

What's On

Mon, 11 June	Queen's Birthday long weekend
Fri, 22 June	Parent /Carer Meeting
Fri, 29 June	Chocolate money due back
Mon, 2 July	Making it Happen meeting
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



CARE
LEARN
BE SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the beginning of Winter has not caused you too much of a shock.

Just a reminder that is a Department of Education requirement under Health and Safety that all parents and caregivers and visitors that enter the school need to sign in and out.

TAG Thank You

On Thursday, 31st May we held a thank you assembly to thank TAG for their generous donation of \$8650. Our students signed and sang a Thank You song. We viewed a video of students personally thanking TAG and the TAG representatives were given plants and cards made by students. This funding will ensure that we have additional soft fall and artificial grass in our inner playground.

Playground Equipment

The tender process is finalised and we are working towards a starting time of the beginning of the July school holidays. We are hoping the weather is fine and there are no unexpected issues so the construction will be able to go ahead as scheduled.

Swim School

Our students that participated in swim school all gained new skills and enjoyed the experience during their ten lessons over two weeks. Certificates of Achievement will be presented to students at Assembly on Thursday, 28th June. Parents and Cares are always welcome to attend.

Swim school for 2019 will be two sessions of two weeks so more students will have the opportunity to attend.

Parent/Carer Meeting

Do you wish you knew more about our Annual School Report? Do you want to be involved in The Ponds School Plan 2018 – 2020? If so, a parent /carer meeting will be held at 9.15am on Friday, 22nd June in the school Library.

Making it Happen - for children with a disability

Our school charity is now meeting on a regular basis. Meetings take place at 9.15am on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be a Special General Meeting on Monday, 2nd July. You will need to be a financial member of the charity to have the right to vote or nominate a committee member.

A very special thank you goes to Nikhaylah Workman, she was part of the first meeting in regards to forming a charity and has worked tirelessly ever since to fulfil the roles she has taken on. She has decided to stand down from the charity and was the only original committee member that remained in a role. Thank you Nikhaylah for all the hard

work you have completed on behalf of Making it Happen and The Ponds School. Our students have gained great resources due to your commitment.

Baked Goods Fridays

Beginning Friday 8th June the baked goods sent home will be in a reusable bag marked with your child's name. To ensure you receive your baked goods the following week, please return this bag to school before the next Friday.

Heart Foundation Fun Day

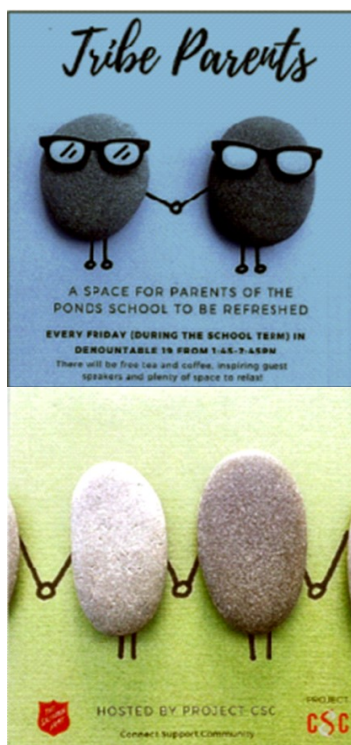
Thank you to all parents and carers that assisted their children to support the Heart Foundation Fun day by wearing red or pink, by making a donation and by being active. The Ponds School community were able to raise \$140 to assist the Heart Foundation in funding lifesaving research and work to improve heart disease prevention and care for all Australians.

Chocolate Fundraising

Thank you to parents and caregivers for assisting The Ponds School in fundraising by selling chocolates. Once the chocolates are sold please send \$50 per box back to the school. All monies need to be returned by the 29th June.

Regards

Leonie Donaldson
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 _____

Circus!

On Friday, 25th May, we went to the circus. We saw acrobats, dancers, pigs, goats, clowns and bike riders. We thought the circus was funny, exciting and awesome!

A big thank you to Liverpool Rotary Club for our tickets and Anne for driving us.



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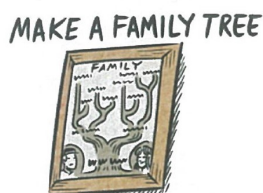
Come and see this amazing exhibition
and meet the experts who build with toy bricks.
Displays are created by adult fans of LEGO®.

Monday	9 July - Friday 13 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	14 July	10 am - 2 pm
Monday	16 July - Friday 20 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	21 July	10 am - 2 pm

Max Webber Library Function Centre, Cnr. Flushcombe Rd & Alpha St, Blacktown.
Check out our website for more school holiday activities.



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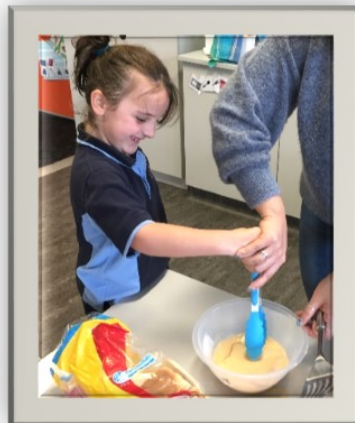


Class 8

The students in Class 8 this year are Alverein, Ashton, Dieter, Imogen, Isabella, Luca and Noah. They have had so much fun learning and playing together! Every day the Class 8, boys and girls leap forward by Learning, Caring and Being Safe at The Ponds School.

They love greeting their friends and teachers as they arrive at school each day and quickly set about completing the morning routine activities. Our Class 8 students are very clever with numbers and enjoy reading shared storybooks in the classroom and during our visits to the Library. They participate in many exciting activities throughout the week but their favourite activities are Hydrotherapy and Cooking. The students in Class 8 are very active. They enjoy visiting the hall every week for a high energy physical movement skills session.

When the bell rings at playtime the students are eager to meet up with friends from other classes so they can run and play together. Often they like to visit the inner playground to ride on the Sway boat, jump on a trampoline or climb on the playground equipment in the fresh air and sunshine! Sometimes they wander over to the sandpit where they happily dig in the soft sand and experiment by filling and emptying a range of colourful buckets.



Class 17

There are 4 girls: Amelia, Marinel, Olivia and Sarah, and 2 boys: Jason and Max in Class 17. We are the Busy Bees! We like our school routines and we work hard in English with writing, spelling and reading stories, including those from the Premier's Reading Challenge list.

In Maths we have been playing maths games and learning about time and data concepts. During our being active program - we like riding bikes and scooters, jumping on a trampoline, climbing the playground equipment and swimming. We are also practising walking as a group so that next semester we can walk to the nearby parks for a play.

In the Science program, our class is learning about the life cycles of a butterfly, frog, chicken and a plant. We had fun exploring eggs and seeds, planting beans and looking at specimens.

We love cooking classes, jumping on a trampoline, music therapy with Pete and art classes with Dee. We are good at swimming and doing our classroom chores and getting better at brushing our teeth!

