



BILPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 10

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Dates to Remember

Week 10

Wed 26th Sep

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Fri 28th Sep

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TERM 3 2018

- Last Kids Shelter Buddies Program for Yr 5 & 6
- K/1/2 Rouse Hill Farm Excursion
- Principal's Lunch
- Canteen Roster due
- Gymnastics permission note and payment
- Life Education Van permission note and payment due

Week 1

Mon 15th Oct

Tues 16th

Tues 16th Oct

Wed 17th Oct

TERM 4 2018

- Students return to school
- Life Education Van
- Gymnastics Lessons commence
- Life Education Van

Week 2

Tues 23rd Oct

Wed 24th Oct

Fri 26th Oct

- Gymnastics Lessons
- Hawkesbury Music Festival
- Disability Program Awareness Talk K-6

Week 3

Mon 29th Oct

Tues 30th Oct

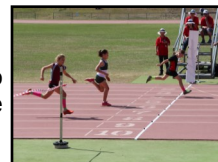
Thurs 1st Nov

- Kindergarten 2019 2nd Transition 1pm-3pm
- Gymnastics Lessons
- Interrelate Yr 6 at Comleroy Public School

TERM 4 Thurs 13th December - Presentation Day

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Abby T and Leander who represented Hawkesbury District at the Regional Carnival in Blacktown last week.



Abby came 4th place in the Junior Girls Long Jump and Leander came 10th in the 9 years girls 100m. To achieve this level of representation is amazing and we are very proud of the efforts of both girls!



SASS Recognition Week and World Teacher's Day

In Week 8 it was SASS Recognition Week and World Teachers' Day. In the last newsletter I omitted to say thank you to the following staff.

SASS Week is the school's opportunity to recognise and thank our fabulous administration and support staff. On behalf of all the staff and students I would like to belatedly thank Mrs Chapman who we recognised early this term with the Executive Directors Award for being one of a kind! I would also like to thank Mrs Cruickshank and Mrs Long our new School Administrative Officers who have slotted right in! Mrs Cruickshank is doing a wonderful job in the library and supporting Mrs Chapman with some administration tasks, whilst Mrs Long is doing a fantastic job with the newsletter each fortnight. Thank you ladies!

We would also like to thank Mrs Robyn Vaha and Ms Michelle Leer for the fantastic work they do with our students in their roles as Learning and Support Officers. Our students are greatly benefitting from the extra time spent reinforcing important skills and knowledge to assist them with their work in class.

Mr Michael Eugene is the school's General Assistant who works hard to keep the grounds maintained and looking beautiful as well as undertaking minor repairs as things break down.

During this week it was also World Teachers' Day. We have an amazing team of dedicated, innovative, caring and motivated teachers who are a supportive bunch of colleagues to work with.

We had a special morning tea last week to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of all team members. Thank you!

Bushfires

Last year our Bushfire Plan was distributed to the community in Term 4. The new Bushfire Plan is due to be revised in the coming weeks. An updated copy will be sent to all families at this time. Please find attached the 2018-19 Bush Fire Season Information

End of Term Message

Term 3 concludes this Friday. It has been a very busy term. The boys and girls have been involved in many programs and have worked very hard to achieve their best.

We wish everyone a safe and restful holiday in preparation for Term 4, which will begin with Life Education on Tuesday 16th October of Week 1. Be Skilled Be Fit gymnastics program also begins on this day. The following week the choir will be performing at the Music Festival and the school will undergo their External Validation interview.

On behalf of all of the staff and students I would like to thank all parents and community members who have supported our fundraising events this term. We truly value your time and effort.

School resumes on **Monday 15th October**.

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 6th Nov

The Staff Room 3.40pm

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

President	Angie Pirie	0414 570 365
Vice President	Michelle Leer	0410 548 210
Treasurer	Cheryl Baird	0414 499 239
Secretary	Nikki Wheen	4567 1154

Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss

Factsheet for Parents.

Welcome to the Westlands!

We would like to give a warm welcome to the Westland family who have joined our school this term! Leigha is in Year 4 and has settled in nicely. We hope you will join us in making them feel at home when you meet them in your travels!

Presentation Day - Thursday 13th December

Presentation Day will take place on Thursday 13th December, beginning at 9:45am. Presentation Day will also include the special Year 6 presentations.

After the formal proceedings of the day we will be having a 'Family Fun Day' which will feature a variety of surprises to reward the boys and girls for all of their hard work throughout the year. The day will conclude with a very special guest and water activities.

Morning Tea, including tea, coffee and cold drinks will be provided for parents. Lunch, consisting of a sausage sizzle and cold drinks, will be provided for students, parents and guests.

A note regarding catering, along with a program, will be sent home next term.

Kindergarten 2019 Transition Program

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting our new Kindergarten students for 2019. The children joined the Bilpin students for morning tea and played a variety of games before returning to class to work with Mrs McCloy and K/1/2.

We hoped they enjoyed their first taste of big school and look forward to seeing them again next term for Transition 2!

Small Schools' Public Speaking Competition

On Friday of Week 8, Alana, Ariarn, Zane and Kye competed at the Small Schools' Public Speaking Competition at Maraylya Public School.

