



## CALENDAR

Fri 5th Apr Assembly 9.15am - hall  
School Cross Country - 2pm

### Week 11

Mon 8th Apr Easter Hat making - Infants 2pm  
Thurs 11th Apr Easter Concert 12pm  
Fri 12th Apr ANZAC service 9.15am  
P&C Meeting 2pm  
Last day of Term 1

## TERM 2

### Week 1

Tues 30th Apr Students Return

## Reminders from the Office

**Please complete and return the following urgently:**

- Publicity/Media Permission note.
- Contact Details form.
- Updated Medical Health Care plans. Asthma and Anaphylaxis plans for 2019.
- Bushfire Emergency Contact Details 2019.

**Please complete and return with payment the following:**

- Scope IT Coding Program for Aqua, Emerald, Tangerine and Navy. Cost \$30. Please pay by **Wednesday 10th April 2019**.
- Voluntary School Contributions - \$40 per student or \$80 a family.

## Excursions

**Please complete and return with payment the following:**

- Dinosaurs and More - Ruby, Teal and Sapphire.

## News from the office

### Student School Banking

It has been decided to discontinue our student banking as we are only receiving one or two deposits per week.

This service has only been available due to our student banking volunteer. We would like to thank Julie for her support of our students and community.

### Chicken Pox

There has been a reported case of Chicken pox in our Little Squirts who has a sibling in our school.

Symptoms are: slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.

Children do need to stay at home for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.



## Welcome to Week 10!

### Fennell Bay Behaviour Procedures

Teachers have added the draft Behaviour Procedures to class Dojo for parents to review. All feedback is welcome and can be left on Dojo or via the school email address [fennellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fennellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

The consultation meeting for parents/carers is this Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> April after the School Assembly approx. 10.00am in the School Hall. I look forward to reviewing the plan and discussing ideas or proposed changes with you.

### Carpark Access

Next Term Mr Agnew will commence authorised entry to the carpark for special transport and parents/carers with a disability and/or students with additional needs. This is done in response to risk management planning and access. Staff who monitor the carpark will have an access list with the number plate / name of authorised people.

Families accessing the School as Community Centre for programs are able to use the carpark as programs are not run at peak times. These families have babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers under 5. At all other times the carpark gates are closed for the safety of our children. To support us if you open a closed gate please shut it behind you.

### Parking Ranger

I have been alerted that the parking Rangers have recently done a blitz at Fennell Bay PS resulting in people being fined \$337. In the last Newsletter there was an outline of parking Rules in School Zones for you information.

A grandparent at the school and myself are in negotiations with the council for a designated disability park in addition to seeking a council review of the school zone.

### Cybersafety

Internet access is now common for children of all ages and is presenting ongoing challenges for parents and schools in keeping up to date with current social media apps and safe internet access.

Teachers continue to provide reminders and teach students about safe access. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has a great website for information and resources for parents and teachers.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. The Office was established in 2015 with a mandate to coordinate and lead the online safety efforts across government, industry and the not-for profit community.

Please visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> for tips and advice on helping your child have safe and enjoyable experiences online.

**eSafety**parents  
and carers

### Student email access

Fennell Bay PS uses Google Classroom to support teaching and learning. With Google classroom students are given a customised version of Google Gmail. In addition each student enrolled in the Department of Education is provided with an email account.

Both of these emails have additional content filtering and all emails are copied and archived.

Students are able to login in at home and access their emails. Please be aware of this for cybersafety monitoring.

Attached and on the link below is further information <https://bit.ly/2YOI4gs>

### Phones at school / Photo Watches

If students bring phones to school they must be dropped in to the office on arrival at school and can be collected at departure. Each phone is stored with the student name in a secure drawer.

For privacy and safety issues watches / other devices that can take photos are not allowed at school. Please keep these at home.

Below are excerpts from the Department of Education **Legal Issues Bulletin**

No. 35 revised March 2013

**The use of mobile phones, portable computer games, recording devices and cameras in schools and TAFE NSW institutes**

**Can I confiscate a student's phone to view material on it to confirm whether or not the phone has been used inappropriately?**

Yes. If school or institute staff have reasonable grounds to suspect that a student has inappropriate material on his or her phone, they may confiscate the phone for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Any viewing of the material should be undertaken in the presence of the student and should be limited to establishing that inappropriate material is on the phone. Staff need to be sensitive to other personal information of the student that may also be present on the phone.

Generally, arrangements should be made to return the mobile phone to the student at the conclusion of the school or institute day. If this is not possible, it should happen as soon as practicable.

### Can photographs or videos be taken in schools and institutes?

Sometimes people want to take photographs or videos in schools and institutes. Generally, taking photographs or videos on departmental premises should not occur unless the principal or institute manager is satisfied there is good reason. Where applicable, staff and parental or student permission should be obtained.

