

What's On

Fri, 15 Nov	School Disco 5pm - All Welcome
Fri, 22 Nov / Sat, 23 Nov	Schools Spectacular
Thu, 28 Nov	International Day for People with Disabilities Assembly
Wed, 4 Dec	Special Childrens' Christmas Party
Thu, 5 Dec	Celebration Day Assembly
Fri, 6 Dec	The Ponds School Christmas Party
Sat, 7 Dec	Carols at The Ponds School
Thu, 12 Dec	Amazing Achiever & PBL Assembly
Wed, 18 Dec	Students' last day of school 2019



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BE SAFE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

- Thank you to parents and carers who assist their child to get to school each day on time
- Thank you to parents who attended and assisted at the school Athletics Carnival
- Thank you to parents and carers for the kind words and gifts on World Teachers' Day
- Thank you to those parents and carers who completed the Tell Them From Me Survey. Your feedback will assist us plan for the future
- Thank you to those parents and carers who assisted the Centre for Educational Statistics and Evaluation by being interviewed last Friday

Please do not forget to pay the invoices you receive.

If you have not paid for your biscuits for the Cookie Drive that were sent home late Term 3, please ensure you do so by Wednesday, 13 November.

Please label all your child's belongings.

Please send a hat and sunscreen to school for your child.

2020

We have 110 students attending The Ponds School and in 2020, 51 students will be in high school and 59 students will be in primary. This is the first time in our short history that this ratio is nearly half and half. Classes in 2020 will either be primary classes or high school classes, not mixed. We are looking at a range of initiatives to implement for our high school classes, one of which may include participating in Sport with The Ponds High School students.

T4L

Technology for Learning is a Department of Education initiative that enables schools to update their IT hardware. We have just gained 20 laptops and 6 iPads.

DISCO and Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to all that have responded to the Disco and Sausage Sizzle note. We are all looking forward to seeing you bust some moves in the hall from 5pm to 7pm on Friday, 15 November.

Athletics Carnival

What a great day we had for our Athletics Carnival! A huge thank you to The Ponds High School students who assisted our students. It was fantastic to see so many students participating. Our Carnival was completed in record time. The Carnival results will be in the next newsletter.



Year 6 Graduation

Thank you for returning the note in regards to the Year 6 Graduation. This will be held Friday, 29 November from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Each student can have up to two guests. A note will be sent home soon.

Schools Spectacular

Thank you to parents and carers who have been dropping their children at school early so as they can get to Schools Spectacular rehearsals on time. We appreciate your effort and dedication. If you have not already got tickets for Schools Spectacular, there is still time to do so, please visit <https://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/>

Halloween Activities

Students and staff enjoyed participating in a range of Halloween activities and trick or treating. There were many communication and social skills being taught and learnt.

The Special Childrens' Christmas Party and The Variety Childrens' Christmas Party

The tickets for those families who requested tickets for these events will be sent home soon. We trust you will have a great time attending these events with your child.

The Ponds School Christmas Party

Parents/ carers/ grandparents and families are invited to attend our whole school Christmas Party on Friday, 6 December. The Party will begin at 11.30am and finish at 1.30pm. The theme will be Aussie Bush Christmas and we will be having a Bush Dance, Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Australian Native Animals, Fairy Floss and much more! Put this date in your diary.

Regards

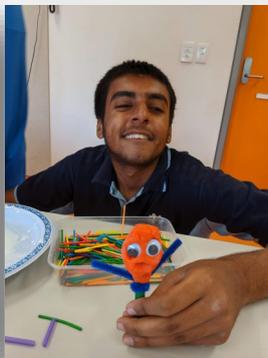
Leonie Donaldson
Principal



World Teachers' Day



Halloween Day at The Ponds School



Class 3

We have had a very busy start to Term Four. We thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to Featherdale, where we saw kangaroos, echidnas, penguins, a big scary crocodile, lots of birds and our class favourite... snakes!



We are so lucky to have Cricket NSW helping us learn some cricket skills. We might even be able to bowl out our teachers by the end of the 4 sessions!



Last Tuesday, we participated in the sports carnival. Even though it was a very hot day, we all tried our best and even won some races. Class 3 are winners after all!



Last Thursday, our class went to McDonalds. We all got a chance to practice purchasing food with our own money. And the best part was we were allowed to play in the playground!

We had a spook-tacular time participating in all the Halloween activities. Our favourite activities were the creepy crawlies sensory tray and the teacher invasion. We may have shot broom sticks at our principal a few times 😊 but SHHHH don't tell her!



That's all from us for now. From Alisa, Arham, Lara, Isaac, Phillip and Jersinta, Leanne and Skye

Class 13

Class 13 students have had an active second semester and are settling well into the last term of school. Congratulations to Isaac, Marc, Josh and Danial for being recognised with a Positive Behaviour for Learning award for their consistent hard work. Last term we had a great deal of fun learning about the life-cycles of frogs and butterflies and we particularly enjoyed setting up our class shop and having some other classes purchase food and goods from our store. We are exploring 'mass' in Mathematics lessons this term and Logan especially likes weighing items and objects of interest. Class 13 is looking forward to spending lots quality time together as the year draws to a close 😊



This week we had a visit from the Department of Education.
Here are some of the great photos their photographer captured.



Here comes Santa!

Join us for the annual Santa Parade, come and watch **The Ponds School Signing Choir** and **The Ponds Combined Dance Groups!**

The most wonderful time of the year is
HERE!

