



The Fennell Bay Bulletin



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Term 1 Week 2

Friday 8th February 2019

CALENDAR

Week 2

Fri 8th Feb Assembly 9.15am - hall

Week 4

Mon 18th Feb Swimming Carnival

Tues 19th Feb Zone Swimming Carnival

Fri 22nd Feb Induction Assembly 9.15am - hall

Week 6

Fri 8th Mar Assembly 9.15am - hall

Week 7

Mon 11th Mar School Photos

Week 8

Fri 22nd Mar Assembly 9.15am - hall

Week 9

Fri 29th Mar NRMA - Science and Road Safety Day

Week 10

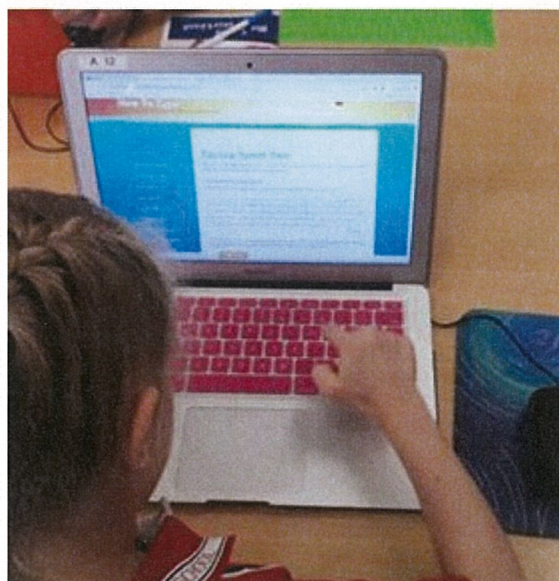
Fri 5th Apr Assembly 9.15am - hall

Week 11

Fri 12th Apr Last day of Term 1

Notes and News from the Office

- Could you please complete and return the Publicity/Media Permission note to the office.
- Could you please complete and return the Contact Details form to the office as soon as possible.
- Updated Medical Health Care plans.
- Please be aware that neither the canteen or the office are ABLE to heat up food for students. This is a WH&S issue.
- The Swimming Carnival is for students turning 8 years of age and over. All primary students are expected to attend even if they are not strong swimmers. There are plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy. The cost is \$10 per student. Parents and Carers are most welcome to attend. Please complete and return the note and money by Thursday, 15th February 2019.
- School Photo envelopes are to be returned on photo day with money enclosed or ordering can be done online.



Welcome

It's been a smooth start to the year. Each time I visit classes students are happy and engaged. All our staff acknowledge that change and transition can cause heightened emotions. Thank you to parents/carers for remaining positive as we settle in to a new year.

We have had 28 new students enrol including our Kindergarten. Congratulations on your great start at Fennell Bay PS. I have been impressed by your efforts and positive behaviour. Families you can be very proud.

We have some composite classes this year, which occurs at most schools. Parents often worry about this. Please be assured that a team of teachers has consulted regarding the best class for each student. Decisions are based on individual learning, social and wellbeing needs. Whichever class your child is in we will personalize their learning so they achieve. As always please let us know of any concerns. Next year we will aim to consult further with parents to alleviate any concerns.

Intervention and personalised learning remains a key focus for 2019. Our Intervention Team includes Assistant Principals Mrs Howard and Mr McShane, Instructional Leader Mrs Low, Mrs Gilford Learning & Support Teacher and our wonderful SLSO Team. These people provide expertise and additional in class support for students each day. Mr Agnew again leads our Learning Support Team (LST) and coordinates Individual LST meetings with parents/carers and support agencies. If your child has an additional need or diagnosed disability please provide your class teacher with copies of reports. This helps greatly with planning to meet needs and can also support school funding.

The canteen is opening for the first break only each day. Orders for second break can be made and will be left at the office for collection. The canteen is in desperate need of helpers. Our canteen manager is often working alone. So don't be shy or nervous, Jeanette is very welcoming and is happy to train you. So the more the merrier, parents, grandparents, Aunties, Uncles come along. The canteen is run by the P&C and profits made return to the school.

The first P&C meeting is next Monday 2.00pm. This is a small group of conscientious parents who work very hard. I attend P&C meetings also. P&C's are always eager for more people to be involved. So here's a 'shout out' for the P&C and a message to 'come along!'

