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Stage 3 Excursion

Last week, Stage 3 students went on an excursion to the Science Space in Wollongong. They had a very exciting day and participated in a range of hands-on activities including construction, making bubbles, writing with light, and controlling a robotic elephant. Students watched a planetarium show where they saw a range of constellations and learnt about our violent universe. They also enjoyed participating in a liquid nitrogen show and witnessed how hard a bouncy ball became after being placed in liquid nitrogen.



Stage 2 NSW Rail Museum

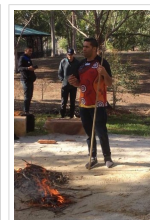
On Thursday June 14, Stage 2 students enthusiastically attended an excursion to the NSW Railway Museum located in Thirlmere. Students participated in a teacher-guided tour of the Museum that included the viewing of working steam locomotives, past and present train carriages and a short demonstration of how train engines work. The excursion supported students learning in History and English this semester, where students have researched, planned and composed a range of informative texts displaying the impact of transport throughout Australia's history.



Yarn Up Excursion

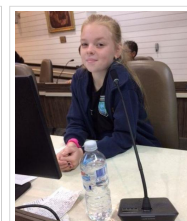
Last week Shelly-Faith and Jacob from Stage 3 attended their second Yarn Up day. This time at Campbelltown TAFE. They completed various workshops on public speaking and participated in Aboriginal cultural activities. Including spear throwing and making fire. They both now need to work on their own speeches that they will present at Parliament House early next term.

Good luck Shelly and Jacob!



Children's Parliament

On the 6 June Makayla, London, Ashlyn and Michelle travelled to Liverpool City Council Chambers with Mrs Anderson. The students presented the issue of air pollution and energy conservation to council members and ambassadors including Mayor Wendy Waller of Liverpool City Council and Anne Stanley the member of Werriwa. The students were very excited to present their issues and ways that they feel these issues can be solved. The council responded to the students concerns and have advised them of what they will each do to address their concerns before the next Children's Parliament meeting in November.



Final reminder - Stage 3 Gymnastics

This year all students in Year 5 and 6 have participated in an 8 week gymnastics program throughout Term 2, in the school hall. The program commenced on Wednesday 9 May and will conclude on Wednesday 27 June. The organisation GotGame delivered the gymnastics program to the students with a focus on demonstrating control and exploring the ways in which the body can move. This opportunity also supported students learning in the curriculum area Personal Development, Health and Physical Activity. Students attended the sessions with their classroom teacher.

Our school has been successful in receiving partial funding for this program from the federal government. This has reduced the cost of the eight coaching sessions to \$15 per student. Each session will be for fifty minutes. Families are asked to contribute \$15.00 per child. Please return the payment slip to the front office with money enclosed.



Swim Scheme

As Australians, we spend a lot of our time in and around the water, it's a big part of our culture. For this reason, it's important that our students learn water safety and survival skills, so that they can continue to enjoy aquatic activities. The Department of Education (DoE) runs the School Swimming and Water Safety Program (Swim Scheme). This is a Government-funded program that is free for students. All that's required is that the pool entry and transport costs are met. The program is aimed at students who cannot swim more than 25 metres and for students aged 8-12.

Swim Scheme will be held again this year in Week 6 of Term 3 (27-31 August). A permission note will be sent home before the end of the term. If you would like your child to be involved please enclose the money and note and return to the office.



Canteen

Our school students have the opportunity to purchase food items from our school canteen. This canteen is not run by the school but as a private business of John and Rhonda Laine. The canteen will no longer be providing credit. All purchases are to be paid for when ordering, or by having a having sufficient money available in an account that has been set up with the canteen. Please do not ask for credit as refusal can offend. Thank you for your understanding.



Pre School Pyjama and Popcorn Day

The school term is coming to an end and to celebrate the children completing half a year of preschool we will be hosting a Pyjama and Popcorn Movie Day on the last day of Term 2. Please see the dates below for your child's day.

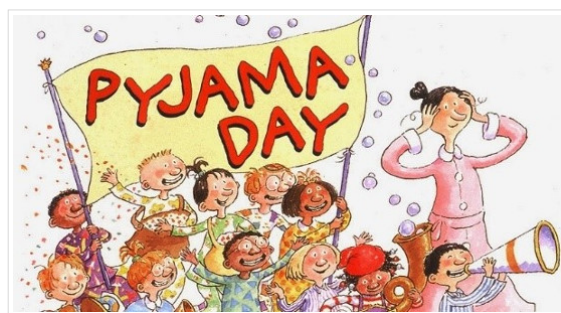
Group A - Wednesday 4 July

Group B - Thursday 5 July

Please send your child to school that day wearing their pyjamas and appropriate footwear as we will be following through our daily routine.