### What if students use cameras inappropriately in the school or institute?

If students bring cameras or video cameras into the school or institute and use them:

- in a way that interferes with the learning environment or the efficient operation of the school or institute
- in way that threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person
- to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass others
- to record lessons without the knowledge and permission of the teacher
- to film fights or other criminal behaviour involving students that occur at school or the institute, during school or institute activities or while on the way to or from school or the institute
- in breach of any law,

the school student discipline and welfare policy should be invoked and the procedures and issues referred to in relation to inappropriate use of mobile phones should be applied.

Kind Regards

Lenise Hollis



### CARS Café

Next Tuesday 9th April Fennell Bay Public School will be hosting afternoon tea and open classrooms for parents of Kindergarten and Year 1 students of Lime and Lilac students as part of our CARS Café community initiative.

Parents/carers and families of students in Kindergarten and Year 1 are invited to visit classrooms between 2.00-2.45pm. Coffee and tea will be provided free of charge at the canteen and cakes and slices served outside Lilac class.

Jen McLaren, SaCC Facilitator will be attending and will provide information to parents and families about her role and the programs run in the SaCC (School as a Community Centre), such as our school readiness program Little Squirrels. Jen can also provide information about other support agencies for children and families.

Parents/carers or families of younger children may be interested to hear what programs are available for children from birth to school age.

As this is part of our school community initiative, all parents and their families are welcome to drop into school early for a coffee or tea and piece of cake or slice.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Brett Agnew

Assistant Principal: Support



## Emerald have been busy!

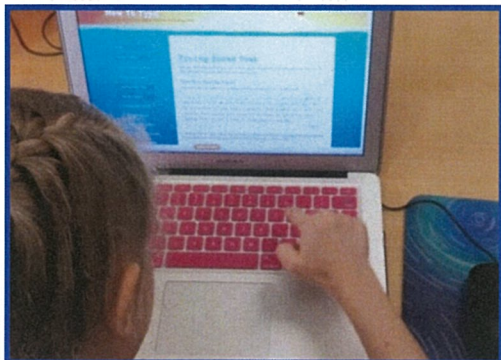
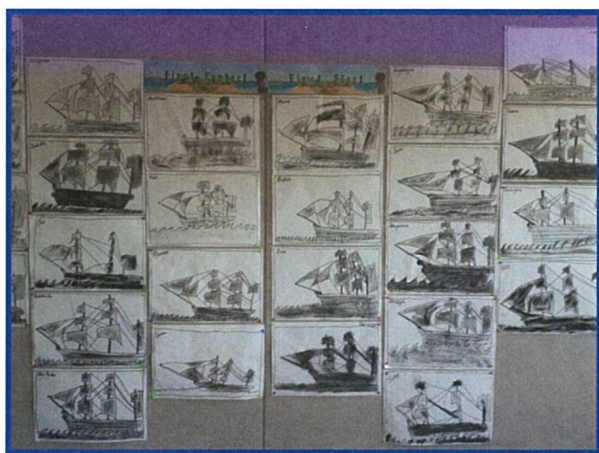
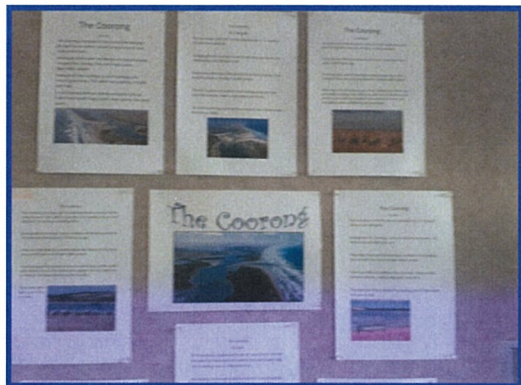
Wow! What a busy term we have had in Emerald. We have welcomed three new students to FBPS and Emerald class Sam, Robbie and Isabell.

Emerald has really enjoyed reading the novel Storm Boy by Colin Thiele. We have written informative texts on The Coorong and pelicans. This week we went on an excursion to the movies to see Storm Boy (with tissues in hand). The discussion we had comparing the book to the movie was fabulous.

We have also been investigating the First Fleet and First Contact. Emerald created wonderful charcoal sketches of the First Fleet and have written brilliant convict letters.

Emerald students have also enjoyed participating in Scope IT on a Thursday and fitness lessons two mornings a week. Well done Emerald!!

Mrs Parker



## Storm Boy

This week Emerald and Tangerine classes went to the movies to see Storm Boy. The students have been reading Storm Boy in class, and with the new movie version recently released, were able to identify many of the changes and similarities from the book written by Colin Thiele and the previous version of the film released over 30 years ago.

At the end of the movie the students were given a very nice compliment by other audience members who remarked on the beautiful behaviour presented by our students.



## Spins (Speech Pathology in Schools)

Did you know that over 70 million people worldwide stutter? A stutter may present in a number of ways, including part-word repetitions (e.g. "c-c-can I have one?"), whole-word repetitions (e.g. "can can can I have one?"), phrase repetitions (e.g. "can I can I have one?"), prolongations (e.g. "ccccccan I have one?") and blocks (e.g. the word does not come out). On average males are 4 times more likely to be affected by a stutter than females. Approximately 5% of children go through a period of stuttering with 75% of these children recovering by late childhood, however that leaves around 1% of all children with long term impacts. The presence of a stutter can effect a child's self-confidence, social interactions and learning.