Assembly Organisation 2019

Each Monday morning we will meet under the COLA for a "Welcome to the Week" Assembly where notices will be given. Parents are welcome to stay and listen. All other days, students will go straight to their classes. Every even week on Fridays at 9:15am we will have a formal assembly in the hall where awards will be celebrated.

Voluntary Contributions 2019

Following consultation with the P&C it has been decided to reintroduce voluntary contributions. This was decided following some reduction in our school funding due to an increase in parents working and undertaking higher levels of education.

This year voluntary contributions will go towards updating Smartboards in classrooms. Our aim is to upgrade the screens at a minimum of one per year to ensure we provide students with quality technology to support their learning.

Please be aware that school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. In line with the Department of Education Voluntary Contribution Code of Practice: No student or family will suffer any discrimination or embarrassment over voluntary school contributions. All students will continue to have access to the total school curriculum. No student will be denied the opportunity to meet syllabus requirements because of non-payment of voluntary school contributions.

ScopeIT Education Digital technologies made easy

In Term 1 we have Scope IT supporting years 3-6 with digital technologies through touch typing. Scope IT aims to support educators so that every student can gain access to the skills and knowledge they will need for their future careers. Scope IT Education plays an important role in building the future of the tech industry by giving children the tools to develop and create technology.

A note will go home shortly regarding the cost of this program.

For more information visit the website <https://www.scopeiteducation.edu.au/>

Kind Regards

Lenise Hollis

Kindergarten Parents

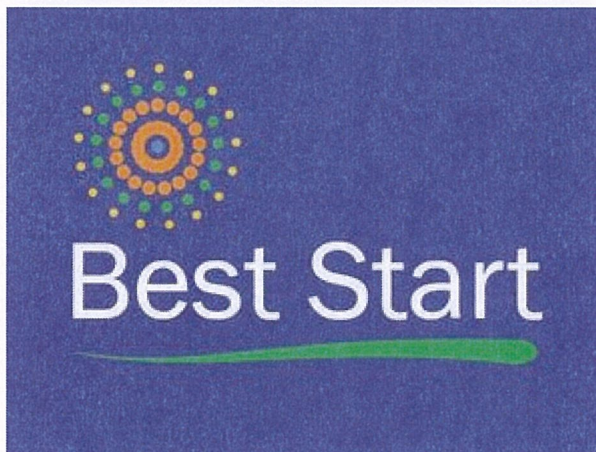
On Thursday you received your child's Best Start Assessment report.

As you will remember, during the assessment the children were asked a number of questions relating to Literacy and Numeracy concepts. All responses were entered into an online template and your reports were generated.

Have a read through what your child is already doing and what they are going to learn next.

If you have any questions, feel free to see Miss Murphy or myself at school and we can arrange a time to meet if necessary.

Mrs Howard



2019 Planning and Staff Development Days

This year, staff at Fennell Bay Public School will again be participating in professional learning throughout the year to continue to keep up to date and deliver outstanding teaching and learning activities for students.

This term, staff will be completing 3 x 3 hour sessions of professional learning on the new science syllabus, positive behaviour for learning, personalised learning plans, technology and mandatory CPR and anaphylaxis training.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.



Newsletters

Today for the benefit of our new families, each family will receive a paper copy of our first newsletter for the year. Normally our fortnightly newsletter can be viewed on the School Facebook, Skoolbag and our School Website.

Skoolbag is an app that can be installed on your phone, it allows the school to contact parents with information, newsletters and parents can inform the school of their child's absences. Information on how to install Skoolbag is listed below.

If you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please inform the office.



Complete communication solution



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install"
4. The app is FREE to download
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



iPhone

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search
4. Click the "Install" button
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
6. Click "Open" when installed
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.



Google play

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



Windows Phone

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

School Photos

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS
MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019**

Every student has received an individual photo envelope today. If a family envelope is required, please see the office.

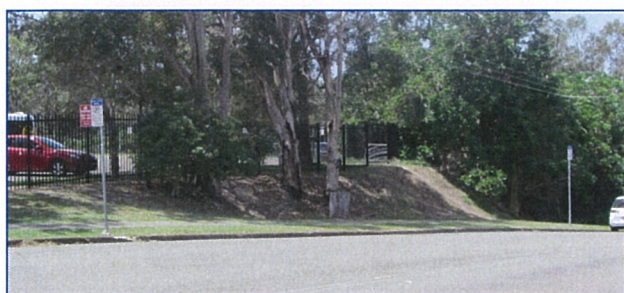
Kiss and Drop Zone



Please be aware that the school has a 'Kiss and Drop Zone'. This is located just past the entrance to the second carpark.

