

Stockton | Newsletter

Public School

Term 1 Week 6: March 2019



QUALITY WORK

Quality work happens every day at Stockton Public School. Congratulations to this week's quality workers:

KM	Taylor and Polly
KW	Abbey, Lucia, Jarna and Dom
1/2A	Layla, Alicia, George and Billy
1/2HD	Aimeric and Benji
1/2S	Annika, Asha, Adrien and Cooper
3/4P	Bronte and Levi
3/4T	Zade, Adana and Ruby
4/5R	Zali, Amelia, Larsen and Sollie
5/6K	Bella, Lenni and Jackson
5/6S	Kipp, Tully, Ruby and Aidan

Dates For Your Diary

WED	13 Mar	School photos
MON	18 Mar	2.15pm Assembly
THU	21 Mar	Harmony Day
MON	25 Mar	NRMA Safety Talks
FRI	12 April	Last day Term 1
TUES	30 Apr	Students' first day Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs Miller and I are currently attending an Early Learning Leadership conference for two days. It is highly informative with assessment and regulations, legislation, contemporary practices in early learning spaces, inclusion and educational leadership within the National Quality Framework being hot topics on the agenda. We look forward to returning to school to share our new knowledge and ideas.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with the running of the Parent Information Nights. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who were able to spend the time to attend, and share their ideas, thoughts and concerns with me. This has been an invaluable opportunity for me to learn more about the school and the community as a whole and has allowed me to focus my immediate attention on a few specific areas while informing longer term school directions. I enjoyed the opportunity to share a little bit about myself with you, my vision and my approach to education. So thank you for your time.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

I very much enjoyed meeting some of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families on Wednesday afternoon as we worked together in establishing goals for their children. Thank you for your attendance and valuable input on the day and for your ideas and contributions towards our cultural groups. During this time, we thanked and acknowledged Nicky Smith for her contributions to Aboriginal students and community at Stockton Public School. Nicky has secured work at another school and whilst we will miss her, we know this is an important move for her family. We also welcomed Elizabeth Griffith as our new Student Learning Support Officer. Liz will be working on Wednesdays and Fridays to support our Aboriginal students and our cultural lessons with Murrook. Liz will be working other days, in the near future, to support all students at our school. We are looking forward to working with Liz to establish further cultural activities in our school for all students.

Kind regards
Jodie Holt

From the Principal Cont.

ATTENDANCE

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.

Arriving on time is as important as it

- 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
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



On Friday 1st March all students participated in cleaning up Stockton Public School as part of Clean Up Australia Day. I am pleased to report that our students do an amazing job of ensuring their rubbish ends up in the correct bins. We only collected a small amount of rubbish that consisted mostly of small pieces of plastic.



SAFE PARKING AT SCHOOL

To help parents and caregivers pick up and drop off children safely, Lomond Street has a pick up and drop off zone. Please do not use this zone as a parking space. Parking around our school is designed this way so that we can all keep our students safe.

We have had reports of parents double parking outside the school. Double parking obscures the view for children and of children. Double parking is illegally parking next to another vehicle that is properly parked in a stall or on the street. When you park this way, you prevent drivers from leaving their parking spaces and stall the flow of traffic. The maximum penalty is \$425 and 2 demerit points

STUDENT WELLBEING OFFICER



My name is Adelaide, I'm the new Student Wellbeing Officer at Stockton Public School. I've only recently taken on this role, starting in the final weeks of term 4, 2018. I love my role in the School, but my favourite part has been meeting all the wonderful students, teachers, staff, parents and are givers of Stockton Public School. It is my privilege to serve the school community by assisting and mentoring students. My role is diverse, including facilitating small group activities and discussion, assisting with duties in the playground and being in the classrooms. My primary role is to ensure the wellbeing of all students. We tailor a program for the students according to their needs and ages. As a school, our aim is to create an environment for the students to feel safe, united and engaged. At the moment, the days I work are Monday and Friday. I'd love to meet you, so if you see me around the playground come and say hi.

Looking forward to a great year at Stockton Public School.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club is up and running again every Wednesday. It is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. So far this year students have planted seeds, collected seeds for planting later in the year, weeded, mulched, got their hands dirty looking for worms and enjoyed some marvellous school grown watermelon. A big thank you to Fionna Ralph for her continuing support and dedication.