Early intervention is key to prevent long term issues related to any speech and language difficulties, including a stutter. If you have any concerns in relation to your child's speech or language skills do not hesitate to make contact with their class teacher.

### Active Inclusion Sports Day

Last Wednesday Teal and Sapphire attended an inclusive sports day at the Newcastle University.

Students were shown and got to practise skills in a variety of sports including NRL rugby league, hockey and gymnastics.

It was a fantastic opportunity to integrate with other schools and be coached by professional sports people in all areas.

Thank you Sports NSW and Variety Club for running such a well run sports experience.

Well done Fennell Bay students for your active participation.



### NRMA SCIENCE AND ROAD SAFETY SHOW

Last Friday the whole school attended the NRMA Road Safety show.

A lot of valuable information was learned and everyone was engaged and having fun.

Students and teachers alike learned about how to sit safely in the car and how to properly use a seatbelt. We were also given information on how to be a safe pedestrian and focus on walking with caution. The information we were given about wearing helmets and how to fit them properly is invaluable.

Many thanks to all the fabulous Fennell Bay students who engaged and participated with enthusiasm. And a big big thanks to the NRMA. What a fun show!

May we all be safe on the roads!



## P&C News

**P&C Meeting– Friday 12th April at 2pm in the connected classroom.**

Our Easter Hat Parade and Concert is always a hit and the P&C raffle is HUGE. We ask parents to donate to our Easter raffle with chocolate eggs, bunnies, baskets and more. Please bring your donations to the office where books of raffle tickets are available. Tickets will be available to buy at the parade on Thursday 11th April. The raffle will be drawn after the parade.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for supporting our great school!

P&C Committee



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## LET'S DISCOVER Science with water



**SWANSEA SWIM CENTRE**  
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10am or 11.30am

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Wednesday 24 April 2019  
10am or 11.30am

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Age: 3-8 year olds. Parental guidance required. Cost: Under \$5 \$11, 5-8 years \$15, Spectator \$2.50.

Bookings are essential. Swansea Swim Centre: 4921 0733 West Wallsend Swim Centre: 4921 0738

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The Makers Place supports local artisans, makers and crafters of the Hunter region. Our aim is to bring together those who love to create, with those who love to appreciate hand crafted objects and works of art. We also wish to support those who want to nurture their own creativity, and provide supplies to those who are looking for unique objects to use in their own projects.

We also like to support the reuse and repurposing of unloved, unused, and discarded items, to become objects which are loved and cherished.

**How you can get involved.....**

- ♥ See our selection of art & hand crafted items for sale
- ♥ Buy a project kit
- ♥ Attend one of our workshops
- ♥ Learn new skills & techniques at our in-shop demonstrations
- ♥ Source materials for your projects
- ♥ Have fun at our free arts & crafts open days for kids and families
- ♥ Donate recyclables to our free arts & crafts family open days

## Seasons for Growth: Exploring the Seasons of Grief

Everyone experiences change and loss throughout their lives, such as the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, changing jobs and moving house. The grief that accompanies change or loss can be hard.

**Sometimes grief can make it difficult for us to be the parents we want to be.**

*Exploring the Seasons of Grief* is a small group program where you will meet other parents who are travelling their own grief journey and learn some skills to help you manage your own loss experience.



**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Program runs over four Fridays

**Venue:** CALM  
77 The Boulevard  
Toronto 2283

**Time:** 10am—12:30pm (morning tea provided)

**Cost:** \$10 towards the cost of a workbook

**Who:** For parents of children 0 – 12 years

For registration and enquiries please contact

Sue or Kath from CALM on 4950 3855 by the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**SORRY NO CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE**

*"Grief involves every person, object or incident from which I have walked away with a sense of being incomplete"*

**Elaine Childs-Gowell**



**CALM**  
Family Support



A project of Community Activities Love Macquarie

Fennell Bay PS uses Google Classroom to support teaching and learning. Below is an overview of the web service for parents/carers.

# Google Classroom

Free Web Service



Google Classroom is a free web service developed by Google for schools that aim to simplify creating, distributing and grading assignments in a paperless way. The primary purpose of Google Classroom is to streamline the process of sharing files between teachers and students.

## Classroom features and benefits

Classroom is a free suite of productivity tools that includes email, documents, and storage. Classroom was designed collaboratively with teachers to help them save time, keep classes organized, and improve communication with students

## Enhanced communication and feedback

Teachers can create assignments, send announcements, and instantly start class discussions. Students can share resources with each other and interact in the class stream or by email. Teachers can also quickly see who has or hasn't completed the work, and give direct, real-time feedback and grades.

## Department of Education student google Gmail

A customised version of google Gmail that has additional content filtering. Note that all emails are copied and archived for investigative purposes.

## For further information

[https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6025224?hl=en&ref\\_topic=7175444](https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6025224?hl=en&ref_topic=7175444)