The 'Kiss and Drop zone' provides parents/caregivers a safe environment to drop off and collect students between the following times: 8-9.30am and 2-4pm. Parents and carers are able to legally drop off or pick up their children within a two minute timeframe. The school carparks are for staff only and are closed at 8.15am in the morning.

This area is monitored by police and council and a fine will result if a vehicle remains in the area for a length of time.



Student School Banking

Student School Banking is recommencing next Tuesday, 12th February 2018. Please bring in your CBA supersaver account with **COMPLETED** deposit slip and money. Bank books are to be left at the office.

P&C News

P&C Meeting- Monday 11th February at 2pm in the connected classroom. All Welcome.

Looking for a fun way to support our great school? Why not join P&C. The P&C here at Fennell Bay Public School is made up of a small group of caring parents and community members who meet to support the students through fundraising and organising exciting events.

Thank you for supporting our great school!

P&C Committee

Canteen News

The canteen would like to invite parents and caregivers to volunteer some of their spare time to assist on the canteen. This does not have to be a day a week, it may be for one hour a week or even two hours in a fortnight.

Please consider sharing this responsibility and if interested, please see Jeanette in the canteen.

Commencing this year the Canteen will be closed for Afternoon Tea all week. Afternoon Tea can still be ordered and are collected from the office.

Jeanette Tait

Canteen Supervisor

Fennell Bay Public School Little Squirts 2019

Do you have a child who will be ready for school in 2020?

Want to provide them with some fun and stimulating experiences?

Contact our school to enrol your child in **Little Squirts**, our transition to school program for pre-schoolers.

Little Squirts will be run by Jen McLaren on **Fridays 9.15am -12.15pm** Term 1 & 2, starting **8th February 2019**.

The program will continue with Janet Howard on **Fridays 9.15am-1.15pm** Term 3 & 4 until **15th November**

The Little Squirts program is a wonderful way for students to transition into Kindergarten in 2020 as they will get the opportunity to make new friendships whilst having fun in a caring and supportive environment.

Information packages are available for interested families



A child's life is like
a piece of paper
on which every person
leaves a mark.



Enrol now for Kindergarten at our awesome school.

4959 2264

www.fennellbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

BOAT Bits Bonanza

Sell your unneeded marine themed items
- Car Boot style \$10 donation at the gate.

Marine & summer themed stalls

Amusements for the kids
- jumping castle, sand painting etc

Food vendors
- sausage sizzle, hot & cold food, coffee, slushies & ice cream

For info 49504799 or
lakesidemarketing.com.au/boat-bits-bonanza-lakefest

Sun Feb 24th
10am to 3pm
Rathmines Park

Car Boot Sale

DREAM OF PLAYING FOOTY?

Take action today and come and play Jr Rugby League with us.

GLENDALE GORILLAS
Est. 1962

Cost
Under 6's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 7's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 8's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 9's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 10's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 11's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 12's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 13's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)
Under 14's \$100 (free with active kids voucher)

Boys and girls welcome.

Enquiries: Ben Robertson 0411744669

Register at www.playnrl.com/register

Type in Glendale & follow the way to join us here at a family friendly club.



FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!
Term 1 program Toronto Multi-Purpose Centre

Are you worried about your child's health?

Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.



Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for kids above a healthy weight range to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence.

What is the Go4Fun program?

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities to get more physically active and they learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au



FAIR PLAY OOSH

Welcomes all children

BACK to SCHOOL

Operating hours

- Before School Care**
6:30am - 9:30am
- After School Care**
2:30pm - 6:30pm
- Vacation Care**
6:30am - 6pm

Schools we Service

- St Josephs Primary School
- Blackalls Park Public School
- Coal Point Public School
- Toronto Public School
- Fennell Bay Public School
- Fassifern Public School
- Booragul Public School
- Teralba Public School
- Speers Point Public School
- Biraban Public School

What we Offer

- A nutritious Breakfast and Afternoon Tea
- A range of stimulating activities such as cooking, homework club, sporting, art & craft and more.
- Bus transport to & from external schools at no extra charge.

fees

- Before School Care**
Casual- \$18 Permanent- \$16
- After School Care**
Casual- \$21 Permanent- \$19
- Vacation Care /Pupil Free Day**
Day Camps \$45
- Vacation Care/ Pupil Free Days**
Excursions/Incursions \$60

Contact details

Phone: 0499 300 580
Email: stjosephs@fairplayoosh.com.au



YMCA Toronto OSHC

Available at
Biraban Public School

The YMCA is a childsafe organisation, we acknowledge that we are living our safety value for children and young people.

