



Primbee Public School

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Respect

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WHAT'S ON.....WHEN?

Term 2 – 2018

Friday 22 June	K-2 Excursion (1/2B 2/3P) – Shellharbour Civic Centre and Library
Monday 25 June	Reports go home
Monday 25 June	Commonwealth Bank “Smart Start” visit
Thursday 28 June	Assembly
Friday 29 June	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm
Friday 29 June	K-2 Excursion (KB K/1C) – Shellharbour Civic Centre and Library
Wednesday 4 July	Christmas in July
Thursday July 5	Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal
Friday 6 July	END TERM 2

Term 3 – 2018

Monday 23 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 24 July	Students return

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2 - Week 8

I hope everyone is staying warm in these blustering conditions. I would like to thank all of the students and families for being so patient and flexible whilst we have our access points into our school compromised a little due to some construction work. We are having our fascia boards replaced. This work will be completed in a few short weeks.

Last week I was delighted to see our gardening group tending to our veggie patch under the expert guidance of Mr Morphew. The children love working in the garden and were proud to be wearing their new orange vests. Keep up the wonderful work. I am looking forward to seeing our gardens continue to thrive. We are so fortunate to have the raised beds and the gardening equipment. Mr Morphew is working hard to continue the success of this wonderful initiative.

This week we have our P&C meeting at 6pm in the staffroom. I have asked Rebecca McLennan to add “School Assemblies” to our agenda items for discussion and I look forward to discussing some alternative proposals to allow for everyone to be able to fit comfortably in the Library. We have such a wonderful family feel at Primbee and it is wonderful that we have so many parents keen to attend our assemblies.

I would like to say a special thanks to Miss Stewart for organising and accompanying a group of our Indigenous students to the NAIDOC public speaking event. I look forward to hearing about their experience. Have a wonderful week everyone, stay dry and warm!

Mrs Sharon Rigg
Relieving Principal

2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS



Primbee Public School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2019. If you know of any students that would be starting school next year,

kindly ask them to contact the office for a student enrolment form. Attached is the 2019 Kindergarten Information Flyer for your information.

VOLUNTARY FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS 2018

Thank you to the families that have already paid this year's School Contribution.

Just a reminder that you can also pay online:

<http://www.primbee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Click on 'make a Payment' and then follow the prompts.

\$40 per single child

Rate for additional children:

\$40 second child

\$20 third child

\$ 0 fourth child onwards

By working together, we can really make a difference.

STAFF PROFILE

Hello Primbee Families!

Over the long weekend some close friends and I looked back on our high school year book and reflected on our responses to the question 'where do you see yourself in ten years? I wasn't surprised to find that I had written that I would be teaching a favourite novel just like my Year 6



teacher had, who inspired me to be in the classroom. I have never wanted to do anything other than teach and feel privileged to be living out this chapter of those dreams at Primbee Public School.

I have been teaching permanently for 14 years now and while many of those years have been teaching infants grade, I have enjoyed teaching children of all ages including teaching an opportunity class. I came to Primbee late last year from Shell Cove PS where I hold an Assistant Principal position.

My role at Primbee PS is as Instructional Leader. This is an opportunity that I feel very lucky to have. I work 3 days a week with the dedicated teachers in the school to reflect on their teaching, to plan together and find ways to best support each student in their literacy and numeracy learning. I'm always thrilled to co-teach and work alongside the teachers and your children in their classrooms and I share the pride you have in their achievements at school. As Instructional Leader I am responsible for supporting the professional development of teachers in literacy and numeracy, evaluating how we do in these areas as a school and also working with parents through workshops such as our home reading workshop.

When I'm not at school, my husband and I are soaking up all the time we can with our two daughters. We love being outside at the beach, bushwalking and exploring new places. Next time you see me at school, please stop to say hello, introduce yourself or ask any questions you may have about my role.

Thank you to Mrs Berehowyj for nominating me to introduce myself and share a little about the Instructional Leader role within the school. I wonder who you will hear about next....

Amy Cliff

EXCURSION TO SHELLHARBOUR LIBRARY

Just a reminder that permission notes and money (\$8.00) were due **FRIDAY 8 June**.

