Friday 28 November 2014
Term 4 Week 8
Dear Parents, Staff & Students

We have had a very busy week at school preparing for the events of the next two weeks. The end of the year is definitely creeping closer and everyone needs to keep an eye on our dates and special events. Keep reading the newsletter as this will inform you of what is happening and please check bags for notes. Have a great weekend everyone!

Leadership and our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2015
What an outstanding display of confidence and sincerity as our candidates for School Captain 2015 eloquently delivered their speeches to a very attentive audience! Both our girls and boys were outstanding in talking about our values and what leadership means to them. They presented all speeches in a mature fashion and any one person could step into the leadership shoes. I felt very proud of the group of students who also congratulated each other on their efforts. Congratulations to all! You are all leaders in your own right. On Monday morning at our nine o’clock assembly we will be announcing our four students who will be our captains and vice captains for 2015. Their positions will be announced at the Night of Celebration.

Night of Celebration
This year our night is taking a similar format as last year. All students are involved in a musical. We have been madly rehearsing and as our night draws closer everyone is becoming quite excited. On Tuesday 9 December all students will be taken up to Menai High School for our very special dress rehearsal. On Wednesday evening 10 December students are to arrive at 5.40pm for a 6.00pm start. We are looking forward to showcasing our musical as well as presenting all the well deserved awards. This night is certainly always one to remember so we hope that all parents will be able to attend.
This week there is a worthwhile Michael Grose article called ‘Help your child conquer self consciousness’. With our Night of Celebration approaching and all students being in the limelight it is a good article to read and support your child if they are self-conscious.

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Staff Development Days
This term is rapidly slipping away and before we know it we will be in the final days before Christmas holidays. This term is a ten week, three day term for students and an eleven week term for teachers. The last day of term for students is Wednesday 17 December. On Thursday 18 December the staff at all Public Schools will be involved in Professional Learning. At Alfords Point Public School this will involve compliance training as well as professional learning in the implementation of the new School Management Plan. Please be aware of the date for the last day of term for students. Last day for staff is 18 December. We have completed professional learning over two afternoons instead of Friday 19 December. Thank you for your co-operation.

Kindergarten 2015 Afternoon Tea
On Thursday 4 December at 2.00pm we will be having an afternoon tea for our new kindies and their parents. Kindergarten 2014 are the hosts for the afternoon and they will bring along a plate of food. 2014 Kindy parents are also invited to this special afternoon tea. It should be lots of fun and we would love everyone to join in.

Kindergarten Enrolment
If you have not enrolled your child as yet in Alfords Point Public School please come up to the school and we will give you an enrolment form and help you if you are unsure of what to do. It is really important that we have your enrolment form as this allows us to communicate dates coming up for Kindergarten 2015 and we would love everyone to be informed and involved. Please don’t hesitate to ring and ask for a tour of the school if you have a child ready for next year. We would love to see you and show you around our beautiful school.

Parents in Partnership
We have had a fantastic year where parents have volunteered their time to be partners with us in the teaching and learning of our students. Our BEAR program and Community Maths could not run without our parent volunteers and our canteen could not run without parent volunteers. Our canteen is a wonderful asset to our school and it is promoting healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle - all of which connects strongly with our PDHPE program. At the moment Megan Brice and Natasha Petkovski are our canteen co-ordinators and they have worked tirelessly to make our canteen a success. This has been all voluntary. After lengthy discussions with the P&C and after surveying parents the operation of the canteen will change for 2015. The canteen will become a school operated canteen and our supervisors will be paid.

This advertisement is attached to our newsletter. If you would like to apply for the position please refer to the advertisement. If you wish to discuss the position please feel free to make an appointment to see me.

We still do need volunteers to work in the canteen and without volunteers or a canteen supervisor our canteen will have to close. This would be disastrous for our school, our students and our community. Please have a read of the advertisement and if you are interested apply.

Literacy Links Transition to Menai High
This term Year 6 students have been working on a piece of writing with Year 9 students from Menai High. The Community of Schools between the Rivers are all involved in this Literacy Links project. On Wednesday Year 6 along with Mrs Davis and Mrs Burke attended a Literacy Links session where students shared their piece of writing and then joined in a sausage sizzle. I am very proud of the standard of work that our students have presented and I congratulate Joel Johnson & Elena Cuenca on their excellent pieces of writing that earned them first and second place. Congratulations

Robyn Dowse
Principal

THE POINT CAFE

The canteen will be closed during week 11. Volunteer needed on Friday, 5 & 12 December 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Volunteers, Week 9
Monday, 1 December
Megan Brice & Haley O’Hara
Wednesday, 3 December
Angela Riley & Simone Carlino
Friday, 5 December
Megan Brice
Thank you
Natasha Petkovski & Megan Brice (Canteen Co-ordinators)
Canteen Mobile: 0458 806 875
Email: apcanteen@telstra.com

HELP NEEDED
On Tuesday afternoon the girls in 3-4B & 3-4M will be sewing hearts onto their Night of Celebration costumes. If you can help please let me know

Anne Brown

UNIFORM SHOP
In 2014 the uniform shop will be opening on Friday mornings at 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall.
Honesty & Integrity, Friendliness & Acceptance, Excellence

Encounter  by Joel J
I moved slowly through the weed-choked grass and over the rocks and gravel. The wind whistled past the gorge like a lost melody. The waves crashed gently against the cliff face. I suddenly stopped. I stamped my hooves into the soil and scanned the area. I decided it was nothing and continued with the grass following not far behind. My hooves peppered the ground as I headed towards the rocky outcrop. But then I stopped. I heard two voices. Two voices of men. The picturesque scene was then destroyed by two dark silhouettes. They ran towards me. I turned around and broke into a canter and became one with the wind. The men followed me. Hunted, hounded! My mane fluttered in the musty air. As the sun rose higher into the sky it looked like a gemstone watching the earth. I decided to stop running and I turned and faced the men. That was when time slowed down. I whinnied and presented and showcased my front hooves to the men. They backed away as I then pawed at the ground and then kicked the closest man. He was flung back like a stone from a slingshot from the force of my hoof. The two men fled the scene towards the bush and undergrowth never to be seen again.

