


What's On

Fri, 2 Aug	EXPO –Preparing for life		CARE
Tue, 13 Aug	Book Parade, Class Visits, Book Fair		
Wed, 28 Aug	Immunisation Year 7 & Year 10		
Thurs, 29 Aug	Father's Day Stall		LEARN
Wed, 25 Sep	School Athletics Carnival		BE SAFE
Fri, 27 Sep	Last day of Term 3		

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Reports were sent home just before the break. Thank you to the staff that complete these individualised, comprehensive reports that illustrate that all students at the Ponds School are known, valued and cared for.

The holidays are always a busy time at The Ponds School! We began the break with a gardening working bee with 16 wonderful volunteers that weeded, trimmed and tidied up the Sensory Garden and the carpark. A very special thank you goes to three of our Drivers: Ross, Mark and Ray, who volunteered and helped Alan out during many days of the holidays. Three totem poles were erected in the carpark, the hall/kitchen floor was resurfaced and involved moving pianos, the concrete was laid for the new cafe area, fantastic art works were put up and swapping Class 19 and the Tribe parents room, not to forget all the routine things that have to occur also. Thank you to those who gave up their time to ensure our school is cared for and maintained to a high standard.

My Community Project – Sun Safe Shade Sails for The Ponds School

Please find the information regarding this project within this Newsletter. This project is very important to the students at The Ponds School.

What can you do to assist?

- You can vote online at <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au> or at your local Service NSW Centre. For more information on how to vote, visit nsw.gov.au/mycommunityprojectnsw.gov.au or please check The Ponds School Facebook page.
- You can raise awareness of our project and encourage people in our area to vote through social media or showing this newsletter to all your family and friends.
- If you are able to do a letterbox drop in the local area, please contact the Admin office and we can provide you with flyers.
- If you are able to put up posters within the local area please contact the Admin office and we will supply you with posters.

Voting closes on 15th August.

Permissions

We are changing and updating the way we use Social Media. We wish to celebrate the great achievements of students at The Ponds School and put their photos/videos up on social media and the school website.

We wish to combine a number of permission notes and put them into one note which includes permissions for Bring Your Own Device, sharing information regarding your child with Tertiary students, within the Department of Education and outside and agreeing to the School Community Charter.

PLP Reviews

The majority of classes will be participating in the Parent meetings to review the PLPs on Wednesday, 7th August. A note regarding this was sent home last week. Please complete the tear off section and return it to school ASAP. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Do Something Day!

Thank you to Gladys for organising a fabulous Do Something Day! Celebration morning tea for parents/carers, community members, students and staff. What a wonderful morning tea it was! Each student was given a cupcake and a mandarin.

Preparing for Life Expo

Friday, 9th August is our very first Preparing for Life Expo at The Ponds School Hall from 9am – 11am. If you are wondering what is out there for your child when they finish school come to the expo and find out.

Speech Pathologist

The Ponds School has engaged a Speech Pathologist for one day a week, her name is Betty Campbell. Betty will be able to support students and staff by:

- Team teaching sessions to work out the best way to model AAC to the whole class
- Find ways for students to access communication through alternative access (e.g. eye gaze, partner assisted scanning)
- Help staff to embed the use of AAC across different Key Learning Areas (KLAs)
- Support students to be able to interact and converse with each other using multimodal communication
- Liaise with parents and external therapists if required
- Provide training around specific topics

Education Week/Book Week

Theme: *Reading is my Superpower*

On Tuesday, 13th August we will be celebrating Education Week and book week. The day will begin with a Book week parade of Superheroes, then parents/carers will be invited to visit their child's classroom to join in with the learning and then visit the Book Fair in the Library. A note will be sent home.

Diary Dates:

- Wednesday, 7th August PLP Review Meetings
- Tuesday, 13th August – Book Week Parade – dress as a superhero, Parents/cares visit classrooms and Book Fair
- Friday, 16th August – Preparing for Life Bus Tour
- Wednesday, 28th August – Immunisation – Year 7s and Year 10s only
- Thursday, 29th August – Year 10 Transition Meetings
- Friday, 30th August – Movement Skills begins in the Hall.

Regards

Leonie Donaldson
Principal

Class 8



The students in Class 8 have had so much fun learning and playing together!

Every day the Class 8 boys and girls try hard to earn 'Bunji' awards as they demonstrate skills in Learning, Caring and Being Safe. They love greeting their friends and teachers as they arrive at school each day and quickly set about unpacking their bags.

Ashton, Aahnaf, Ethan E, Gurleen, Savannah, Luca and Ethan G enjoy playing number games and reading storybooks together. They participate in many exciting school-based activities throughout the week but particularly enjoy cooking and hydrotherapy.

The students have been walking to the shops every Monday morning to purchase grocery items for cooking. They love checking out the local neighbourhood as they practise their road safety skills and read the numbers on postboxes. When the bell rings at playtime, the students in Class 8 are eager to meet up with their friends from other classes.

At second break they visit the inner playground to climb, jump, swing, ride or spin on the play equipment or play in the sandpit while they enjoy some fresh air and sunshine.



Class 18

Max, Jahnaya, Jacob, Aayan, Georgia, Michael, Clarisse, Kai and Sam have had a super busy year so far. The students are working on their independence and learning to do things for themselves – getting dressed after swimming, washing and drying up at the end of cooking, making their own food items in cooking, cleaning their own tables after meals, and finishing tasks during classwork. We have also been visiting different places on Community Access – we have been bowling, to the park, grocery store, have visited The Secret Garden at Richmond and are looking forward to Flip Out later this term. Some of the students have been learning new skills in the The Ponds School TAG Café.



Teen Ranch Camp



DO SOMETHING DAY



MY COMMUNITY PROJECT
Made possible by the NSW Generations Fund

Fact sheet for voters

My Community Project is a NSW Government program that provides funding for community projects, which are decided using a public vote. The program is made possible by the NSW Generations Fund.

Key dates

- End of June**
Voting opens in Myall Lobb and Camden electorates
- 15 July**
Voting opens in remaining electorates
- 15 August**
Voting closes in all electorates
- September**
Successful projects announced

Am I eligible to vote?

If you are aged 16 years or over and have a valid Medicare card, you can vote for projects in your NSW state electorate.

To vote, you will need to log in to a MyServiceNSW Account - if you do not have an account, sign up on the Service NSW website, call 13 77 88 or visit your nearest Service NSW Centre.

You can find information on creating a MyServiceNSW Account at service.nsw.gov.au/transactions/sign-my-service-account

You will also need to provide your NSW residential address to confirm your NSW state electorate.

How does it work?

Step 1: Projects were nominated

Between April and May 2019, people and organisations within your community put forward project ideas for funding between \$20,000 and \$200,000.

Step 2: Vote for your favourite project

This is your chance to help decide the projects in your electorate that get funding. Statewide voting goes live on **15 July** and is open to anyone aged 16 years or over. You can only vote once and within your electorate. Voting closes on **15 August 2019**.

Step 3: Find out about successful projects

Successful projects will be announced in **September 2019** on the My Community Project website. Successful projects that receive funding will be completed within 12 months.

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