

Stockton | Newsletter

Public School

Term 1 Week 8: 20 March 2019



Last week we had our school photos taken and all of the students looked great in their school uniforms. We are looking forward to seeing the final results.

QUALITY WORK

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

KM Sienna, Zoe and Aston
KW Taytum, Beau, Zeke and Hayden
1/2A Zoe, Cooper, Benjamin and Lara
1/2HD Rachel, Zahli, Koby and Marley
1/2S Halle, Lachlan, Xzanda and Macie
3/4P Kayden and Tyler
3/4T Henry, Izabella and Tommy
4/5R Billy, Jasmine, Zev and Ajay
5/6K Jack, Taj, Rhiannon and Josie
5/6S Noah, Dylan, Evie and Wayan

Dates For Your Diary

THU	21 Mar	Harmony Day
MON	25 Mar	NRMA Safety Talks
FRI	12 April	2.00pm Easter Hat Parade Last day Term 1
TUES	30 Apr	Students' first day Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Great teaching doesn't just happen. Teachers need to be developed and supported to create inspired learning. There is no one single effective teaching method or strategy, teachers need to be proficient in many teaching practices and more importantly be able to assess their impact on students. To become proficient, teachers need sustained professional development and this is one of the major strategies we will be implementing over the next three years to even further improve the quality of our teachers. What does that mean for you? It means that your son or daughter's teacher may need to have time off class for professional learning. If that is the case, rest assured that the school will put in place strategies to ensure that the class's learning is not disrupted.

SCHOOL PARKING REMINDER

I have been notified several times about cars double parking in the streets surrounding the school especially near the gates on Lomond Street. Whilst this may seem like a convenient option for parents, it is extremely dangerous for our students as they cannot see oncoming traffic if they are crossing the road and cannot be seen by oncoming traffic if they are crossing the road. Please do not double park your car. I encourage you to park a distance away and walk to get your child. Your short walk could save a child's life.

The laneway on the east side of the school is also no parking. This is due to the safety of our students and neighbours. Whilst I appreciate that parking around a school at the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day can be difficult due to the volume of cars and people, it is imperative that we as adults set a good example and follow road rules so that the safety of all of our students is ensured.

I have also been made aware of drivers not obeying the 40km/hr rule during designated school hours. Newcastle City Council have been asked to look at the option of getting a zebra pedestrian crossing so that the crossing area is more visible. I will keep you updated. I have attached some safety reminders to this newsletter.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Kind regards
Jodie Holt

From the Principal Cont.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The week beginning Monday 1st April, teachers are available for parent-teacher interviews. This will give parents a better opportunity to discuss your child's learning and any questions and concerns. Building the relationship between home and school is crucial to student success. We are trialling an online program for booking your appointment time. You received a note yesterday with a code to see your child's teacher's availability. Appointments will be in 15 minute blocks. It is a first in best dressed appointment booking system. You should receive a confirmation email once you have made a booking. The online system should make booking an appointment very straight forward for both parents and teachers.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Stockton Public School will be completing The Tell Them From Me Surveys. They are a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, well-being, classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students, parents and teachers to inform school policy and practice. The answers to the questions help the staff learn more about life at school. The answers can bring about change.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will bring home a note today regarding the student survey in Term 1. Please only return the note to the class teacher if you do not wish your child to complete the survey.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Our school's Enrolment Policy is located, with the map of the school's intake zone, on the School's Website under "About our School – Enrolment". The enrolment ceiling is currently based on 10 permanent classes. Our enrolment ceiling is 264. We leave a buffer of 16 places to accommodate local enrolments arriving throughout the year. Places in the buffer will not be offered to non-local students. Therefore, once enrolments reach 248, enrolment will not be offered to non-local students. If a non-local child is enrolled at Stockton Public School, parents need to understand siblings will only be enrolled if enrolment capacity allows at the time of an enrolment application. If this is a future kindergarten enrolment, this may not be able to be determined until September for the beginning of the following year. If your family's current residential address is in the current intake zone, and you move outside the school's intake zone, younger siblings cannot be offered enrolment unless there are spaces available for non-locals. Please be aware that High Schools also have an intake zone. Regardless of the primary school your son or daughter attended, non-local students can only be considered for enrolment at a high school if spaces are available.

KEEP COUGHING KIDS HOME AND SEE YOUR GP

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
3. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the NSW Health Website(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)

EASTER HAT PARADE



When: 2.00pm Friday 12 April
Where: Primary COLA

It's that time of year again when your child can let their imagination and creativity run wild. Students at Stockton Public School are asked to please make a hat at home to wear at our annual Easter Hat Parade. Each student will then wear his/her hat as part of the parade. Every child with an Easter hat will be entered into the class raffle. There will be two randomly chosen winners from each class.

All parents and carers are more than welcome to attend and enjoy watching this special and fun occasion.

Hope to see you there,
Mrs Drewe and Ms Thomas

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Well done to Hayden, Samara and Jaylan who participated in the Regional Swimming Carnival last week. Congratulations to Samara who qualified for the State Swimming Carnival in 50m Butterfly and Jaylan who qualified for 50m Backstroke. Both students will now compete in Sydney at the end of the term. Good luck!

