


What's On

Thurs, 23 May	The School Photographer – Catch up day		CARE
Thurs, 23 May	Assembly – The Ponds High School Dance Group Performance		
Thurs, 30 May	Assembly –Reconciliation Week		
Fri, 31 May	Making it Red Day		LEARN
Tue, 4 June – Fri, 14 June	Group 1 –Swim school		BE SAFE
Mon, 17 June—Fri, 28 June	Group 2 –Swim school		
Wed, 3 July	NAIDOC Day		

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you

- to everyone who completed the 360 Reflection survey.
- to the Aboriginal and Multicultural team who meet regularly and are planning a great NAIDOC day (Wednesday, 3 July)
- to the Making It Happen – for children with disabilities team who organised and assisted with the Mother's Day stall.
- to the parents/carers that attended our Tea and Tim Tam chat. Your opinions are valued and heard and your suggestions acted upon.
- for being prompt when returning notes to school
- for informing the school when your child is absent
- for driving 10km per hour in the car park

Great Events

Some great events that have taken place at The Ponds School in the past fortnight include:

- the Ponds High School Band playing at assembly
- Class 17 & 18 attending a performance of Mary Poppins at Pacific Hills Christian school
- School Photos. Catch up photos will be taken on Thursday, 23 May
- The Ponds High School Art students worked with our students to create a beautiful work of art
- vaccination and immunisation was completed

Compliments and Complaints

Please see the compliments and complaints proforma that is attached to this newsletter. These forms are available from the Administration Office or online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions>

Please complete these forms as the need arises and hand them in at the Office.

Reminder

When sending money into school please acknowledge the amount that you are sending in and what it is for, either on the envelope/bag the money is in, in the communication book or in a message via class Dojo.

Notes

This week notes will be coming home regarding:

- Circus Quirkus
- Community Movie Night
- Wests Tigers Varying Abilities Rugby League Program (for selected High School students)
- Making It Red Day

Leonie Donaldson
Principal

COMBINED ART PROJECT

On Thursday, 16th May we welcomed 15 students from The Ponds High School, along with two of their teachers, to work on a combined art project with our students. It was great to have this opportunity for our students to integrate with their peers along with showing off their talent. We will be displaying the finished panels in our playground by the end of the term, where we will invite those students back to enjoy the finished product. Here are some photos from the wonderful day spent.



The Ponds School

Term 2 Planner 2019

Week/ Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 May	20 Newsletter Reflection 360 survey closes	21 9am – 10am Cafe	22 TAG Golf Day The signing choir performing	23 CST Assembly The Ponds High School Dance group performing Music Engagement	24 Baked Goods Movement Skills
5 May	27	28 9am – 10am Cafe	29	30 Music Engagement Assembly Reconciliation Week	31 Baked Goods Making It Red Day Movement Skills West Tigers 5pm – 7pm Movie Night
6 June	3 Newsletter Swim School	4 9am – 10am Cafe Swim School	5 Swim School	6 Swim School Assembly The Ponds High School guitar group performing Music Engagement	7 Baked Goods West Tigers Swim School Movement Skills
7 June	10 Queen's Birthday Long Weekend	11 9am – 10am Cafe Swim School	12 Swim School	13 Swim School Assembly Music Engagement	14 Baked Goods West Tigers Swim School
8 June	17 Newsletter Swim School	18 9am – 10am Cafe Swim School	19 Swim School	20 Teen Ranch Camp Swim School Assembly Music Engagement	21 Baked Goods Teen Ranch Camp Swim School
9 June	24 Swim School	25 9am – 10am Cafe Swim School	26 Swim School	27 Swim School Assembly Music Engagement	28 Baked Goods West Tigers Swim School
10 July	1 Newsletter	2 9am – 10am Cafe	3 NAIDOC Day Pacific Hills Christian School students assisting	4 PBL and Amazing Achievers Assembly	5 Baked Goods West Tigers

Class 3

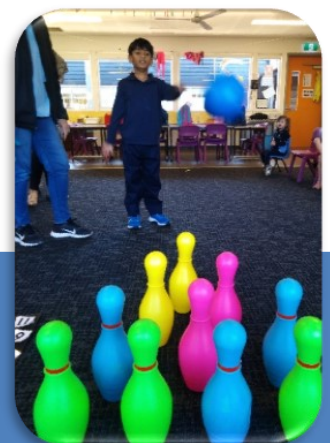
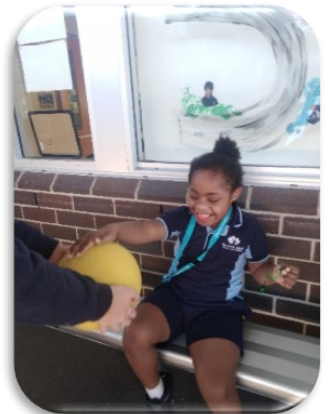


Class 3

In Class 3 we have been working very hard towards achieving our PLP goals. We have all settled very nicely into our class and have been making new friends. We have welcomed a new member, Mia, into our group.

