

What's On

Fri, 28 Sep	Zoomobile, Last day of Term for staff and students
Mon, 15 Oct	First day of Term 4—students and teachers
Wed, 14 Nov	Year 7 Immunisation
Tues, 27 Nov	Variety Christmas Party
Wed, 5 Dec	Special Children's Christmas Party
Thurs, 6 Dec	Celebration Assembly
Fri, 7 Dec	Metropolitan Swimming Carnival
Thurs, 13 Dec	Amazing Achiever and PBL Assembly
Fri, 14 Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Wed, 19 Dec	Last day of Term for Students



CARE
LEARN
BE SAFE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we quickly approach the end of another term it is important and beneficial to reflect on the achievements we have made. Our newsletters are full of the great achievements of our students and you hear about the achievements of your children on a regular basis from your child's classroom teacher.

Therapists and service providers in our school

Thank you for assisting us in completing the procedures necessary to ensure that therapists can come to school and work with your child. The current data is showing us that 71% of our students are accessing therapists or external providers at school. This equates to a large number of therapists going in and out of our school daily. Please be patient in regards to approvals for therapists, the induction process and teachers contacting therapists.

Assisted School Transport Drivers and ATSOs

This week we met with drivers and ATSOs to discuss the arrival and departure procedures and epilepsy. The drivers and ATSOs do a great job of picking up and dropping off your children. Meetings in the future will focus on Autism, communication and behaviour management. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Science Week

What a great Science Week we are having! Science lessons with buddy classes were educational for all who attended. All students were able to spend time with the fire fighters, see the fire truck and see the hose being used. We hope they will come back next year. It was great to have some community workers in the school.

Extreme Weather Event

Anybody that witnessed the hailstorm at The Ponds School or has seen the photos would have thought it had snowed. To ensure the safety of all, the buses were delayed until this weather event subsided.

Events @ The Ponds School

Our Farmer Fundraiser raised nearly \$500 for Drought Angels. The students looked great dressed as farmers and farm animals and the scarecrows classes made were spectacular!
Selected students enjoyed participating in ice skating at Macquarie Centre with Variety.

Holidays

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday! We hope you will be able to participate in activities that make both you and your children happy. We look forward to seeing all students return on Monday 15th October.

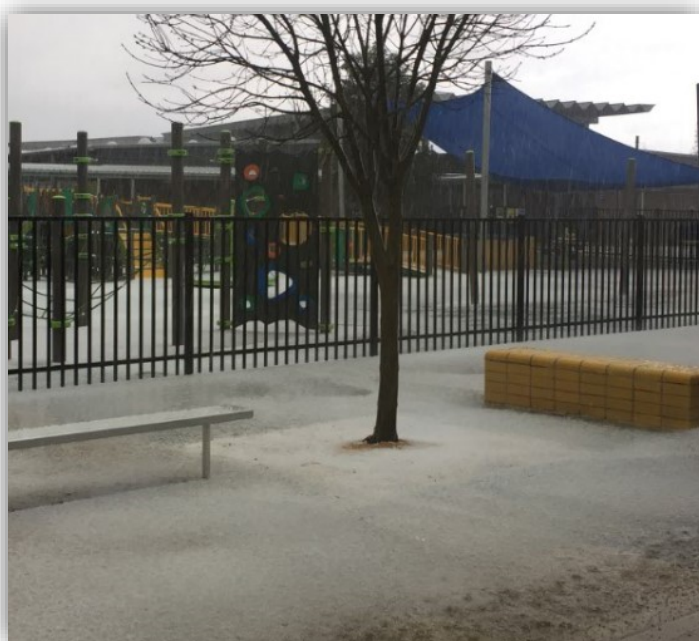
Leonie Donaldson

Principal

Hail Storm

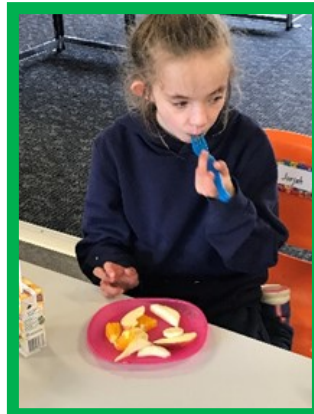


The EXTREME weather that held students up from going home



A BIG THANK YOU to Woolworths The Ponds for donating fruit every week for the 4 weeks of Fruit and Veg Month. The Ponds School classes participated in a range of activities, with many classes using the fruit during class programs. Many students tried new fruits or recipes using fruit and lessons focused on healthy eating.

Some students helped deliver the fruit to classrooms around the school.