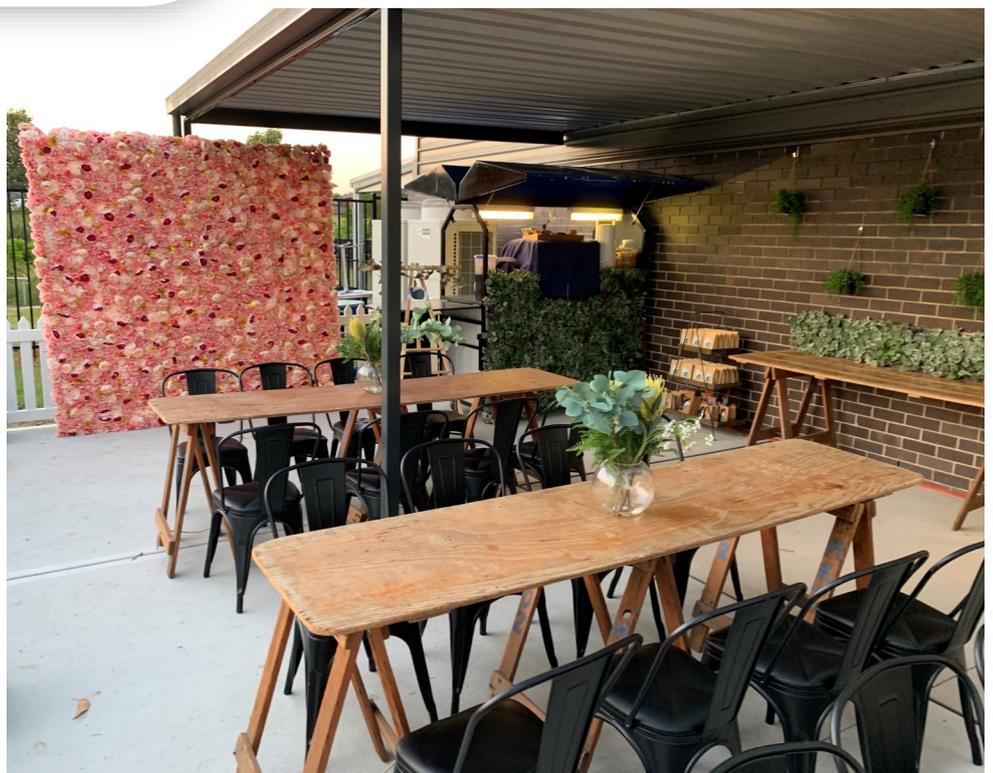
Join us Saturday, 9th November for Santa's arrival and Christmas Parade starting 11am at the Main Street Rouse Hill Town Centre.

Parade involves local schools, entertainment and community groups will also feature a special Sesame Street float including Big Bird, Bert, Ernie, Elmo, Cookie Monster and Abbie to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of Sesame Street.



*Pop up event held
at The Ponds School
for Carers and
Parents*

*Thank you
Salvation Army and
everyone
Involved for
organising this
event.*





Riverlink Disability Services Ltd



School Programs

Tallowood School (Kellyville)

After School and Holidays

This program is for Children and Young People With a Disability who attend school.

Riverlink is a not-for-profit organisation and NDIS service provider. We provide person-centred and active support approach services. We are committed to supporting participants to achieve their goals.

We Offer

- A friendly, supportive and safe environment for participants to socially interact, make choices and learn/practice life skills
- Participants take part in a number of different activities that are fun and supervised by our trained staff
- Nutritious afternoon tea included at this program
- After School: Monday to Friday, 3:00pm - 6:00pm
- Holidays: Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm

Great Activities

- Ball games
- Art and craft
- Cooking
- Dress ups
- Dancing
- Puzzles

This Program is charged at NDIS rates

Program Fee for After School (Exclusive of NDIS charges): \$10 per day
Program Fee for Holidays (Exclusive of NDIS charges): \$15 per day

Child/ren's Name: _____

Carer's Name: _____

Contact (Ph): _____

(Email): _____

After School

Holidays

More information

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The Ponds School Disco

Friday 15th November 2019
5.00-7.00PM

PROFESSIONAL DJ * FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE * ALL FAMILIES WELCOME * FREE ENTRY

PRESENTED BY The Salvation Army IN ASSOCIATION WITH Hills Musical Theatre Company

CAROLS AT The Ponds SCHOOL 2019

THE CAROLS EVENT

CAROLS START 6pm

FOOD TRUCKS

JUMPING CASTLE

SANTA CLAUS

SAFE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

THE PONDS SCHOOL - 201 THE PONDS BLVD, THE PONDS
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 4:30PM



The NDIS approach to housing simplified

Cerebral Palsy Alliance and the Summer Foundation are partnering to run an 'NDIS & Housing 101' workshop for people with disability and their family members to explain the NDIS's approach to housing.

Why should you attend?

Are you feeling confused about how housing works with the NDIS? You are not alone! In this workshop, we'll break down the jargon, lay out the options available and help you take the next steps. We will also tell you about some exciting projects the Summer Foundation is working on that may help with your search for a home.

Outcomes

You will understand:

- How the NDIS approaches housing
- What it can fund
- What steps you can take
- What housing options are available
- What Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) is and if you might be eligible

Who is this for?

People with disability, their families and supporters, and CPA employees.

Presenters

This workshop will be facilitated by Mischele Cavanagh, the Summer Foundation's Housing Engagement Manager and Libby Ellis, the Summer Foundation's Person Centred Facilitator.

Who are the Summer Foundation?

The key aim of the Summer Foundation is to change policies and practices related to young people in nursing homes. They believe that the NDIS is the single biggest opportunity to stop young Australians with disability going in to aged care, and for those already living in nursing homes an opportunity for a pathway back to living in the community.

When
Tuesday 12th November
2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 13th
November
5pm - 7pm

Venue
Cerebral Palsy Alliance
Allambie Heights

Address
187 Allambie Road,
Allambie Heights 2100



<https://www.doitforcancer.com.au/>