Popcorn and cordial will be provided to the children and a G rated movie will be played.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to the preschool staff.



P & C

Our P&C President, Narelle Curry, has tendered her resignation. As a school community we would like to acknowledge the support Narelle has provided to our students and community in her role as president. As school principal, I personally would like to thank Narelle for her commitment and dedication. At the next P&C meeting, at 9:15am on Tuesday 24 July 2018, nominations and voting for president will be taken. All welcome to attend.

Reward Day

On Wednesday 4 July students who qualify will be able to attend our End of Semester Reward Day. The school has organised for a variety of jumping castles to be set up at school and therefore there will be no cost for students attending. Students will also be given a popper and packet of chips.

When	Who	What
Thursday 4 July	All K-6 and Support classes	Jumping Castle Fun Day

To attend Reward Day students must have displayed appropriate behaviour throughout the semester.

That is:

- At least 1 BRONZE Award

- Less than 10 'Work it Out' sessions (red cards and playground slips combined) for Semester 1
- No suspensions
- No 'Warning of Suspension' letters

A letter will go home to any student whose behaviour has been unsatisfactory and they will not be eligible to attend Reward Day and will instead be participating in social skills activities at school.



Supported School Transport

The Australian Government has released a discussion paper about 'Supported School Transport and the National Disability Insurance Scheme' on their website

<https://engage.dss.gov.au>.

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out across Australia, this paper asks for your feedback on how supported school transport could work under the NDIS.

This is your opportunity to have your say via a submission on how you would like to see supported school transport operate in our State. The consultation period will end on 20 July at 5:00pm.

There will be some face-to-face consultations held throughout the state, full details will be updated on their website when they are available.

For any further information about the discussion paper or submission you can email transport@dss.gov.au.

Online payments

Parents are able to make payments for school contributions, preschool fees, excursions and any other expense through the Parent Online Portal. Access to this is from the school website, and the "Make a payment" link on the right hand side on the top orange bar. Parents will have the option on notes sent home to indicate that they have paid through the Parent Online Portal. This is an easy and secure way to make payments.

<http://www.busbywest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

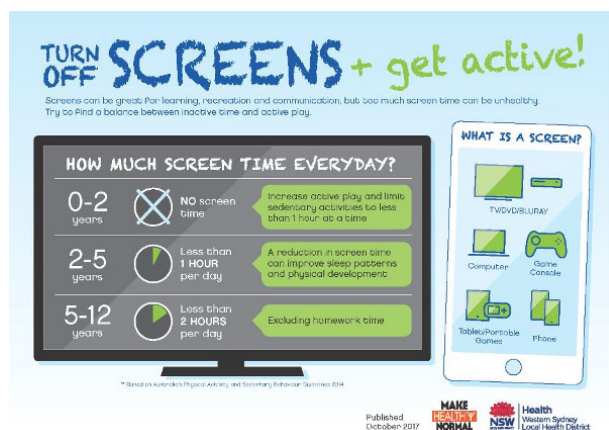


PCYC Holiday Programs

In the July school Holidays, PCYC will be running a wide range of Clinics and workshops through the holiday period. This could be a wonderful opportunity for your students to be involved in fun and engaging programs. They have special clinics and

workshops run by Bunnings, GWS Giants, Wanderers, West Tigers as well as really cool programs run by PCYC.

A few reminders from NSW Health



What's happening at BWPS

Term 2 2018

Thursday 21 June	NAIDOC assembly and visiting performance
Thursday 28 June	Primary Assembly – hosted by 3A
Tuesday 3 July	Semester 1 Reports sent home
Wednesday 4 July	Semester 1 Reward Day
Thursday 5 July	Assembly –Infants – hosted by SP, SJ, SA
Thursday 5 July	Last day for Term 2 – Pre School Group B
Friday 6 July	Last day for Term 2 Pre School closed

Term 3 2018

Tuesday 24 July	Students return for Term 3
Tuesday 24 July	P&C Meeting
Thursday 26 July	Athletics Carnival