

# Newsletter

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The Ponds School

## What's On

21 March	Harmony Day
23 March	Metropolitan Swimming Carnival (selected students)
28 March	School Swimming Carnival
29 March	Easter Fun Day
30 March	Good Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
12 April	PBL and Amazing Achiever Assembly
13 April	Last day of Term



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BE SAFE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Ponds School Bandaged Bear fundraiser was a great success, even though we had to change the organisation due to the inclement weather. So instead of a parade, we held two half hour discos. Students had the opportunity to dance with students from The Ponds High School. The teddy bears enjoyed the disco too! The limbo was very popular.

Students were also able to purchase cupcakes and lolly cups. A big thank you to everyone who made our fundraising day for the Children's Hospital, Westmead's Bandaged Bear Appeal a great success raising \$404.50 .

Our next fundraising activity will be raising money to fund research into heart disease.



## Earn and Learn



Last Thursday's whole school assembly at The Ponds School was even more exciting than usual as representatives from The Ponds Woolworths presented some of the resources gained from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. A huge thank you goes to the whole school community who collected stickers for us. Students, parents and staff stuck the stickers on the sheets. The assembly was to give a heartfelt Thank you to The Ponds Woolworths and the whole school community that assisted The Ponds School gain great sporting equipment for our students through the Earn and

Learn program.

The resources gained include; hoola hoops, skipping ropes, a tennis trainer, sensory balls, comet balls, bean bags, Aussie rules balls, netballs, basketballs, an egg and spoon set, a storage cart, basketball stand, batting tee, tee ball bases and an agility ladder.

At the Assembly the students were able to thank Woolworths for these great resources by singing and signing a thank you song. These resources will benefit each and every one of our students. Our focus is for our students to be fit and healthy. The flip side of getting our students active by getting up and moving at regular intervals throughout the day, is that they are more settled and ready to learn.



## Helmets

The majority of our students enjoy riding bikes and scooters. The Ponds School promotes wearing a helmet when riding a bike or scooter. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to ride a bike or a scooter please send their bike helmet to school. Ensure your child's name is written on the helmet.

## PODD's

There has been a number of requests from parents and caregivers for a PODD to be made for their child's use at home as well as at school. If you have seen a PODD up close you will know that there is a lot of time and resources needed to individualise a PODD, print a PODD, cut out a PODD and then there are the options of using special paper (hard to rip and waterproof) or laminate (does make the PODD very heavy). Currently, many classes use a classroom PODD that is used by all students in the class. If you would like your child to have their own PODD that can stay with them there is now a cost involved to cover the time and resources needed. The cost this year will be \$250. If you would like your child to have their own PODD please discuss the type of PODD your child requires with their classroom teacher.

## Companion Card

The Companion Card program promotes fair ticketing for people with a significant lifelong disability. Companion Card will once again visit our school late March to streamline applications. If your child does not already hold a Companion Card please contact the school office.



## Dates of coming events

21<sup>st</sup> March – Harmony Day

23<sup>rd</sup> March - Metropolitan Swimming Carnival (selected students)

28<sup>th</sup> March - The Ponds School Swimming Carnival

29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Fun Day

12<sup>th</sup> April – Amazing Achievers and PBL Assembly

Leonie Donaldson  
Principal

## Make Online Payments

You no longer need to pay for your child's excursions, uniforms etc. by cash or cheque because it is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac and found on our school's website. You are still able to make payments by cash or cheque if this is more convenient for you.

Online payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [Pay Online](#).