KEY WORD SIGN BASIC WORKSHOP

Come along and learn how to use Key Word Sign, natural gestures and other strategies to communicate with your child.



Key Word Sign is the combination of manual signs and natural gestures, used to support communication. It is designed for use with children and adults who have communication difficulties.

This workshop is being offered to families attending The Ponds School and can be tailored to meet your individual needs. It provides a fun and interactive signing experience for parents or carers of a child with communication

WORKSHOP DETAILS

When: Tuesday 30 October and Tuesday 6 November, 9:30am—12:30pm

Location: The Ponds School, 201 The Ponds Boulevard, The Ponds.

Cost: \$80 per person.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Contact EarlyEd on (02) 9923 2727

or email events@earlyed.com.au



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Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display Introductory PODD Sessions & PODD Interest Group Meetings 2018



One-hour introductory talks to PODD communication systems will be available prior to PODD Interest Group Meetings. These are designed for people who are new to PODD.

PODD Interest Group meetings will be of interest to people who are implementing PODD communication systems and/or have attended a PODD Workshop. Anyone who has attended a PODD Workshop or an Introductory PODD session is welcome to attend.

Cost: \$10 to attend the Introduction to PODD Session;

\$10 to attend the PODD Interest Group.

For further information, please contact Harriet Korner at hkorner@netspace.net.au

Venue:	Royal Rehab – Charles Blunt Meeting Room 235 Morrison Rd, Ryde, NSW, 2112.
22 March	5pm – 6pm: Introduction to PODD Session 6pm – 8pm: PODD Interest Group Meeting
25 May	9am – 10am: Introduction to PODD 10am – 12 noon: PODD Interest Group Meeting
23 August	5pm – 6pm: Introduction to PODD Session 6pm – 8pm: PODD Interest Group Meeting
16 November	9am – 10am: Introduction to PODD 10am – 12 noon: PODD Interest Group Meeting

Every Child Can Fly

Give a child the gift of flight for as little as \$120



National FunFlight Day 2018

FunFlight is a charity established to provide children touched by adversity, with joy and inspiration through the exhilaration of flight.

On Sunday 28th October 2018, FunFlight will team up again to deliver children facing adversity the flight of their life!

For families wishing to attend, please contact Gladys Panoncillo 9626 9876 or visit the website 'get involved' for more details.

variety

MUSICAL PICNICS

You're invited!

Join us for music & fun with special guest Rachael Coopes from Play School

A joy-filled and inclusive activity for kids of all ages and abilities.

Free Event
When: Thursday 4th October 10.30am - 12pm
Where: Livvi's Place, Yamble Reserve, Ryde
 Register at variety.org.au/nsw

@VarietyNSWACT variety.org.au

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INCLUSION EQUITY RESPECT

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY



Studio ARTes Carers Week Open Day/Expo

You are invited to attend our Carers Week Open Day/Expo. Come and explore everything about Studio ARTes. We have invited other service providers to be a part of the Open Day/Expo. These providers have been recommended by our parents/carers.

Please RSVP to Jess.bolan@studioartes.org.au or call Jess or Lynne on 9482 5266 to register your interest. Your RSVP is extremely appreciated so we know how many will be coming.

Date: 17th October, 2018
 Time: 3:00 pm - 6.00 pm
 Cost: Free
 Venue: 33 Jersey Street Hornsby, NSW 2077
 Phone: 9482 5266

Ridges Festival of the Arts

Thursday 18th October 2018

Ticket offer ends on Friday 28th September

Please complete the slip below and return it to the school office. Tickets will be sent home with your child in the week prior to the concert.

'RIDGES FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS' Combined Schools' Festival

Showcasing the talents of students from Kellyville Ridge PS, Parklea PS, Schofields PS, Riverbank PS, Ironbark Ridge PS, Quakers Hill East PS, Glenwood HS, The Ponds HS and The Ponds School

TICKET OFFER

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please send me _____ tickets @ \$25.00 each



The Ponds School
Believe Learn Achieve

Class 5



The Fire Truck visits Class 5 & The Ponds School

We were all very excited! Class 5 had the chance to listen to the Firemen in the hall while they talked to us about fire safety.

We then went to the oval to see the fire truck and to watch as



Cameron, Sienna, Ethan, Alisa, Taani & Kush

Class 14

We have been busy engaging all our senses in the Gardening Program throughout Term 3. We regularly visit the Kitchen Garden where we are showing how responsible we are for caring for our plants.



We have grown snow peas and sugar snap peas for the community to enjoy. We have also used this opportunity to measure growth and count the number of peas we can find. Class 14 has now planted cucumbers and will be adding further plants for us to grow and nurture over the coming weeks.

