


# Newsletter

20 June 2018

Issue 09

## What's On

Fri, 22 June	Parent /CarerMeeting
Thu, 28 June	Swim School Certificates presented at assembly
Fri, 29 June	Chocolate money due back
Mon, 2 July	Making it Happen meeting
Thu, 5 July	Amazing Achiever & PBL Award Assembly
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
Thu, 26 July	Do Something Day Assembly and Morning Tea
Fri, 3 August	Book Parade & Scholastic Book Fair
Fri, 10 August	The Ponds School Athletics Carnival



CARE
LEARN
BE SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Playground

On Friday we will have the start-up meeting in regards to the playground equipment being put in during the July school holidays. We are hoping for fine weather so the majority of the work can be completed whilst students are on holidays.

### Parent Information Meeting

There will be a Parent/Caregiver Information Meeting at 9.15am on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the Library. This meeting will unpack the School Report for you along with the School Plan for 2018 – 2020. We seek your input into the strategic directions of The Ponds School. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Reports

Teachers are very busy at the moment carefully writing student reports and collating photos to help record and illustrate the great progress of students during this first semester of school.

I'm sure you will all be looking forward to reading about all the great achievements your child has made in the first half of the year. We look forward to sending the reports home during the last week of term (first week of July) for family and friends to read and share.

### Music Engagement

Notes have been sent home in regards to giving permission for your child to attend Music Engagement. Payments also need to be made as soon as possible.

### Absences

Don't forget to contact the school if your child is going to be absent. Please provide a written explanation and/or a doctor's certificate when your child returns to school.

## Special Assemblies

Parents and caregivers are invited to the following special assemblies. Assembly begins at 9am.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Swim School Certificates will be presented

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Amazing Achiever and PBL Award Assembly

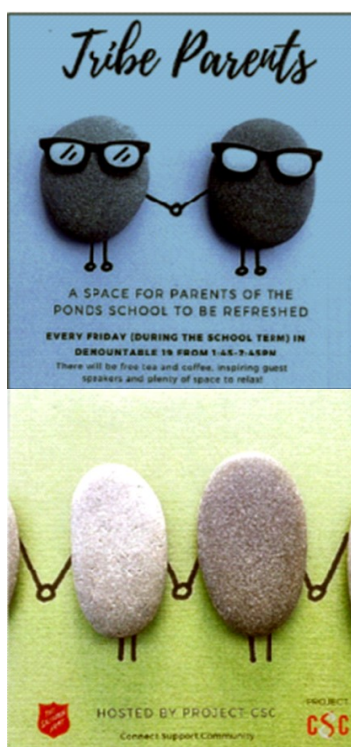
On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Do Something Day Assembly and Morning Tea

## Assisted School Transport

A quick reminder regarding Assisted School Travel. There are many families that access the services of Assisted School Travel to transport their child to and from school. If there is a request made for a student to be dropped off to an alternate address to the one that is on the official vehicle run card, then a variation to this address for pick up or drop off has to be made. Unfortunately, drivers are not allowed to alter the pick up or drop off address without prior written approval from Assisted School Travel. Assisted School Travel require an official variation in transport address to be completed and submitted. During 2018, the time required for Assisted School Travel to process the application can take up to 4 weeks. We ask that all variations in transport address be submitted as soon as possible to allow the necessary processing time. For further information on Assisted School Travel, including your responsibilities, various forms and other useful information, please see the official Assisted School Travel Program website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp>.

Regards

Leonie Donaldson



## 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.

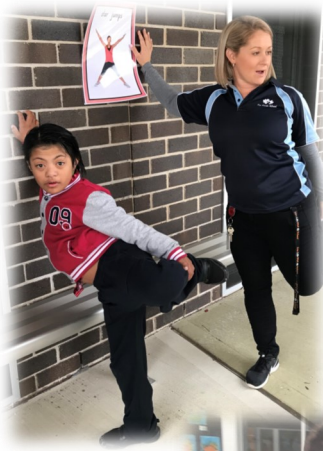
Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



# Heart Foundation Fun Day— 6 June



## *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>





Take a break or use  
an extra set of hands  
when you need it

### Supersitters® and Respite Care

Caring for a child with autism can be very rewarding, but also tiring – physically and emotionally.

Our highly trained ABA therapists can take care of everything when you need a break, by providing trusted care for a child with autism.

We:

- Can care in home or the community
- Are discrete, reliable and professional
- Are trained to engage a child in fun and intentional interaction
- Have completed "Working with Children Checks"
- Are trained in managing behaviour using Applied Behaviour Analysis methods
- Can support your therapy strategies

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Our highly trained ABA Super Sitters are here to give your kids an opportunity to do fun things in the home or out in the community with a supportive buddy.

You can relax knowing they are in good hands  
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ABALink's Super Sitters are trained to intentionally interact, engage, and take advantage of the many teaching opportunities presented when supporting your child.

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- Can work with your goals
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# BRICKBUILT BY SYD LUG

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.





# Class 9

Wow! What an amazing semester we have had in Class 9! All the boys are thriving and really enjoying themselves at school.

## RECYCLE, REUSE, REFUSE!

We have been reusing milk bottles to grow herbs and vegetables, and as they grow, we are going to plant them in a garden bed, and hopefully use them in our cooking!



We have also started a breakfast program and are becoming more independent when making toast and cups of Milo. We then help clean our table and wash up. Encourage us to try this at home too!



# Class 18

Class 18 has been having so much fun this semester.



Our favourite subject was Science and we did some really cool experiments. We worked together to make a playdough volcano and made it erupt! In Literacy we are reading *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We have been describing the characters, made our own golden tickets and even made our own chocolate.