Before + After School Care + Vacation Care

We value and respect parents as partners in the care and education of children. Our program follows the National Quality Framework, offering a range of exciting activities that encourages independent learners.

ENROL today to secure your child's place!
ymcansw.org.au/toronto

0422 277 656 - 4959 4444
oshtc.toronto@ymcansw.org.au

YMCANSW
EMPOWERMENT/HEALTHY LIVING/SOCIAL IMPACT

Nar-un-bah SaCC Term 1, 2019

Mondays - Playgroup starts back 11th February

Breakfast Club: Open Monday to Friday for children enrolled at Fennell Bay PS
8am – 8.50am.

Supported Playgroup. Come and join Jen from *Narunbah* as she leads our playgroup in song, games & craft. Learn lots of new ideas for your children, meet other parents and carers & enjoy a cuppa. *Playgroup is free*, just bring along a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. **9.30am – 11.30am**

Tuesdays – Playgroup starts back 12th February

Sensory Play for bubs under 12 months. Come and join Jen from *Narunbah*, Louise from *Wesley* in a morning of singing, music and lots of hands on exploration for you and your little one. This weekly program will expose you and your child to a range of activities that will stimulate the senses whilst having lots of fun together.
10am – 12pm

Wednesdays- group starts 27th February

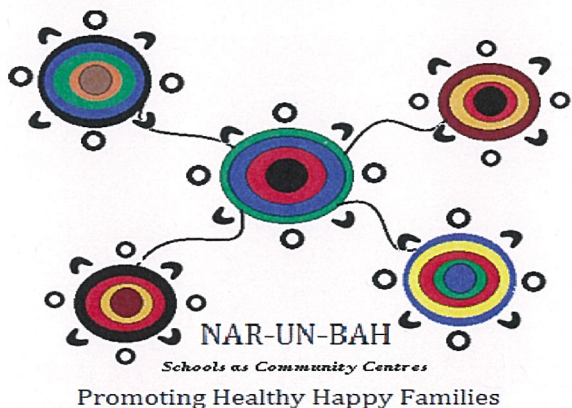
Infant Massage Group This 5 week course offers you a wonderful opportunity to meet new parents and spend time with your baby in a relaxing and supportive environment. **Starting Wednesday 27th February 10.00am – 11.00am Bookings essential 4959 6140**

Thursdays – group starts 21st March

1 2 3 Magic: 1-2-3 Magic is a program designed to teach parents ways to manage their children's behaviour that also builds their children's emotional resourcefulness. It encourages a calm approach to parenting, even in those tough moments, and shows parents how to improve their relationship with their children. **Starting Thursday 21st March – 4th April 10am – 12pm. Bookings essential 49596140, child minding provided onsite.**

Fridays - group starts 8th February

Fennell Bay Public School Little Squirts, transition to school program for pre-schoolers. Little Squirts operates each Friday from 9.15am to 12.15pm and is led by Jen McLaren, SaCC Facilitator and Nicole Carrall, School Learning Support Officer. The Little Squirts program is a wonderful way for students to transition into Kindergarten in 2019. **Information packages are available for interested families by contacting Fennell Bay PS 4959 6140**



Education

Schools as Community Centres use a community development approach to link families with their local school. SaCCs are based in public schools around the State, providing a range of projects... Schools as Community Centres are provided by the NSW Department of Education.



Playgroup!



Supported playgroups provide a range of learning experiences to help kids grow. They also provide information about topics relating to child development, health and child safety whilst creating an opportunity for parents and carers to meet and share their experiences and ideas.



Playgroup

During School Terms

Monday's 9.30am - 11.30am for all children 0 – 5 years

Tuesday's 10am -12pm for bubs under 12 months



Westlakes Family Centre (Wesley Mission) is co-located in Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre and provides support for families with children aged 0-8 living on the western side of Lake Macquarie, from Booragul to Morisset. We understand that parenting is a full-time job and everyone needs support.

For more information about these or any other programs run at Nar-un-bah SACC located in the grounds of Fennell Bay Public School please call Jennifer on 4959 6140



search Narunbah