

## What's On

21 May-1 June	Swim School
Fri, 1 June	Parent Workshop—behaviour & communication
Tue, 5 June	Heart Disease Fundraiser
Mon, 11 June	Queen's Birthday long weekend
Fri, 6 July	NAIDOC Day, last day of term 2
Mon, 23 July	Term 3 - staff development day
Tue, 24 July	First day of Term 3 for students
Fri, 3 August	Book Parade & Scholastic Book Fair
Fri, 10 August	The Ponds School Athletics Carnival



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LEARN

BE SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. This edition is packed full of information, reminders and requests.

### Safety at School

This week we held a meeting with the drivers of the vehicles that transport many of our students to school to remind them of the arrival and departure procedures. Buses will not be entering the school until 8.40am and will not leave before 3pm. Sometimes buses are delayed due to students' hygiene or behavioural needs.

Remember:

- the carpark is a 10km per hour area.
- the car park is one way. Follow the arrows. Sometimes you will need to wait.
- students can be unpredictable.
- safety is everyone's responsibility.

### School Photos

School photos were taken last week and from the ones I have previewed, they look great! The whole school photo was again taken by a drone. They will be sent home as soon as they are delivered to the school.

### Swim School

The majority of students participating in swim school are learning new skills and enjoying the experience.

### Weekly Activities

- Students that are currently participating in Music Engagement will continue till the end of this term. Please ensure any outstanding Music Engagement Fees are paid ASAP. For parents of students that have not participated in Music Engagement this year, your child will be participating during Terms 3 and 4.
- Our signing choir is practising regularly, our Ponds Possums are beginning to learn about Aboriginal art and the Aboriginal flag, and our Student leaders are taking on a range of responsibilities around the school. Our students are learning skills so that they can be valued members of the community now and in the future.

### Playground Equipment Update

The pre tender meeting took place late last week and the tender will close at the beginning of next week. I am hoping that I will be able to pass on further information in the next newsletter.

### School Counsellor

Erin our school counsellor works at The Ponds School on Mondays, Wednesdays and every second Friday.

### Making it Happen- for Children with Disabilities

The Ponds School charity, Making it Happen - for children with disabilities, will be meeting on a regular basis at 9am on the first Monday of the month during school terms. The next meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please become a member of the charity, it only costs \$2.

Making it Happen—for children with disabilities is in need of the services of an accountant. If you know an accountant that would be willing to complete a small amount of work for our charity please let the school know.

### Therapy and Therapists

Please complete a parent/carer request for the delivery of therapy services during school hours when therapy services change or new ones are added.

### Principal Awards

Weekly during Assembly I present Principal's Awards to students who I see learning, being safe and caring.

### Quotable Quote

Happiness is being busy doing the things you love!

Leonie Donaldson  
Principal

## PRICELINE PHARMACY THE PONDS

We want to  
share the love  
and lend a hand!

Help us support our local community  
groups and organisations.

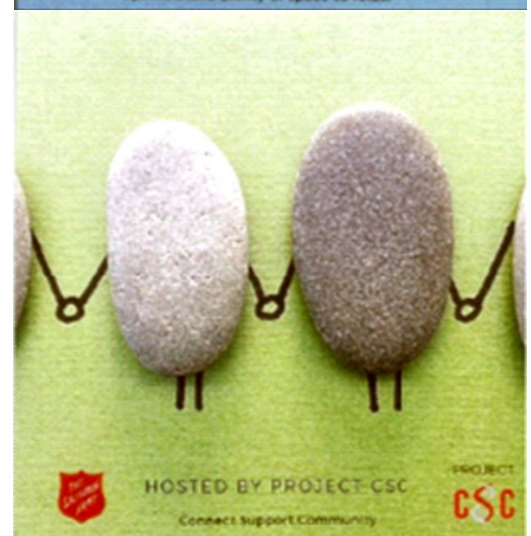
Spend \$10\* or more in-store  
and receive a token to put in one  
of our club's jars.



1st prize: \$500 cash

2nd and 3rd prize: \$100 gift voucher  
to spend in store

Priceline Pharmacy The Ponds  
Shop 24, The Ponds Shopping Centre  
Cnr The Ponds Boulevard & Riverbank Drive, The Ponds  
Ph: 9629 7422



## Parent Workshop: The relationship between behaviour and communication

Speech Pathology students from the University of Sydney have been working in classrooms for a few weeks. They will be running a parent workshop about communication and behaviour.

This session will cover:

- What is communication and how it is linked to behaviour
- How can we use AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication) to support communication and behaviour

You will learn about:

- recognising behaviour as communication
- practical ways to help your child use more appropriate ways to communicate
- communication strategies that will help reduce difficult behaviours

### Session Details:

- Held in Term 2 Week 5
- Friday, 1 June
- 9.30am start
- 2 hours duration

We look forward to seeing you there!