Congratulations and good luck to Jaylan who will be representing Stockton Public School at the Hunter Rugby League Trials next week, Mya who will be representing our school at Hunter Netball Trials and Isabelle who will be representing at Hunter Hockey Trials.

A reminder that the Cross Country Carnival is on this Friday 22nd March. Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year and all students in years 3-6 have the option to either participate in cross country or a fun run on the day. A reminder that students will be leaving school just after 9am and will return by 11am, so students can order lunches as normal. Any student who suffers from asthma needs to bring their puffer and carry it with them while they compete. Students also need to remember to bring a drink bottle with them on the day as well as a hat to wear while not competing.



Last week our PSSA Boys cricket team took on Cardiff public School in their round 1 game. While they were defeated on the day, all boys gained valuable playing experience and displayed sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the game. Congratulations on your great efforts boys and many thanks to Joy O'Keefe for scoring and transporting equipment on the day.

MONDAY 25TH MARCH



By the time children start school, most are given the responsibility of putting on their own seatbelt and strapping on their own bike helmet, yet few children actually know how to do this correctly which puts them at risk.

On Monday 25th March, NRMA will host a free safety show at Stockton Public school. There will be three sessions in the school's hall:

- Stage 2 – 9am
- Early Stage 1 / Stage 1 – 10am
- Stage 3 – 11:40am

If possible, please send your child to school with their helmet so they can learn how to wear it correctly. Parents are also welcomed to attend their child's show.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1 WEEK 9

Monday 25 March

L Donnelly, C Tourenq

Tuesday 26 March

H Ambler, R Gorfine

Wednesday 27 March

D Rowan

Thursday 28 March

D White, J Moran

Friday 29 March

W Pugh, C Prentice, L Gledson, H Smee

TERM 1 WEEK 10

Monday 1 April

M Gill, K Callinan

Tuesday 2 April

S Moxey, M France

Wednesday 3 April

A Campbell, J Daubney

Thursday 4 April

N Omay, P Matthews

Friday 5 April

J Ellery, S Trahair, D Oliver, Y Senior

PODcast

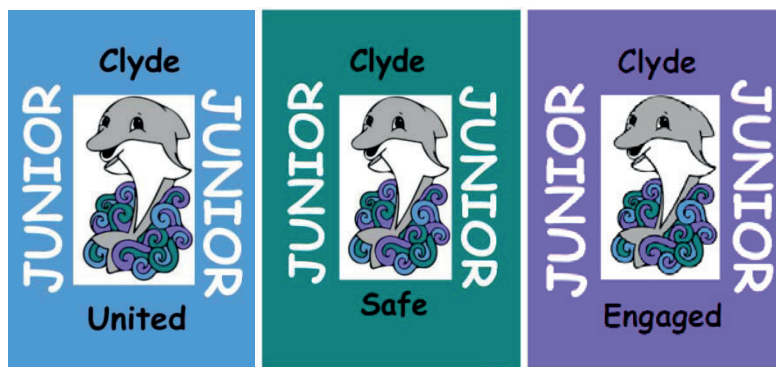
a fortnightly report from the Junior PBL Team

What We're All A Spout

The Junior PBL Team is responsible for upholding and promoting the PBL values of United, Safe and Engaged across all learning areas of the school.

We meet three times per term to discuss ideas to improve PBL in the school and report on positive behaviour and areas for improvement in behaviour at the fortnightly assembly.

You will find us in different areas of the playground wearing yellow vests where we look for positive behaviour and reward students with Junior Clydes.



Some-fin important to know

For the next two weeks, we will be watching for people who are walking safely on the hard surfaces. The team will also be looking out for people who are being United and getting along with others.

This means, we will be handing out Junior Clydes to students who are using their High 5 Plan and keeping their hands and feet to themselves.

Remember, to always put your name and class on your Clydes and remember to be United, Safe and Engaged – everyone, everywhere, everytime.

INSPIRATION FROM OUR ENVIRO RANGERS



Last week our Enviro Rangers attended a course at the Wetland Centre. Here's their reports on the day's events.

On the 14th March all the Enviro Rangers went to the Wetlands on an excursion. We learnt about return and earn, what things go in soft plastics, recycling and compost and we presented a slide show of what we do at our school.

By Tully

On Thursday the 14th March the Enviro Rangers were invited to the Wetlands. First we went to a meeting that was about return and earn and other ways to recycle. We had some morning tea followed by many presentations. All eight of us went up to present a little slide show. Once everyone presented we split into two groups. Our group wrote things down that we could use with our waste, while the other group did another activity about food. Once we finished we went back into the lobby to finish off the day and get a reusable return and earn bag.

