# Newsletter



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## What's On

Thurs, 9 May	Mother's Day Stall		
Wed, 15 May	The Ponds School – Photo day		
Fri, 17 May	Influenza Vaccine Program	CARE	
Fri, 17 May	Year 7 – Immunisation Program	LEARN	
Tue, 4 June – Fri, 14 June	Group 1—Swim school		
Mon, 17 June—Fri, 28 June	Group 2—Swim school	BE SAFE	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope you enjoyed the break and that you got to enjoy activities in the lovely weather we had. The Ponds School Staff were busy learning CPR and gaining Anaphylaxis training during the Staff Development Day on Monday, 29 April. It was fantastic to see our students return on Tuesday, 30 April with smiles on their faces. We have had a few changes take place, including farewelling a student whose family has moved to Queensland and welcoming a new student and their family to our school. We are welcoming Amie and Andrea back from Maternity Leave (teaching Class 9), Carolyn teaching Class 1 and welcome our new teacher to our school, Pauline, who will begin teaching Class 4, three days a week in Term 3.

### Thank you to RES MED

On Friday, 26 April, with fantastic help from the staff at RES MED, we planted 300 Lilly Pilly plants that will, in time, form a hedge along the fence in the sensory garden. A huge thank you to Alan, our General Assistant, for the fantastic preparation that was done before the day. A trench was dug, the soil placed in a large pile ready for planting and mulch was placed strategically so our volunteers only had to shovel it where it to was needed. Alan also put together an irrigation system for the Lilly Pillys. In the fullness of time our students will be able to harvest the Lilly Pillys and make jam.

### **ANZAC** Assembly

Last week we had our ANZAC Assembly. We listened to an ANZAC story and to the last post whilst we had a minute's silence and remembered those that have fought in wars for our freedom by smelling rosemary and eating Anzac biscuits.

#### Go Blue for Autism Day

Thank you to The Ponds School community who assisted us in raising money and awareness for Autism. It was great to see the wholes school in blue. Congratulations on assisting us to raise \$154.10 by donating a gold coin, purchasing blue playdough or getting your hair sprayed blue.

#### **Reflection 360 Survey**

On Monday, 6 May you received an email from Jane Myers (Korn Ferry Surveys) entitled "Request for feedback on The Ponds School". It is an Excellence in School Customer Service 306 reflection tool. This survey will provide us with information on a range of topics including areas of strength and areas of development.

Please take the 15 minutes (or less than) to complete the survey. All responses need to be completed by Monday, 20 May. If you did not receive this email please contact the school.

Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

#### Term 2

Please find attached the Term 2 overview. There are many exciting events taking place this term. Put this overview up on your fridge so you know what is happening at The Ponds School.

#### Reminders

Please return the following notes asap:

- NAPLAN
- Vaccination/Immunisation
- The School Photographer

Leonie Donaldson Principal



# <u>The Ponds School</u> *Term 2 Planner 2019*

Week/ Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 May	6 Newsletter week Reflection 360 survey opens	7	8	9 CST Assembly The Ponds HS Band performing Music Engagement Tea & Tim Tams Mother's Day Stall	10 Movement Skills
3 May	13	14	15 School Photos	16 Assembly Music Engagement <b>Combined Art</b>	17 Movement Skills Immunisation and Vaccination
4 May	20 Newsletter week Reflection 360 survey closes	21	22 TAG Golf Day	23 CST Assembly The Ponds High School dance group performing Music Engagement	24 Movement Skills
5 May	27	28	29	30 Assembly Music Engagement	31 Movement Skills 5pm – 7pm Movie Night
6 June	3 Newsletter week Swim School	4 Swim School	5 Swim School	6 <b>Swim School</b> Assembly Music Engagement	7 Swim School Movement Skills
7 June	10 Queen's Birthday Long Weekend	11 Swim School	12 Swim School	13 Swim School Assembly Music Engagement	14 Swim School
8 June	17 Newsletter week Swim School	18 Swim School	19 Swim School	20 Teen Ranch Camp Swim School Assembly Music Engagement	21 Teen Ranch Camp Swim School
9 June	24 Newsletter week Swim School	25 Swim School	26 Swim School	27 Swim School Assembly Music Engagement	28 Swim School
10 July	1	2	3	4 PBL and Amazing Achievers Assembly	5





Class 16 have had a busy start to Term 1 getting back into the school routine. Many educational experiences take place throughout the week. We start with literacy and numeracy work at the beginning of the week. Other activities include music and dance, history, kitchen garden, swimming, community access, cooking, movement skills and technology, just to name a few.

Jasmine, Mia, Marinel, Maddy and Narelle have all responded well to the class routine throughout the week. We have had opportunities in our class to practise these skills this semester - see, hear and touch during classroom activities. Our visit to the kitchen garden and Peel Reserve this term is a good learning experience outside the classroom.





Class 19 has returned this term excited to continue working on our life skills. Term 1 was a busy term and Term 2 is going to be even better.

Dean, Lachlan and Yasar have been really enjoying working on developing a lot of life skills: going for morning walks to work on staying with the group, cooking healthy food to sell at our canteen, garden duties, work-skills such as sorting items and money, laundry work, swimming and some great skills in communicating effectively with others.

















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#### Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display **PODD Interest Group Meetings** 2019



PODD Interest Group meetings will be of interest to people implementing PODD communication systems.

Attendance at a PODD Workshop is recommended prior to joining this group: Two Day Introductory PODD Workshop or a Communication Partner PODD Workshop.

Venue:	Royal Rehab – Main Building: Blunt (or Schardt) Meeting Room 235 Morrison Rd, Ryde, NSW, 2112.
Cost:	\$10 per meeting, to assist with cost of room hire.
Dates & Times:	
7 March	6.30pm – 8.30pm: PODD Interest Group Meeting, evening
3 July	10am – 12 noon: PODD Interest Group Meeting, daytime
15 November	10am – 12 noon: PODD Interest Group Meeting, daytime

For further information, please contact Harriet Korner at hkorner@netspace.net.au



Your donation will help us ensure that our program is accessible to all children in need from across NSW and ACT public schools and be used to cover direct costs only.

Stewart House is a registered Australian charity with DGR status. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Once your donation is processed you will receive a tax receipt to the email address provided.

#### Please keep in mind:

\$30 will give 1 child healthcare and wellbeing treatment for 1 day

\$40 will give 1 child accommodation, transport and catering for 1 day

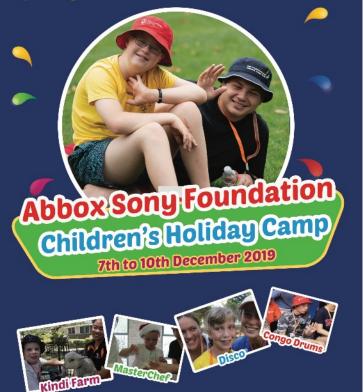
\$60 will give 1 child residential care at Stewart House for 1 day

\$130 will give 1 child all the above program benefits for 1 day

\$1560 will give 1 child all the above program benefits for their 12 day stay



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