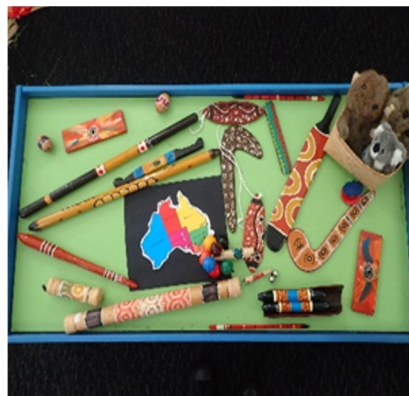
Our class has been enjoying our weekly Hydrotherapy Sessions in the pool where we thoroughly enjoy swimming around and even splashing our teachers! Music Therapy is another highlight of our week, where we have been exploring different instruments and singing along with Pete and his helpers.

On Wednesday we do sport. Last term we were great T-ball players and this term we are learning to be pro Basketball Players.



Class 13

Class 13 students have settled back into Term 2 and have been busy learning about different cultures. In connection with our Geography program and Community Access to Nurragingy Reserve, we have been exploring the world from our classroom. We have made artworks and learned about the festivals, food and people from around the globe. We have also had time for lots of fun, games and craft!



I am writing to you today with a personal invitation to join our team in **NSW, VIC, SA & QLD**, August 2019, for an amazing day with Teachers, Administrators, Early Educators and others in the Education Field to learn and discuss **"Proactive Strategies for Children with Challenging Behaviour."**

As a team of Educators, we want to examine and look at strategies to solve some of the difficult behaviour issues in the classroom and talk about how we can implement strategies in the classroom so learning outcomes are increased. AND your stress is decreased!

Click here for dates, times and locations – [Save Your Sanity Workshops](#)

In this workshop we will be discussing:

1. The Effect of Technology on Behaviour
2. The importance of personal classroom philosophies (discipline and punishment)
3. Ideas for engaging community support and Social Emotional Learning
4. Researched strategies to engage children with difficulties to reach their potential
5. Strategies to decrease teacher stress and how stress can impact learning for children
6. Organization, Self-Regulation, Cognitive Behavioural Strategies, Gross Motor Activities, and many more
7. The focus in this workshop will be on STRATEGIES, STRATEGIES, STRATEGIES

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) - <https://www.saveyoursanity.ca/copy-of-australian-nz-seminars>

The facilitator of "Proactive Strategies" **Colleen DeVeyrac**, is an International Public Speaker, Teacher, and Educational Consultant presenting workshops across Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. She has presented at many keynote sessions across Canada and Australia. Colleen has been involved as a speaker at major conferences like the Super Conference in Vancouver, the Special Education Conference in Vancouver, the ATA Conference in Edmonton as well as many District Days and PD Days for specific Schools across Canada, Australia and New Zealand. She is also involved in mentoring first and second year teachers in Northern Alberta for a First Nations Board which she absolutely loves. Her workshops are engaging, informative and fun with ongoing support to participants following the sessions.

Dealing with behaviour in the classroom has become one of the greatest issues teachers are concerned with today. The information in this workshop will encompass many of the best researched and best practice strategies that are being implemented today. ALL IN ONE PLACE.

Colleen DeVeyrac is only in Australia for a **short time in August 2019** to present her workshops and you absolutely don't want to miss out! This popular seminar is only presented once a year in Australia and has become extremely popular for educators in many different areas and grades. Get registered today so you don't miss out!!

The cost of the workshop is \$175.00, which includes lunch. Colleen will also provide ongoing support to participants following the workshop.



Complaints and compliments form

If you have a complaint, compliment or suggestion about any aspect of our school services we're keen to hear from you.

Please complete this form in English, and send it to either the school principal or the Director of School Education in your area.

To find out the name of the person, and their mail, fax or email details:

- ask the administrative officer at the school, or
- call the Department's switchboard on 02 9561 8000.

General information

Please select from the following. This is a:

☐ complaint ☐ compliment ☐ suggestion

Please select from the following. I am a/an:

☐ parent ☐ student ☐ supplier ☐ contractor ☐ member of the public ☐ employee

Your details (*you must provide these details)

*First name	<input type="text"/>		
*Family name	<input type="text"/>		
*Street Address	<input type="text"/>		
*Suburb	<input type="text"/>	*Postcode	<input type="text"/>
		*Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>		

Compliment or suggestion

Complaint details

- Please set out your information as clearly and as briefly as possible.
- Focus on facts.
- Mention the steps you have taken to resolve the problem.
- Have you raised this complaint with anyone before? If so, who did you speak to and what was the result?
- What is the result you are seeking?

Note: You can provide details of your complaint on a separate piece of paper if you need more space. Please attach it to this form when you send it to us.

Do you require an interpreter?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If so which language?

Please provide details of any disability or special need that we should consider when communicating with you.

Date

*Please note

If you require an interpreter to help you to get more information please call the interpreter service on 131 450. Tell the operator which language you need and the phone number of the person you want to contact. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Confidentiality

Your personal information and details of your complaint will remain confidential. However, the information you provide may be provided to the NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission against Corruption or the NSW Police if required.

For more information visit:

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/how-we-handle-complaints/>