1/2B and 2/3P will be attending Friday 22 June
KB and K/1C will be attending Friday 29 June

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

At Primbee Public School we are committed to keeping our kids safe. Please be aware of pedestrian safety around our gates in the morning and in the afternoon.

School zone parking offences



If you are in a school zone parking penalties are particularly onerous and result in steep fines and demerit points during school hours. The rules are there to improve the safety of child

pedestrians and to reduce traffic congestion around schools. School zones are marked by signs giving the speed limit and the times they are in operation.



No stopping signs are bold and red and have a white arrow at the bottom showing you where the zone is enforced – either left, right or both sides of the sign. It means you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb unless there's a medical or other emergency.

The maximum penalty is \$425 and 2 demerit points.



This sign also indicates the direction in which it applies – left, right or either side of the sign. It means that you have no more than two minutes for picking up or dropping off a passenger or goods, and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

The maximum penalty is \$177 and 2 demerit points.

For other penalties and more information please go to:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.driverknowledgetests.com%2Fresources%2Fschool-zone-parking-offences%2F>

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We hope everyone has had a great week!

Last Friday some of our Aboriginal students went to the NAIDOC Public Speaking Workshop and learnt a lot of great new things.

A big congratulations to all the students who received ribbons from the Athletics Carnival.

Thank you to all the students during this cold wet weather, especially for taking care around the temporary fences, remember to rug up and stay warm – have a great week ahead.

PRE-SCHOOL VISIT

We hope that Lakeview Pre-school enjoyed their visit to our Kindergarten class recently.

It enabled the children to experience what it will be like when they enrol for 'big school' and we are so proud of our Early Stage 1 students for showing kindness, respect and responsibility whilst enjoying story time and other activities with our visitors. A special thank you to Mrs Cliff and the Year 6 buddies for assisting with craft activities.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY CELEBRATIONS

Our Christmas in July will be held on
Wednesday 4th July
11am - 2pm

The day will consist of a 'Christmas Treats Stall' at recess, followed by our fun relays and our FIFTH ANNUAL 'PRIMBEE SANTA RUN' we would love children, their parents and other family members to join us for the celebrations.



There will also be a silent auction and Christmas in July raffle.

A Christmas lunch of hot roast pork and gravy rolls and a Christmas dessert is available to children and family members. These **must be ordered by Thursday 28th June** (Order notes were sent home yesterday).

Write the date in your calendar, spread the word to your family and friends so you DON'T MISS OUT!

Children and family members are encouraged to wear Christmas clothes.

NAIDOC PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

Last week 8 of our Students attended Bellambi PS for a workshop with Erin Bubb.

It was a great opportunity for our Indigenous students to enhance their public speaking skills and confidence and they represented our school beautifully.



SOUTHERN STARS - 2018



Southern Stars tickets are now available through Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au.

A note will be going home this week with more information regarding rehearsals and performances for this spectacular event.

CANTEEN NEWS



Just a reminder - when placing lunch orders to indicate if the order is for break 1 or break 2.

Recess/Lunch times are now known as:-

11:00 AM Break 1 - 35 minutes
1:10 PM Break 2 - 40 minutes

Children can choose to eat lunch at either break.

P&C NEWS

BINGO NIGHT - There will be another adults only Bingo night at Port Kembla Golf Club on Friday 10th August and **we need:**

Raffle Prizes & Donations of New Unopened Items, or Unwanted Gifts &/or Prizes.

If you are able to help with our fundraising for BINGO and require a letter, copies are printed & available in the office, please include contact details of all Supporters for recognition in donations, or contact Marzena Howell on 0411 786 838 for further support.

PIE DRIVE orders will be coming home soon, both orders and payment will be due back in week 1 of term 3, delivery of pies will be on Friday 3rd of August, please ask neighbours, workmates and family to place an order and support this fundraiser.

Our **Twilight Fete** is booked in For Friday 16th November from 4pm - 8pm - ride bands will be available for purchase closer to the event and will be at a cost of \$25 for unlimited rides for early birds otherwise they will be \$30 on the day or \$5 for individual rides.

