Friday 29 August 2014
Term 3 Week 7
Dear Parents, Staff & Students

The first two days of this week I spent at The Novotel Wollongong taking part in our Primary Principals Association Conference. The conference was about Leading & Learning. We all learnt a lot about our leadership and what makes a great school. It was a wonderful two days of learning and reflection. Learning is a continual journey that we are all part of at Alfords Point Public School which by the way is a great school.

Parents in Partnership Program
This week has been Literacy & Numeracy Week. We have launched our new Parent Resource Centre in our school Library and I thank sincerely Miss Ruth, our School Chaplain for her wonderful dedication & organisation & our P & C for supplying the funds to support parents & students in social & emotional well being. Please come along & borrow any of the books that are available. Miss Ruth has asked that books be borrowed on a Wednesday afternoon & returned the next Monday.

Also on Friday morning we ran a “Primary School Kid for an Hour” session where parents were involved in problem solving activities (Numeracy) and Literacy. A big thank you to Mrs Burke, Mrs Lombe & Mr McKrell who ran this valuable workshop & to all the parents who came along. Everyone learnt a lot about the way we teach your children. I hope you enjoyed ‘Crunch & Sip’.

Create South
Create South will be held this year in October and we had eight students audition for certain roles in the performance. Over five hundred students applied with two hundred & fifty students being placed. We would like to congratulate all of our eight students but a very special congratulations to Ebony J for being selected for choir, Olivia R for choir and Aidan M for drama. We are looking forward to the production, LINK!

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.

Kindergarten Orientation Morning
(Kindi Start)
Notes have been posted out this week to all families who have enrolled their children for Kindergarten 2015. The notes are an invitation to our Kindergarten Orientation morning Kindi Start on 3 September at 9.30 am in the school hall. All are very welcome to our Orientation morning and this will be the first time that our Kinder 2015 will be experiencing BIG SCHOOL. There will be four other opportunities for pre-schoolers to experience a Kinder classroom and we are offering valuable workshops for parents. We would love to see you there on Wednesday 3 September.

Artist in Residence
On Thursday our artist in residence, Ken Tucker with students from 2/3P, 1/2J & 1/2R continued painting our beautiful mural on the canteen/hall wall. Mr Tucker was thrilled with how cooperative all our students were & the wonderful job that they did. Mr Tucker is here over five consecutive Thursdays. Next week students from Kindergarten will have a chance to participate. Mr Tucker has suggested to bring along some sunglasses to help with the glare on Thursday.

DAYS FOR YOUR DIARY

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OUR VALUES AT ALFORDS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL ARE AS SOLID AS A ROCK
University of NSW Competitions
Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful results in the UNSW Spelling Competition:-

**Distinction** - Ethan L Year 3, Nicholas T Year 3, Daniel L Year 4, Broc F Year 4

**Credit** - Daniel B Year 6, Joel JYear 6, Jack M Year 5, Harrison B Year 4, Katie S Year 4, Willem V Year 4

**Merit** - Ebony J Year 6, Jacqueline M Year 3

Robyn Dowse
Principal

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T3, Week 7**

| KL       | Jordan K |
| KD       | Olivia B |
| 1-2R     | Cara R   |
| 1-2J     | Jessica A|
| 2-3P     | Angelise F|
| 3-4B     | John L   |
| 3-4M     | Andrew H |
| 5-6B     | Christian S|
| 5-6D     | Julian M |

**SPORT**

Last Monday afternoon the students in Stages 2 & 3 had a lovely energetic time on our wonderful multipurpose court. Illawong Cricket Club provided instructions to run the students through skills & drills related to cricket. With all the rain that we have had this week it was a fantastic opportunity for the students to participate in sports activities between showers. Trials for Summer PSSA Term 3 will continue next week.

Debbie Bourke

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**THE POINT CAFE**

We urgently need new volunteers for Term 4. Volunteer needed on Monday, 1 & 8 September 12.30 to 2.00pm.

**Volunteers, Term 3 Week 8**

**Monday, 1 September**
Nicci

**Wednesday, 3 September**
Angela & Shianna

**Friday, 5 September**
Megan, Chris & Kelly

Sushi Day on Wednesday, 10 September. Options are vegetarian or teriyaki chicken. Please pre-order before 3/9/14. Order forms are in the canteen or office.

New products: Beef lasagne - $3.00 and Dragon Popper Paddle Pop - $1.60.

Thank you
Natasha & Megan (Canteen Coordinators)
Canteen Mobile: 0458 806 875
Email: apcanteen@telstra.com

**Stewart House Bags**

Stewart House Clothing Appeal bags have been sent home. If you have old clothes please drop them back to the canteen hall by no later than Monday 8 September. Extra bags are available from the front office if required.

**Sensory Movie Day**

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive monthly event for families with special needs; children can move around as lighting stays on dim and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists. Face painting and balloons start at 12pm. Come along to this judgment-free screening.

For more details visit:
https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla

Next screening:
How To Train Your Dragon 2
1pm Sunday 14 September, Entertainment from 12pm
Cronulla Cinemas
Tickets: $8 each
Children 2 years and under are free
Companion ID cards accepted
Any questions contact Alicia at sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com
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Sutherland Shire Healthy Minds Seminar & Expo 2014

"To hear a range of Younique talks on mental health topics and learn about services in Sutherland Shire"

Speakers
- Peter Slattery — Resilience & Self-esteem
- Local School Presentations - Projects on Mental Health
- John Goodwin — Personal Story
- Toni Garrett — Families & Carers
- Sutherland Community MH - Acute Care Services
- Andrew McClelland — Mind/Body Wellness
- Beate Zanner — Holding Suicide
- Fay Jackson — Personal Story
- Black Dog Institute — Breaking Down Depression & Building Resilience

Information stalls of services in Sutherland Shire | Entertainment | Laughter Yoga | Refreshments provided

When sexuality is the question...

interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 50 years experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilled presenters.

The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A range of books on sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.

Evening programs provide age-specific sessions of about one hour’s duration.

Joey Scouts 6-8 years
Cub Scouts 8-11 years
Scouts 11-14 years

All Enquiries
Bill Murray (Group Leader) 0435 280 385

UNIFORM SHOP
In 2014 the uniform shop will be opening on Friday mornings at 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall.

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