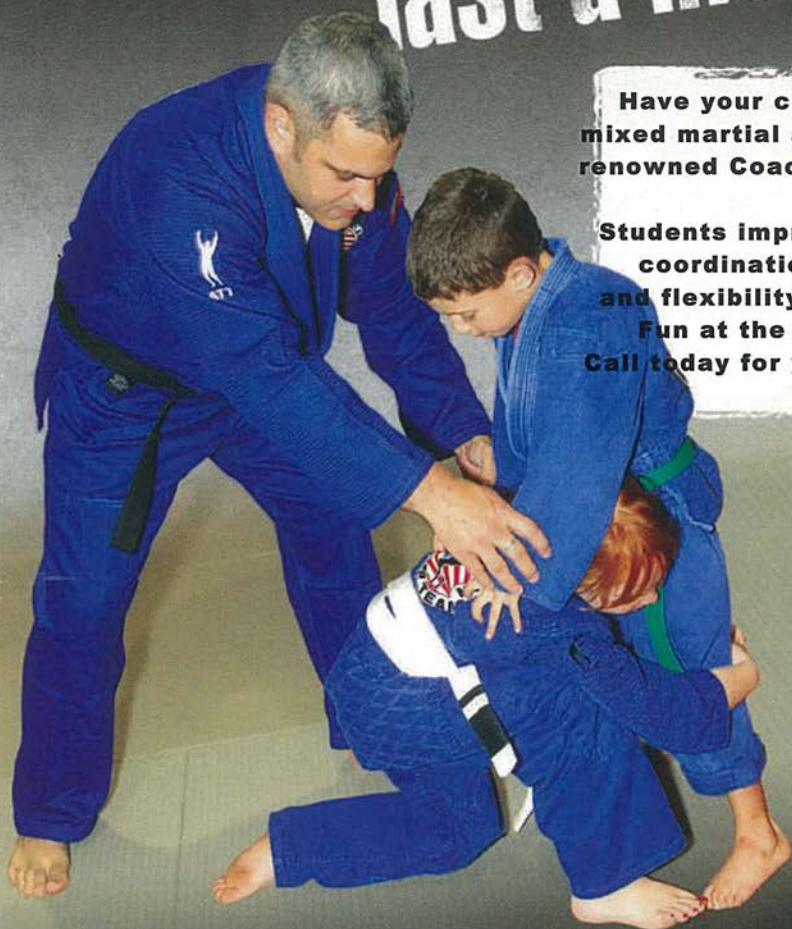
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FREE BUS TO BEACH

We are providing free buses to Cronulla Beach for young people and their parents/guardians on the following days:

Tuesday 15 January

Thursday 17 January

Tuesday 22 January

Thursday 24 January

Buses will pick up from the following locations –

	9am	9.15am	9.30am
Route 1	The Roundabout Youth Centre, Helen St, cnr Carlingford Rd, Sefton	Greenacre Senior Citizen Centre, 202 Waterloo Rd, Greenacre	69 The Mall, Bankstown (on Paul Keating Park side, opposite Lincraft)
Route 2	Panania Railway Station, Panania (on Weston St side)	Revesby Railway Station, Revesby (on Blamey St side)	Padstow Railway Station, Padstow (on Howard Rd side)
Route 3	Belmore Youth Resource Centre, 3/38-40 Redman Pde, Belmore	Riverwood Community Centre, 151 Belmore Rd North, Riverwood	
Route 4	Ashbury Senior Citizens Centre, 66 Princess St, Ashbury	Council Customer Carpark, 17 Shakespeare St, Campsie	

All buses depart Cronulla Beach at 3pm SHARP and return to the pick-up points as above.

The program operates on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. However, if you pre-register online before Friday 11 January, each passenger registered will receive a free BBQ and drink voucher, to be redeemed at Dunningham Park, North Cronulla, between 11am-1pm on the day of your choice.

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Host mum, Candice.

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Summer Session Times

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Friday, 11 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

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Wednesday, 23 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

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Families Together



Being a great dad!

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

Bankstown City YMCA in partnership with Families Together invites fathers, male carers and grandfathers with children up to the age of 6 to this information session presented by

Bruce Chan
Centre Manager
BaptistCare Counselling and Family Services

Being a dad is rewarding and challenging. This program explores the important role that dads play in the parenting process.

Topics include:

- The important contribution that dads bring to the family
- Getting to know your children
- How to ensure there is a balance of quality time spent with children, work and your own needs
- How supported do you feel in your community

Wednesday 27 February 2019

6.30 - 8.30pm

Bankstown City YMCA

184 The River Road, Revesby

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers living in the Fairfield, Liverpool and former Bankstown local government areas. Children's services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.

Child minding is not available for this information session.

Please note if you do not wish to receive these fliers or would like to have them emailed to you please contact the number above.



