

## What's On

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| 12 April | PBL and Amazing Achiever Assembly |
| 13 April | Last day of Term                  |
| 1 May    | Students return for Term 2        |



CARE

LEARN

BE SAFE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are now fast approaching the end of term 1, and what a busy term it has been. Last week we held our very first Ponds School swimming carnival. It was a great day and our students had lots of fun competing in novelty races against students in other classes. House points were awarded for participation and the winners of each race and the overall carnival winner will be announced soon.



Last week students also enjoyed participating in our Easter Fun Day. The school Multi-cultural team organised a range of great activities including making Easter hats, painting and decorating Easter Eggs, an Easter Egg hunt and eating hot cross buns. The Easter Eggs and Hot cross buns were provided by Woolworths at The Ponds. The Salvation Army – Rouse Hill branch also provided 2 jumping castles for the day which were a big hit. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made this such a great day and a special event.



Statements of account will be coming home soon regarding payments for term 2 activities including Gross Motor, Music Engagement and voluntary school contributions. Please make your payments as soon as possible so programs can continue with minimal disruption. Don't forget that you can also make payments online through our website, just click on the 'Make A Payment' link on the homepage.

Part of our Easter Fun Day included students wearing mufti and bringing a gold coin donation for the Tathra bushfire appeal and specifically Tathra PS. Our school raised \$150 for the appeal and our donations combined with those from John Palmer PS, Riverbank PS and The Ponds HS raised \$4,900. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts for this very worthy cause.

On Thursday next week, 12<sup>th</sup> April, we will be holding our end of term Amazing Achiever and PBL assembly. This is a chance to celebrate the great achievements of our students throughout term 1. Letters will be coming home very soon to notify parents if their child will be receiving an award on the day. Parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us on the day to share in the celebrations.

Term 1 ends on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April and term 2 will begin for students on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

As you would all be aware from the previous newsletter, I will be leaving The Ponds School at the end of this term to take up my new role as Principal at Tallowood School from the start of term 2. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to The Ponds School community for making my time here so memorable. I have enjoyed working with the students, growing and learning alongside them and watching the school grow and settle into its fantastic new home. It has been great to get to know so many parents and carers and work in partnership with you to achieve amazing things for your child and the school. In my new role as Principal at Tallowood School, I look forward to forging an ongoing partnership with The Ponds School that will mutually benefit both schools and allow me to maintain contact with the great people I have worked with here that truly do inspire the motto – *Believe, Learn, Achieve*.

Greg Wood

Relieving Principal



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# 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**

## *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>

### **In need of respite for children with complex medical needs?**



Allowah can now provide respite for children with requirements for tracheostomy care or home ventilation. We can also provide respite for children with home total parenteral nutrition (TPN).

Allowah cares for children and young people up to the age of 18 who have physical and intellectual disabilities such as genetic or chromosomal disorders, birth trauma, cerebral palsy, head injuries, and conditions acquired after birth.

Allowah is a licensed paediatric general medical and rehabilitation hospital and a registered NDIS provider. Allowah provides hospital admissions for seizure management, post-operative care, spasticity management, feeding assessment, sleep management, medication reviews and other needs. Allowah also provides specialist NDIS supports, including respite accommodation, emergency accommodation, school holiday programs, early intervention, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and dietetics.

For more information, contact the Executive Director of Nursing, Scott Hurren, on (02) 8877 3400 or email [Scott.Hurren@allowah.org.au](mailto:Scott.Hurren@allowah.org.au)

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# Allowah SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup>

## FANTASTIC TALES!



Princesses, Princes, Frogs and Faeries... they will all be at Allowah this week. We will weave stories of wonder, read tales of the fantastic, have fun with art and craft and sing fantastic songs celebrating imagination and beauty. There may even be a movie or two!

And! If that is not enough, Alvin the Wonder Horse (aka Grand Steed of all Princes and Princesses!) will be here with his Royal Entourage on Monday 16th. If you haven't met Alvin, check out the video on our website of his visit (in full Bat-Pony disguise!).

We will enjoy the Autumn air and sunshine and each other's company.

All days are fully catered with all diets and nutrition requirements met.

Give us a call to enquire or book - Ph: 88773400 and ask for Maura Hanney

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# Allowah SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup>

## SUPER HERO CENTRAL!



Up, up and away! This week is all about the Super Hero. We are reliably informed that there will be capes for everyone. And maybe not so much lycra. We will have a great week with super hero crafts, drama, stories, adventures, movies and so much more!

Be yourself... unless you can be Batman... then be Batman!

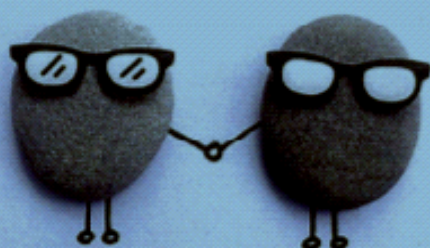
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## Tribe Parents



A SPACE FOR PARENTS OF THE  
PONDS SCHOOL TO BE REFRESHED

EVERY FRIDAY (DURING THE SCHOOL TERM) IN  
DEROUNTABLE 19 FROM 1:45-3:45PM

There will be free tea and coffee, inspiring guest  
speakers and plenty of space to relax!



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# Class 12

Class 12 has been very busy this semester. We have been practicing our communication skills through our news program, learning about the sounds of the alphabet, whilst also practicing our reading, and writing skills. In Maths, this semester we have been learning about chance using the language 'will', 'won't' and 'might'. We are also learning about data displays, picture graphs and tally marks. In History, we are studying Australian History, learning about the original inhabitants of our land, the Aboriginal people. In Science and Technology, we have been learning about recycling. We have built a recycling truck with Lego and we are learning about coding using robotic technology. Finally, each week we have enjoyed visiting the park and participating in hydrotherapy.



# Class 14

Term one has been fun and interesting with lots of learning happening. We have all settled into our routines and are busy engaging in lots of learning experiences. We are really enjoying modelled reading and are extending our vocabulary as we provided detailed answers to the questions asked. We have also been cooking where each week we have been learning about different foods and nutrition whilst also learning a new skill in the kitchen.