By Maddie

On Thursday 14th the Enviro Rangers went on a trip to the Wetlands. They left at 9.00am. When we got there we sat down and had a talk about ways we can help the environment. When that was done we had another talk about return and earn. Then we had a lunch break. After that all of the schools presented their speeches about the ways their school is helping the environment. Then we split into groups and did activities. We brought back lots of ideas like how to have less soft plastic, to reduce our drinking straw usage and much more. We hope our inspiration from this trip will help us have a waste free school.

By Jasmine, Ella, Bonnie and Montana

Enviro Rangers reports continued

While we were at the Wetlands we learnt how we can improve our school when it comes to waste. We heard what other schools do for their environment. We even got some really good tips that we will put into use. We had a really good time and the course will help us care for the environment.

By Kade

BIKE SAFETY



Students from Year 3 to 6 who have a bike licence are able to ride their bikes to and from school. It is important for students to remember to stay safe when riding their bikes.

Students should always wear a helmet, walk their bikes in and out of the school grounds and follow the road rules when riding on the road.

3 DAY JUNIOR & CADET TENNIS COACHING CLINIC AT STOCKTON



Coach James Bellette will be running a clinic on the first week of the upcoming school holidays. It will be held on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April. Times are from 9.00am to 1.00pm and you can attend for 1, 2 or the whole 3 days. Presentation and lunch provided on Wednesday only.

Normally \$30 per day, the club and NCIG are subsidising this clinic so only pay \$20 per day or \$50 for the three days if you are a club member. Not a member? You can become a junior club member on the first day of attendance for \$10. BYO hats, sunscreen, snacks, lunch and water.

Please confirm if you will be attending as soon as possible to Tamara Johansen on 0438 315 152 to book your spot.



Kids look to you to keep them safe

No parking areas and/or kiss and ride zones have been installed at most schools to help parents and carers safely drop off and pick up children.

For these zones to work effectively, parents and carers need to:

- **Be timely.** If there is no indicated time on the No Parking sign, you are only permitted to stop for 2 minutes. If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within that time, you are required to exit the zone and re-enter when the child is ready
- **Not move more than three metres from your vehicle.** For example, a driver may get out of the car, open the boot and help children with their bags, but they must not move any further than 3 metres from their vehicle
- **Stop their vehicle as close as possible to the head of the zone, this will allow other parents and carers easy access to the zone.**

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For enquiries please call 4974 2000.

For more information visit:
www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au





Signs you may see in school zones

Offences in school zones

Stop on/near pedestrian crossing - School Zone

Stop on/near marked foot crossing - School Zone

Stop at/near bus stop - School Zone

Double park - School Zone

Stop in bus zone - School Zone

Stop on/near childrens crossing - School Zone

Disobey no parking sign - School Zone

Disobey no stopping sign - School Zone

Stop on path/strip in built-up area - School Zone

Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land - School Zone

Demerit points apply

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What is respite care?

Respite carers provide short stays for children in our foster care program. Respite carers aim to provide support and positive experiences for the child or young person, sometimes regularly or on an as-needed basis.

Respite carers often provide care that suits their lifestyle, but generally:

- On weekends
- During school holidays
- For short periods of time
- To toddlers, children or teenagers on their own or as a sibling group.

To become a respite carer for Samaritans, you will need to:

- Have space in your home for a child or young a person
- Be in good health
- Be authorised through the training and assessment process
- Be over the age of 18

Samaritans carers are supported by Case Managers, a carer support team, and wrap-around supports in place for the child or young person. We have a 24/7 on call service to support you and your family whilst you are undertaking respite care. Samaritans also provide ongoing training to all carers.

**If this sounds like you, please
contact our PSP team today!**

For further information contact:

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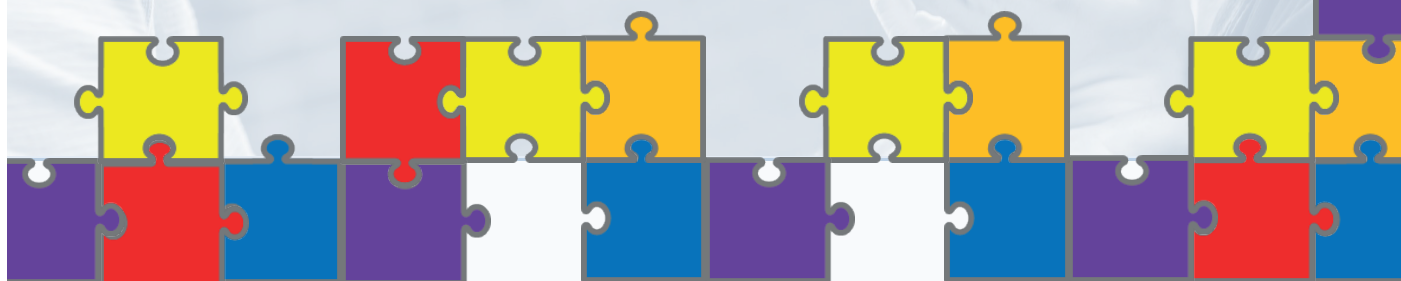
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Connect with local services
Learn what's available
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WHEN: Thursday April 4th from 5pm to 7pm

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