

What's On

Fri, 22 March	World Down Syndrome Day		
Wed, 10 April	Easter Fun Day		
Thur, 11 April	Amazing Achiever Assembly		
Fri, 12 April	Last day of Term 1		CARE
Tues, 30 April	Students return to school for Term 2		LEARN
Mon, 3 June - Fri, 14 June	Group 1—Swim school		BE SAFE
Mon, 17 June—Fri, 28 June	Group 2—Swim school		

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There have been many happenings at The Ponds School.

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends that assisted in buying and selling the raffle tickets for Blacktown The Ponds Lions Club. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday night at the Michael Vassilli Awards Presentation Dinner. The Ponds Signing Choir will be performing and two of our high school aged students will be presented with a Michael Vassilli Award.

New Students

Welcome to our two new students and their families who started at The Ponds School this week. Anybody who has children would know that starting at a new school can be a difficult and emotional time. One of our parents took the time to greet one of the new families and say the most lovely things about the parents of the students, the students themselves and the staff. Hearing this made a huge difference to the new family and made me so proud of the great community we have at The Ponds School. One kind word can change someone's entire day!

Teaching Positions

Interviews were held today to fill three teaching positions. The outcome will be in the next newsletter.

Note Reminders

If you have not already done so please read, complete and send the following notes back to school:

- Movement Skills - please attach payment
- Learn to Swim – Swim School

School Community Charter

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW Public Schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

The NSW Department of Education has introduced a **School Community Charter (see attached)** for all members of NSW Public School communities. It has been developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

Please take the time to read the School Community Charter

Help Needed

Class 19 and friends will be making a work of art similar to the image below. To complete this work of art bottle lids are needed in all colours and sizes. E.g. milk, juice, soft drink etc. Every colour available is needed in the mosaic. The request is for families and friends to collect bottle lids and send them to school. Thank you for assisting us.



School Uniforms

School uniforms can be purchased even if you cannot get to the school in person. Payment can be made via Parent Online Payment from our school website. Inform the school of the uniform item you need and the size. The pricing and order form is also available on the school website. Once the payment is received the uniform item will be sent home with your child. What could be easier than that?

Enjoy **Harmony Day** and don't forget **World Down Syndrome Day** on Friday 22nd March – remember your gold coin to Rock your Socks (Crazy Sock Day) and \$1 to purchase a cup cake or something sweet at the cake stall.

Leonie Donaldson

Principal



Class 7



Week 8, where has the time gone?

Well, in Class 7 we are having so much fun, it must be the reason why time flies like this. Sharon and I are so very proud of our students; the way they have transitioned into a new class, making new friends and adapting to their new teachers. Well done Aliah, Alverein, Brittney, Dieter, Imogen, Noah and Viana!!

Class 7 likes to be busy with talking, reading, spelling, counting, walking, swimming, dancing, cooking, painting, writing, caring and being safe. We like to explore new things, take care of our friends, be helpers in class and be lifelong learners. Some of our students are even brave enough to eat food we prepare in class that they've never eaten before. Great to see!

In our Math program we are learning about '2D shapes' and we have just started with a unit on 'Time'. We had to wake Sharon up one morning in class...she didn't realise it was a new day and time to get up, get dressed, have breakfast and come to school. We are looking forward to telling you next time about all the other exciting things we are doing and learning about in Class 7.



Class 12



Hi everyone from Isabella, Jorjah, Alex, Banjo, Mace and Pierre (students of Class 12), Danielle and Margaret!

We have beautifully adapted to Class 12 routines, expectations and have made new friends.

We are busy doing our best by learning and having fun, staying safe and being caring every day.

We work hard learning and practising our weekly words and sounds, typing up and then presenting our weekend news, writing recipes and preparing delicious food – mini pizzas, bacon and zucchini pasta, fried rice, St. Patrick's Day milkshakes and cupcakes, and many more.

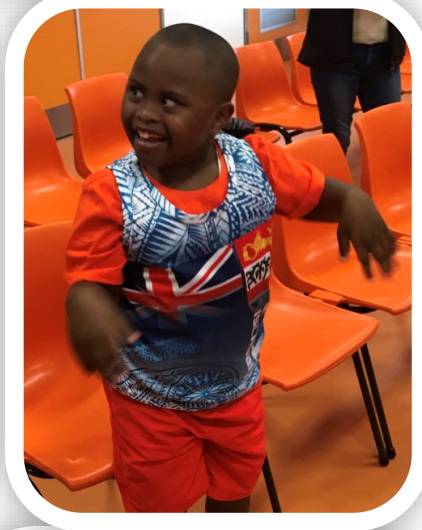
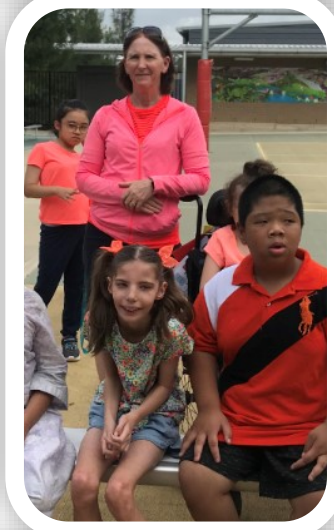
In Maths, we are learning about whole number, time and addition – we enjoy taking turns when using Maths Seeds online and playing Maths games.

We really enjoy Creative Arts with Diana, Music Engagement with Peter, Dance and Drama with AJ, our Friday walk and picnic in the park, swimming sessions, bike track and even homework.

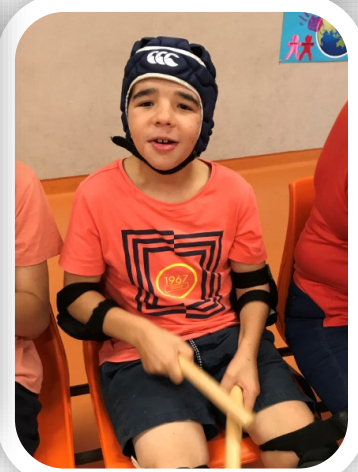
There are some super diligent students in our class who complete their homework every week! We are getting more and more independent at brushing teeth and operating a washing machine to wash our swimming gear every week.

We have learned how to scan the books we borrow in our school library every Thursday and how to be role models when buying snacks in our school canteen. We are a very happy bunch, always excited for a new school day!





HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH





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The Charity has had a slow start to 2019 and we are getting organised and into making 2019 fantastic.

We have decided that we will change our Monthly meetings to Wednesday or Thursdays. This seems to suit more people.

Our next Meeting will be on 27th March 2019 at 9.30am in Demountable 19.

We will be discussing lots of things and we would love to have you there to contribute. We have around 100 students at our school, so that is a lot of families who can make some sort of contribution. We know a lot of parents work, some kids are in group homes and some are in foster care, but we want everyone to help in any way they can.

Please come along and put your ideas on the table, add to the conversation about Fundraising for the school community.

I hope you will all be there

Thanks

Pat Jonas
Secretary



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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Super Support Workers who specialise in caring for children and adolescents with autism.

School holidays are just around the corner and our SuperSitters are here to support you during the school break.

Bookings are filling up fast so please BOOK EARLY to ensure we can meet your requirements.

ABALink's SuperSitters are:

- Highly trained giving you peace of mind
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