

Newsletter

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Issue 10

What's On

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 (theme—Find Your Treasure)
Fri, 10 August	The Ponds School Athletics Carnival



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Visits and Visitors

Last week we had the pleasure of Cathy Brennan, the Executive Director, School Performance and Emma Krikitos, Director, Educational Leadership, The Ponds Network, visit our school. We were able to give them the tour and talk about the students, staff and school community that make up our wonderful school. It was lovely to receive an email from Cathy after the visit congratulating us on “the exceptional provision for students, empowering students and staff, and parents raising expectations.”

Class 8 visited Wiggles and Giggles and shared in their community week. The students all played together and completed craft activities. We have invited Wiggles and Giggles students to come and play on our playground equipment when it is completed.

Some students from **Pacific Hills Christian School** visited The Ponds School on Wednesday, 4th July. They assisted with weeding the garden and helping in classrooms and in the playground.

Reports

All Semester 1 reports will be sent home before the end of the term. I trust you will recognise the hard work that goes into creating such informative and visually appealing reports. It is great to read all about the wonderful progress our students are making.

You will be invited to attend **Parent Teacher Meetings on Wednesday, 8th August from 3.15pm onwards**. Notes will be sent home during the first week of Term 3. If you cannot attend on this day, please contact your child's teacher to find an alternative time to meet.

Photo privacy is very important to many families of students attending The Ponds School. Annually the school sends out a form to be completed regarding the permission you give for your child's photo to be displayed. Parents are of course able to take photos of their own children and display them however they wish. If or when you are taking

photos of events in which students are participating at school or out of school, ensure you ask and show the teacher photos you have taken. It is not appropriate to post photos or videos of other children without permission.

Labels

I know this is difficult, but I am asking parents and caregivers to label their children's shoes. By the end of each day we have a number of shoes that need to find owners and a label would make this job much easier.
Thank you in advance.

Making it Happen- for children with disabilities

There will be a Special General Meeting for **Making it Happen- for children with disabilities members on Monday, 6th August at 9.15am**. Members will be able to vote and nominate themselves or others for committee positions.

Our Amazing Achievers and PBL Assembly is on Thursday, 5th July from 9am.

The excavation for our **Playground Equipment** will begin on Monday, 9th July.

A note regarding your attendance at **NAIDOC** day on Friday, 6th July has been sent home. We look forward to seeing you.

Our **Book Fair** will take place **on Friday, 3rd August**. This year's theme will be the Children's Book Week theme of "Find Your Treasure". Further information will be sent home early next term.

Holidays

I hope the holidays give you the opportunity to do the things you enjoy doing. We look forward to seeing relaxed and recharged students return to school on Tuesday, 24th July.

Enjoy the break!

Regards

Leonie Donaldson
Principal

VARIETY ACTIVATE INCLUSION SPORTS DAY



On Wednesday, 27th June, Class 1 attended the Variety Activate Inclusion Sports Day at Sydney Olympic Park! We had a lot of fun playing sports such as hockey, netball, relay races and gymnastics. We wanted to extend a big thank you to all the Variety volunteers that helped us achieve our best on the day.



School Disco last Friday

As your child gets older, it is recommended that you check your child's car seat or booster periodically to ensure correct fit. Your child's car seat or booster used in their Assisted School Travel vehicle should also be checked. This is a great opportunity for you to get this check done.



2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Tuesday 24 July 2018
TIME: 8.30 am - 1.30 pm
LOCATION: The Ponds Shopping Centre
(Undercover carpark near the travelator)

No booking required
For more information contact 9839 6014.
Not available to family daycarers



An initiative of your local council as part of the
Local Government Road Safety Program.



RBA Museum - Winter School Holiday Program

This free program is designed for primary-aged children and runs during the NSW school holidays. It is an opportunity to learn about what money is used for, Australia's banknotes, and how they fit into Australia's history. It includes a treasure map activity to explore the Museum.

Location: 65 Martin Place Sydney, NSW 2000

Cost: FREE

Bookings: museum@rba.gov.au / +61 2 9551 9996

Dates & Times:

Wednesday 11th July 11.00 am – 12.00 pm

Wednesday 18th July 11.00 am – 12.00 pm

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>



FREE FOOTY TICKETS

West's Tigers v Rabbitohs

Saturday 21 July 2018

ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the West's Tigers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney giants go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great afternoon of rugby league. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the steps below:

1. Simply go to the following website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge>
2. Register their details via the form
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to gain entry through Gate E into general admission seating at ANZ Stadium.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

Please note:

- Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.
- Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).
- Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.
- There is a limit of 8,000 tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).
- Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.
- If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.
- Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.

Creative & Performing Arts

Semester One is coming to an end and all the students should be so proud of what they have achieved in Creative Arts. Students have learnt about an array of artists from contemporaries, such as Jeff Koons and Mikala Dwyer, to Aboriginal artists, such as Rosemary Petyarre.

Students have had a chance to explore different materials and mediums to create an array of artworks. You can see on display in the school office some Aboriginal storyboards drawn by the students.

Here are some photos of the students hard at work.



"Every child is an artist." Picasso

PE and SWIM SCHOOL

What a busy first semester we have had with PE and Swim School. 24 students had the opportunity to participate in a 2 week intensive swim school in our own amazing pool. Next year we will be having the same opportunity again but hopefully for 48 students.

Each class has been busy with their PE lessons and most classes have started preparing for the Athletics Carnival to be held early in Term 3. Students have been jumping, running, having sack races and egg and spoon races, and throwing beanbags into hoops in preparation for the carnival.



So over the holidays, keep working on those skills for the Athletics Carnival and always remember to be safe in the water!