## KIDSFLIX—CASTLE HILL INVITATION

Arthritis and Osteoporosis NSW invites the people you support to a free Kidsflix movie event. Kidsflix is an event for children and young people living with a chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation. The best part is that it is all free. The invited child's immediate family (ie siblings, parents, carers) are also part of the experience at no cost.

### THE INCREDIBLES 2

When: Saturday 16 June 2018

Time: 9am start for 10am movie screening

Where: Event Cinemas Castle Hill, Castle Towers Shopping Centre



Entertainment including face painting, balloon twisting and more starts at 9am with the screening of the Incredibles 2 movie beginning at 10am. A free popcorn and drink will be available as you enter the cinema prior to the movie commencing.

The child who is the beneficiary of the invitation must be 16 years or under and be living with a chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult (18+) at all times.

Ticket applications close Friday 8th June. To avoid disappointment please try to ensure that applications for tickets are sent in early as the event can book out quickly so please forward this invitation to families you support that are in need of an "out of the ordinary experience" for the entire family.

Arthritis and Osteoporosis NSW are able to run Kidsflix events thanks to the generosity of individuals and local businesses who sponsor children living with a chronic illness, disability or disadvantaged situation to enjoy a wonderful day out with their family.

Kidsflix has been successfully operating in South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria for many years and we look forward to a happy association with your organisation.

### TICKET REGISTRATION DETAILS

Click here to book online <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kidsflix-castle-hill-2018-registration-46135328008> OR download flyer and return hard copy to the Kidsflix office by email or post

Please RSVP by Wednesday 8th June

Please contact Anna if you require further information on Email: [kidsflix@arthritissa.org.au](mailto:kidsflix@arthritissa.org.au) , phone: (08) 8423 0949



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Aberdoon House



## The Hills Parents/Carers Forum

### Expression of Interest

Dear Parents and carers

Ability Links NSW linker in collaboration with National Disability Coordination Officer is looking to run a workshop for parents and carers to provide information and services that are relevant to people and children with an intellectual disability. If you would be interested in attending this workshop or have other feedback you would like to provide, please return this form by email by the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 or contact me by phone. |

Email: [schatrath@ssi.org.au](mailto:schatrath@ssi.org.au)

Mobile: 0488682312

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)	
Name	
Phone number	
Email	
Please outline the type of information and services you would like to see at the forum.  For example, disability specific information, community activities, art/ music therapy, sporting groups, Special Olympics Sydney, advocacy services/NDIS.	
Please provide your views/suggestions about the suggested location, month and timing of the event. Location : Hills Shire Council building Date: Mid July Timing: 4.30pm to 8.00pm	

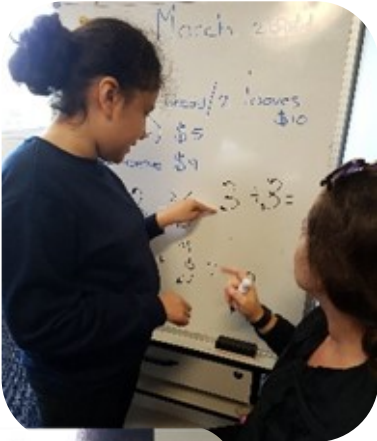
# Class 7

This semester we have been looking at different life cycles under our science program. So far we have covered:

- Life cycle of a butterfly—We painted some beautiful butterflies to accompany this theme.
- Life cycle of a seed—We planted seeds in seed trays in our classroom and kept them watered. We really enjoyed watching them grow. When they were big enough, we planted the seedlings in our kitchen garden where unfortunately, a very hungry caterpillar had a delicious dinner with them. In class we also looked at different seeds from fruits and vegetables.
- Life cycle of a chicken—Did you know that the mother hen sits on her eggs for 21 days before they hatch? We broke some eggs but they were slimy and yucky so some students didn't like touching them. It was more fun beating the egg whites and feeling how light and fluffy they were.
- Life cycle of a frog—This is our last life cycle and we are looking forward to discovering all about tadpoles and frogs.



# Class 15



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a wonderful first semester in Class 15. We have been participating in many exciting activities including weekly Zumba classes, to which we catch the train, shopping trips, park walks, cooking lessons and swimming. We've been learning many different skills such as how to estimate the cost of the food we'll be cooking, answering questions during a story, what our earth looks like, why we need to keep our earth healthy and how to stay safe in the community. We are excited to continue learning and exploring about our world for the rest of the school year!

Andi, Atta and Class 15