Please report trespassers in the school grounds to:
School Security ☏ 1300 880 021
Menai Police ☏ 9541 4499

MIDNIGHT TERROR
By Elena Cuenca
The old oak stood there silently, overlooking the distraught land it called home. The faint sound of the wolf’s cry echoed throughout the haunted forest. It was cold. It was dark. It was death. Her ice cold skin was yearning for warmth. The deformed trees were caving in, the few remaining leaves were desperate and consumed by the infectious mould that lingered upon the branches.

Her scalp was throbbing. Her legs were aching. Her heart was pounding. She inched towards the murky passage of water. But as Drew’s palms were submerging into the icy liquid her eyes were immediately drawn to the battered planks of wood. The bridge was dilapidated. It devoured the souls of others. She could hear the eerie whines from across the bridge. Pleading. Moaning. Dying. Waiting until one lost soul staggered upon the deteriorating bridge.

Drew closed her eyes and tried to imagine a life without terror, without hate, without death.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Stage 1
Nathaniel B
Cameron H
Casey R

BRONZE MEDALS

Stage 3
Daniel B

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T4, Week 8
KL  Madeline B
KD  Jonas V
1-2R  Indigo L
1-2J  Nicolette R
2-3P  Aya M
3-4B  Nicholas T
3-4M  Zac J
5-6B  Emily E
5-6D  Dylan W

Skoolbag
Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded the App for Skoolbag. We will be using the Alfords Point Public School Skoolbag App to enhance communication across the school community. A copy of the instructions on how to install the Skoolbag App on your smartphone has been included with this newsletter. We would encourage all families to install this App as we will endeavour to use this App to communicate regularly with our school community.

A section of the App will be password protected. To obtain the required username and password please contact the front office.

Jennie Lombe
Assistant Principal

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On Monday December 15th we're holding our annual Carols Family Fun Night up at the school.

This year’s event will be the best ever and is set to include something for everyone!!

Enjoy a barbeque cooked by our P&C master-chefs. Followed by Christmas Carols with the amazing Kirrawee High School Band. There’ll be Market Stalls with lots of great Christmas gift ideas, fairy floss, a Christmas Disco and even a visit from Santa himself!!

Professional painter, Ken Tucker, will show off his talents by painting our main raffle prize LIVE right in front of our eyes!!

So mark this date in your calendar and bring your family & friends along to this year's special event. It's not to be missed!!

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04112575551or 0431399299
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E: cindi@kinditous.com
www.cindikindi.com.au

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www.cindikindi.com.au

SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP
20th to 23rd January 2015
9am - 2pm Age 7 to 15 years
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants

Enrolments close 16th December 2014. (Unless maximum numbers are reached prior to closing date). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Download enrolment form from our website:
www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: 9542-1999 Fax: 9521-5696
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au
Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Menai Primary School presents:
Carols under the stars

Sunday, 7th December 2014
(Hall Drive, Menai)
5.30pm Sausage sizzle, gelato,
jumping castle & obstacle
course, raffles, & more
7.30pm Carols supported by
Urban Life Band
(including performances
by Menai Primary School)
Advertisement for a Canteen Supervisor – Alfords Point Public School

Position Vacant – Canteen Supervisor – Alfords Point Public School

Alfords Point Public School at the beginning of 2015 will operate a school run canteen for three days per week throughout the four terms of the NSW school year.

Hours of this position: 3 days per week 10am – 2pm. This is a total of 12 hours per week. This would include lunch orders and over the counter sales.

Wages and superannuation are paid in accordance with DEC procedures. The hourly rate is $22.41.

To be considered for this position you are asked to address the following criteria:-

  Working with Children Check (WWC)
  Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating and ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods
  Knowledge of the fresh Tastes@School NSW Healthy School Strategy
  Understanding of Work Health and Safety principles
  Stock control
  Ordering and purchasing of supplies
  Organising volunteers and rosters
  Term reporting and stocktaking
  Liaising with School Principal regarding all aspects of canteen operation

A statement of duties is available at the school office. Applications for employment should address the above listed criteria and be accompanied by a current resume including two referees.

Please forward applications to the school email address addressed to Robyn Dowse by email to: alfordspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE on Friday 12 December 2014.
P&C Trivia Night

The P&C would like to thank our generous sponsors for their support at our Trivia Night. Please support our local businesses in return.

Menai Baptist

Goodlife health clubs

First Floor, Menai Central Shopping Centre
Phone: 02 8525 5755

Menai Optometrist

Shop 16 Menai Marketplace
Phone: (02) 9543 0603

Bubba Gump Pest Control

Larissa Bright Australia

Suzanne Wyman & Associates

Lawyers & Conveyancers

4 Faraday Road, Padstow
Phone: 9771 6355

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Saporè Di Napoli

Shop 5, 11 Marsham Avenue Kingsgrove
Phone: 91506222

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Financial Advisors
Mortgage Brokers
Registered Tax Agents

7 Howard Road Padstow
Phone: 9773-3672

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Larissa Bright Australia

Phone: 0412 101 099

10% of all orders placed from the Trivia Night to go towards the School!

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