SCHOOL CANTEEN



Congratulations to Leonie and all of the canteen volunteers. We are very fortunate to have Leonie manage our school canteen. It takes a lot of hours and patience. We are also lucky to have so many volunteers support our canteen and give up their own time. This allows us to open the canteen five days a week. Thank you and congratulations Leonie, volunteers and Stockton Public School canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1 WEEK 7

Monday 11 March

H Dunn, K Junhuathone

Tuesday 12 March

E Roberts, M Mackay

Wednesday 13 March

T Battye, M McConnell

Thursday 14 March

R Really, S O'Sullivan

Friday 15 March

K Bollinger, R Chapman, E Graham

TERM 1 WEEK 8

Monday 18 March

L Lambert, K Jones

Tuesday 19 March

S O'Callahan

Wednesday 20 March

K Rice, L Wagner

Thursday 21 March

R Cummings, M Marriott

Friday 22 March

R Paton, M Davis, R Johnson

Good for Kids good for life

GREAT CHOICE HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN

We are excited to share that our school canteen is now a leader in providing a healthy food service to our students and staff. Our menu has been recognised as a "**Great Choice Healthy School Canteen**" meaning that it meets the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

A big thanks goes to our Canteen Manager/ P&C Committee/ Canteen Committee for all your hard work in reviewing our school canteen menu. Please support our canteen by ordering lunch and/or recess or volunteering in the canteen.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

Dolphin Walk

PBL: What's it all a spout?

We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. PBL is an integrated approach to student wellbeing and behaviour. Our goal is to create positive learning environments that enable student learning and promote the wellbeing of our students.

Our key expectations are:

United, Safe and Engaged

Let's dive in and introduce Clyde...

Clyde is Stockton Public School's PBL mascot. His role is to remind students of and reinforce our school's expectation.

Here's some-'fin' to know...



To reinforce expected behaviours we use 'free and frequent' Clyde cards. These are given to students who are being united, safe or engaged. These are used in both the classroom and playground. Children write their name and class on the back of these and then put them into a container in their classroom or in the mailboxes located in the playground. At the fortnightly assembly Clydes are drawn out and students have a chance to win a canteen voucher.



TERM 1 STOCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

T1	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	4/3	5/3 Regional Swimming Carnival	6/3	7/3 StarLAB miniME Rover Hackathon	8/3	9/3	10/3
7	11/3 <i>PSSA Cricket V Cardiff @ Ballast grounds (home game)</i>	12/3	13/3 School Photos	14/3 EnviroRangers - Sustainability event at Wetlands – with Mrs Redman	15/3	16/3	17/3
8	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3 Harmony Day	22/3 <i>Cross country?</i>	23/3 Election Day	24/3
9	25/3 NRMA Safety Talk K - 6	26/3	27/3	28/3 P&C meeting	29/3	30/3	31/3
10	1/4 Parent teacher interviews	2/4 Parent teacher interviews	3/4 Parent teacher interviews	4/4 <i>Stage 3 excursion to Copeland Tops</i>	5/4 Writers Festival	6/4	7/4
11	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 Easter Hat parade @2pm	13/4	14/4
H	15/4	16/4	17/4	18/4	19/4 Good Friday	20/4 Easter Saturday	21/4 Easter Sunday
H	22/4	23/4	24/4	25/4 Anzac Day	26/4	27/4	28/4



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BEAT DEMENTIA.**

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**Sunday 31
March 2019**
**Speers Point Park
Speers Point NSW**



**MEMORY
WALK
& JOG**
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Sponsor a **TREE**

WE WOULD LOVE TO PLANT SOME BEAUTIFUL EDIBLE TREES AT STOCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR OUR KIDS TO ENJOY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

You can sponsor a tree of your choice for \$60 or donate an amount towards the up-keep of our edible garden. Cost includes the purchase of the tree, ongoing maintenance and care. All sponsors will have their name appear on a plaque to be placed in our school garden.

- ✓ Avocado
- ✓ Lemonade
- ✓ Mango
- ✓ Blueberry
- ✓ Lime



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