If anyone can source donations for either event there are request letters available from the office or contact Marzena Howell 0411 786 838.

Anyone who knows anyone interested in having a stall at our Twilight Fete, please ask them to send an email to primbeepandc@gmail.com

Next P&C meeting Wednesday June 20 @ 6pm, new faces always welcome.

GARDENING CLUB

It's great to see the kids out having fun and learning important environmental values at break time in Mr Morphews' Gardening Club – they look fantastic in their orange vests which were kindly donated by Illawarra Health District.



Professional Learning		
Date	Staff Members	Professional Learning
Jun 21	Lydia Berehowyi	PBL Training
June 21 - June 22	Irene Burden Sarah Cullen Amy Cliff	Effective Reading Course
June 22	Allison Connell	Teaching Boys in the 21st Century Training
June 25	Renee Stewart	Website Training
July 4	Sarah Cullen	Beginning Teachers' Workshop

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2019?



PRIMBEE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Kindergarten EXPO 2019

For parents and children interested in starting school in 2019

Tuesday 28 August 2018

9.30am – 11.30am

Information session and morning tea for parents.

Child minding will be provided to allow parents to attend Kindergarten Expo. Primbee Public school will showcase their school facilities and programs. Parents will have the opportunity to meet each other and learn about School readiness.

ORIENTATION - DAY 1 – Wednesday 12 September 2018

9.30am – 11.30am

Teddy Bear's Picnic - Children will join Kindy students of 2018 in a Teddy bears picnic. They will join in games and play in the playground with their teddy bear. Parents will have the opportunity to attend a workshop about early literacy.

ORIENTATION - DAY 2 – Thursday 25 October 2018

9.30am – 11.30am

Children will spend the morning in the Kindy classrooms and meet their buddy. Parents will have the opportunity to attend a workshop to learn about early numeracy.

ORIENTATION - DAY 3 – Friday 9 November 2018

9.30am – 11.30am

Children will spend the morning in Kindy classrooms engaging in learning activities with their buddy. Parents will have the opportunity to place their uniform orders.

Children will need to bring a sun safe hat, water bottle, fruit and a snack.

**Please call into our office or contact Primbee Public School
on 4274 1974 for more information.**



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

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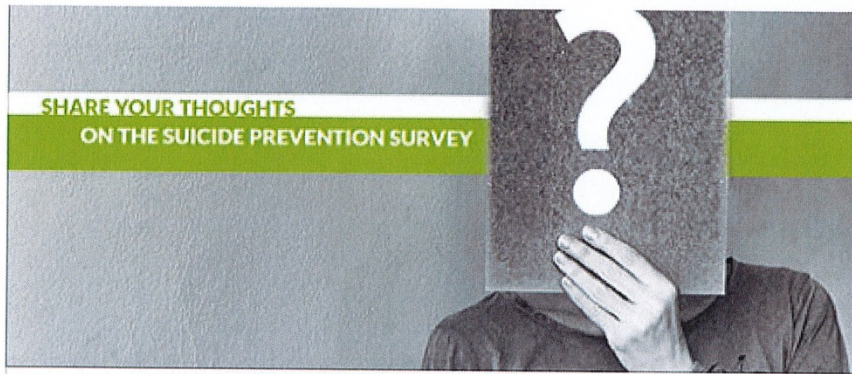
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TERM 2, 2018 – PLANNER

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TERM 2					
8	18/6	19/6	20/6	21/6	22/6 1/2B & 2/3P Excursion
9	25/6 Commonwealth Bank Start Smart Visit Reports go home	26/6	27/6	28/6 Responsible Pet Program	29/6 Uniform Shop Open 2.30pm KB K/1C Excursion
10	2/7	3/7	4/7 Christmas in July	5/7	6/7 END OF TERM 2
TERM 3					
1	23/7 Staff Development Day	24/7 Students Return Pie Drive orders due	25/7	26/7	27/7
2	30/7	31/7	1/8 NAIDOC Week	2/8	3/8 P&C Pie Delivery
3	6/8 Education Week	7/8	8/8 Stage 3 Camp	9/8 Stage 3 Camp	10/8 Stage 3 Camp
4	13/7	14/7	15/7 P&C Meeting 6pm	16/7	17/7
5	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8	24/8
6	27/8	28/8 Kindy EXPO	29/8	30/8	31/8
7	3/9	4/9	5/9	6/9	7/9
8	10/9	11/9	12/9 Kindy Orientation Session 1	13/9	14/9
9	17/9	18/9	19/9 Talk Like a Pirate Day P&C Meeting 6pm	20/9	21/9
10	24/9	25/9	26/9	27/9	28/9 END TERM 3

What do you know about suicide prevention?