Please visit our web site for Newsletters, Pay Online (POP), Uniform Pricelist and Order form, and much, much more. <http://www.theponds-s.schools.nsw.edu.au>



# TAG Charity Golf Day

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Supporting The Ponds School



*Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018*

**Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club**

86 Stonecutters Drive, Colebee (M7 Motorway, 15 mins from the end of the M2)

**Registration and Breakfast - 7.00 am to 7.30 am**



**Hole Sponsorship - \$1,000 (Includes a team entry of 4)**

**Team (4) Entry - \$650    Individual Entry - \$175**

Fees include breakfast and lunch, course fees, golf carts

## **FOUR PERSON AMBROSE**

Team Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

The returning favourite **Jaffa** challenge

Individual Nearest **to Pin**, **Longest Drive** & the **Putting Competition**

**On the Dancefloor**, Mulligans, Raffles, Lucky Draw and more!

RSVP email to [info@tagfinancial.sydney](mailto:info@tagfinancial.sydney) or call 02 8884 7444

or alternatively phone Rod on 0414 451 105





Promoting and influencing healthy  
food choices for children



## It's Vegetable Week!

It's Vegetable Week and that means from 26th February to 2nd March, it's all about the humble veg. Did you know that 19 out of 20 Australian kids are not eating enough vegetables? The 2014-15 National Health Survey showed that while 68% of kids are eating the recommended amount of fruit every day, only 5.4% are eating enough vegetables. And - as you would probably know - telling kids to eat more vegies because they're 'healthy', simply doesn't work.



### Healthy Kids Association

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E: [info@healthy-kids.com.au](mailto:info@healthy-kids.com.au)

### The Ponds Newsletter

Now our school has grown the cost of printing our newsletter in colour is becoming more expensive. If you are able to have your newsletter emailed instead of receiving a hard copy from school it would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the below details and return to the school.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

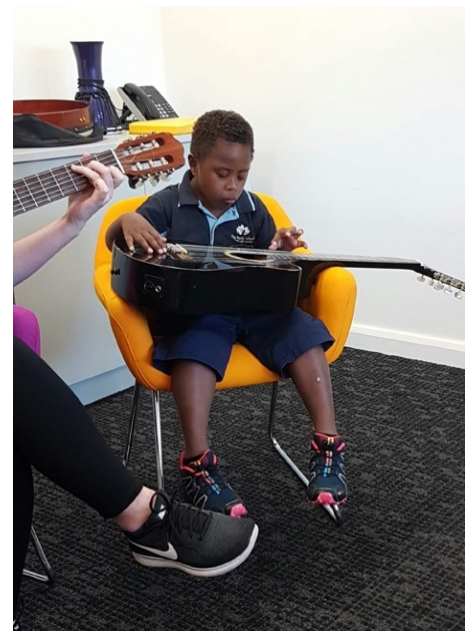
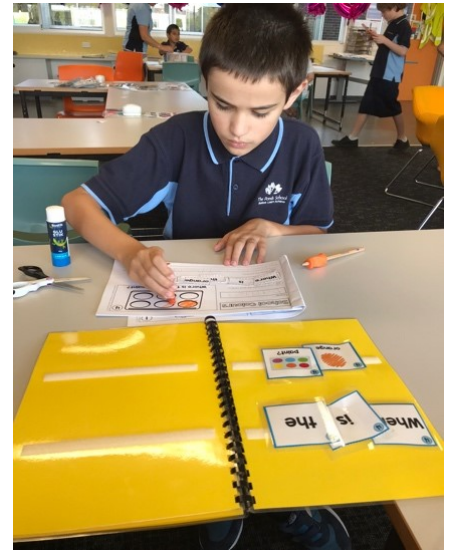
I wish to be emailed The Ponds School newsletter on a fortnightly basis.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Class 3

Class 3 has had a great start to the school year. We are learning to work more independently on a variety of tasks.



# Class 5

Class 5 have had a great start to the year. We have been enjoying getting to know each other and learning new routines. This term we are learning about Living Things in Science and have been enjoying visiting the kitchen garden to water the plants. Fiona is doing art with us and helping us to create sculptures. Hydrotherapy is another favourite each week.

Cameron, Sienna, Lennox, Kush, Taani – along with Sharon and Leanne.