Education

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Summer '18-'19 Holiday Program

BOOK ONLINE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
17 December	18 December	19 December	20 December	21 December
			DAY CAMP	DAY CAMP
Before & After School Care School Term	Before & After School Care School Term	Before & After School Care School Term	Happy Holidays Fun filled day with holiday themed cooking and craft activities along with outdoor play	Creative Christmas Fun filled day with Christmas themed cooking and craft activities along with outdoor play
			\$65	\$65
7 January	8 January	9 January	10 January	11 January
DAY CAMP	WORKSHOP	WORKSHOP	WORKSHOP	DAY CAMP
Summer Time Fun filled day with cooking, craft, science and outdoor play experiences	Ultimate Water Wars Come and get wet and enjoy a day of water play activities.	Carnival Fun Fun filled day with a carnival theme for children to enjoy - petting zoo, jumping castle and water slide	Games 2 U Children will get to participate in a games bus, giant hamster balls, indoor laser tag and water tag	Go-Go Gadget Fun filled day with cooking, craft, science and outdoor play experiences. Devices are welcome
\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$65
14 January	15 January	16 January	17 January	18 January
DAY CAMP	MULTI-PROGRAM	MULTI-PROGRAM	MULTI-PROGRAM	DAY CAMP
Secret Life of Pets Chicken Incubation Tank will join us for the rest of the holidays. Fun filled day	Workshop Martial Arts \$70 Workshop Flippin' Disc Dogs	Excursion Chipmunks (ages 5-7) \$65 Workshop Reptile Show	Workshop Sand Art \$70 Workshop Puppet Workshop	Master Chef Show off your cooking skills in this fun filled cooking themed day. Devices welcome
\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$65
21 January	22 January	23 January	24 January	25 January
DAY CAMP	MULTI-PROGRAM	MULTI-PROGRAM	MULTI-PROGRAM	DAY CAMP
Green Thumb Day Fun filled day with cooking, craft, outdoor play and a focus on the garden	Workshop Fitness and Dance \$70 Workshop Reverse Garbage	Excursion Ice Skating and Mini Golf (ages 8-12) \$65 LED Hub Hoop Race	Workshop Robot Race \$70 Workshop Co-Madness	Australia Day Fun filled day with Australian themed cooking, craft and outdoor play experiences
\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$65
28 January	29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February
PUBLIC HOLIDAY			DAY CAMP	
	Before & After School Care School Term	Before & After School Care School Term	Before & After School Care School Term	Before & After School Care School Term

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17 December	18 December	19 December	20 December	21 December
			DAY CAMP	DAY CAMP
SCHOOL TERM	SCHOOL TERM	SCHOOL TERM	Christmas Cooking Day Join us in the kitchen for a day filled with Christmas edibles.	Christmas is Coming Christmas craft, carols & making gifts. Come along & get involved in the fun!
			\$65	\$65
7 January	8 January	9 January	10 January	11 January
WORKSHOP	DAY CAMP	WORKSHOP	EXCURSION	DAY CAMP
Go Karting! Zipping and zooming on some Go Karts sound fun? Get speedy & race through the course.	Slip & Slide Water Play Day Join us for a day of slipping and sliding as we play cool with some water activities.	Fun Sports Day The competition has begun. Join us to compete with the best while enjoying some fun in the sun.	Science Centre Experiment with lots of different gadgets & explore over 100 exhibits!	Slime & Putty Making Create a mess for the day, we're making slime & putty to take away!
\$70	\$65	\$70	\$90	\$65
14 January	15 January	16 January	17 January	18 January
DAY CAMP	WORKSHOP	DAY CAMP	WORKSHOP	EXCURSION
Summer Is Here Friends, fun, water & sand. Shades on, flip flops too, in summer there's so much to do!	Reverse Garbage Recycling Use your engineering skills to design your own creation made from recycled materials.	Explore Your Five Senses Put your 5 senses to the test & give it your best. Use your senses to work out the rest.	Amazing Race Clues, pit stops, roadblocks and detour challenges to test you during the AMAZING RACE!	Toronga Zoo Meet some of Toronga Zoo's most funny friends. Feeding & feeding are all a part of the fun.
\$65	\$70	\$65	\$70	\$90
21 January	22 January	23 January	24 January	25 January
WORKSHOP	DAY CAMP	DAY CAMP	EXCURSION	DAY CAMP
Wearable Craft Get creative as we design & decorate our very own snap back caps and plush dogs.	No Bake Cooking Day Make lots of yummy sweets for the day, this will all be done with a no baking tray!	Music & Percussion Strike up the band! Take a seat and join in on the beat using the instruments made by you!	Sky Peak Climbing Adventures Adrenaline pumping on the activity of free falls, zip lines, vertical climb & rope challenges.	Australia Day Celebration Dress as a traditional Aussie & explore tourist attractions, animals & cooking!
\$70	\$65	\$65	\$90	\$65
28 January	29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February
DAY CAMP				
The Wonderful World of Disney Dress in Disney & enjoy crafts, cooking & active play with a Disney twist.	SCHOOL TERM	SCHOOL TERM	SCHOOL TERM	SCHOOL TERM
\$65				

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