The Illawarra Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention Collaborative is currently working with the Black Dog Institute on a project called [LifeSpan](#), Australia's largest ever Suicide Prevention trial!

In the lead-up to this trial, hundreds of Illawarra Shoalhaven residents were surveyed about their awareness of suicide. More than half of respondents said they knew someone who had died by suicide and 45.8% had experienced suicidal thoughts in the past month. Despite so many people being affected by suicide, the survey also found that our community's level of suicide knowledge, attitudes and behaviours needed to improve.

Clearly suicide is a major issue in our community but there is a huge potential for change.

As part of LifeSpan we are trying to engage the community in suicide prevention through awareness campaigns. To help us find out whether our awareness campaigns are actually working, we are asking community members to tell us what they know about suicide & suicide prevention via a short, 15 minute online survey: www.suicidepreventioncollaborative.org.au/survey.

What can you do to help?

The more people who complete this survey the more we'll know about whether this trial is being effective.

Help us spread the word by promoting the survey link below far and wide, including on your:

- Facebook or twitter
- Websites
- Newsletters
- iPads in waiting rooms
- Community events

www.suicidepreventioncollaborative.org.au/survey

Content on this survey may be distressing to some people. If you do feel any form of distress, please contact emergency services 000 or Lifeline 13 11 14.

Please find attached a PowerPoint slide which can be used to promote the survey and please feel free to forward this email on to your networks.

Thank you for your support!

Warm regards,

Illawarra Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention Collaborative

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WASTE-FREE LUNCHES

A waste-free lunch has no throw-away packaging. Everything in a waste-free lunchbox can be eaten, reused or composted. It's an easy way to provide a healthy lunch with less processed food.

Children learn to **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** and **COMPOST**

REDUCE...



Reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill. The average Australian household throws away almost 16kg of garbage each week!



Reduce the amount the school spends on waste collection. Waste that is compostable provides food for the worm farm.



Save money and cut food waste by buying food in bulk e.g. seasonal fruit and veg, food in larger packs or tubs (such as low-fat yoghurt, cheese and crackers) and place into small reusable containers.



Use food that doesn't need packaging – such as an apple, a banana, a small carrot or a boiled egg.

REUSE...

- Use containers that can be washed.
- Drink bottles can be refilled with water.
- Prepare extra for dinner and pack leftovers in lunchboxes.



AVOID...

- Steer clear of plastic wrap and foil.
- Don't use disposable items like plates, knives and forks.
- Avoid individually wrapped serves of food or packaged items e.g. chips, small yoghurts.
- Write your name on containers to avoid losing them.



COMPOST...

- Tell your child to put any scraps into the green waste bin – or take it home for composting.
- Encourage your school to compost or have a worm farm.



WHAT TO PACK

1. Main lunch item
2. Nutritious snacks
3. Vegetables or fruit
4. Water
5. Crunch & Sip



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District



HIPPY - Support your child's transition to school

- Will your child turn 4 by 30th June 2019 and start kindergarten in 2020?
- Would you like to see your child transition into school with confidence and readiness?
- Would you like to spend one on one time with your child doing meaningful activities together with free resources?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions HIPPY could be for you!

HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) is a two year home based school readiness program which allows you to be involved in building on your child's confidence and growth in the journey to commencing their primary school education. The program will commence **March 2019**. Parents are supported by tutors.

If you would like to find out more about HIPPY please call Rebecca on 42758575 or email rgeorges@barnardos.org.au

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Social Services. The Brotherhood of St Laurence holds the licence to operate HIPPY in Australia

School Banking available at Primbee Public School – enquire at the Office.



It's winter - keep warm!