I would like to thank Ms When for all the time and effort she has spent in coaching the students with their speeches.

The parents who attended said they all spoke beautifully! Congratulations team!

Kurrajong Koala Festival

On Saturday 15th September Kurrajong hosted a family fun day Koala Festival.

Five students participated in the 'Compoottition' as part of the festival.



The edible scat samples were tasted by five impartial judges. The judges were overwhelmed by the amount of contributions they received. The scat was judged on flavour and appearance. Congratulations Mia for achieving 3rd place overall!

Luke, Joel T, Leander and Billie also entered their scat samples and received participation certificates. Thank you boys and girls for getting involved in the spirit of koala conservation!

Parent Assembly

Yesterday our final Parent Assembly for this term was held. Congratulations to all students who received Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards! The Shining Star Medallion, was awarded to Hugh for his hard work, excellent attitude and maturity in class and for his excellent behaviour in the



playground. Well done Hugh!

Principal's Lunch

This term's Principal's Lunch is for students who have achieved 'Student awards' and will take place on the last day of school. Eligible students will receive a note this Wednesday inviting them to lunch.

Bilpin Flower Show

The students are finishing their entries for the Bilpin Flower Show this week. We would like to thank **Ben from Scully's Nursery at Kurmond** for donating all the plants for the students. We greatly appreciate the donation and his support of our school!

The Flower Show will be held on 6th and 7th of October. The students' entries will be taken up to the hall for them to be judged, during the school holidays.

Bilpin Garden Club have been great supporters of our school so we hope you are able to spend time visiting the show!

Happy Birthday

We hope the following students had a great birthday in September. They were Charlotte B. (6 years old), Clayton (11 years old), Patrick (11 years old) and Mitchell (12 years old).

Mrs M Mackie
PRINCIPAL



CLASS NEWS

Year K/1/2 News - Mrs E McCloy

We had an exciting day last week meeting our new Kindergarten students for 2019. After a story about The Very Hungry Caterpillar we helped our new friends make caterpillar flap books to take home and show their families.



Rouse Hill Farm

This week we are looking forward to our excursion to Rouse Hill Farm. Please be at school by 8:30 am, wearing full school uniform.

Lunch and recess: Please pack lunch, recess and a bottle of water as there will be nowhere to purchase food. Students will be allowed to take a bag with them, however they will be stored in the cloak room so all that should be in it is: lunch, a jumper/jacket, water bottle and hat, and just in case of rain please pack a raincoat (no umbrella's please due to safety reasons). If you have a small bag that would be ideal. Please leave everything else at home on this day. We are set to depart Rouse Hill at 2:15, however I will keep you posted on Class Dojo.

All of our students in K/1/2 have worked incredibly hard this term and deserve a holiday so we are giving them 2 weeks off! Have a wonderful and safe break with your families and we look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4.

Year 3/4 Class News - Mrs M Mackie

We would like to welcome Leigha to 3/4! Leigha started at Bilpin last week. She has settled in beautifully and the class have been very excited to have her join us!

Week 9 was the last week of homework for Term 3. We will begin again in Week 2 next term.

During the past two weeks, 3/4 participated in the Shelter Buddies Program at Windsor. The boys and girls had a wonderful time and were very motivated to bring books and toys from home to share with the dogs. We are hoping that through this program more animals will be adopted into new families and given a loving home.

I would like to thank Mrs Carroll for working on 3/4 for a few extra days during the past few weeks whilst I have been compiling and finalising the External Validation submission. She has done a wonderful job!

Congratulations 3/4 for all your amazing efforts this term. You have achieved so much!

Have a wonderful holiday and I will see you day one next term ready for more adventures!

Year 5/6 News - Mr A Hynds

Class 5/6 had a brilliant time on the Bathurst/Dubbo Excursion and the weather was perfect over the two days we were away. The students were highly engaged and participated in a cooperative manner. As usual, 5/6 rose to the occasion and were polite and courteous to the teachers and guides at each of the locations. A special thank you goes to Mr Hynds and Mrs Chapman for the many hours spent organising everything behind the scenes and to Campbell Lewis for being such a patient and fun bus driver.

During Week 10 Class 5/6 will once again participate in the Shelter Buddies Program at Windsor on Wednesday and we are looking forward to reading to our furry, four legged friends. Thanks to Shane Muir for providing extra transport on the day and to Danielle Warner for including our school in this worthwhile program.

Class 5/6 will also undertake some lessons and challenges this week using the "We Do Lego" kits which our school has borrowed from the STEMShare Library.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing Spring Break. Ms N Wheen



What's On at Penrith Observatory in October

Date: Saturday 5 October 2018

Event name: Hands On Workshop: Rockets

Event details:

Speaker – Ms Raelene Sommer

A workshop designed for children ages 4 - 12 but lots of fun for all ages.

Build and launch paper rockets using compressed air and watch a demonstration of a model rocket launch. Includes presentation, short 3D movie and safe viewing of the Sun through a telescope (weather permitting). PLEASE NOTE:

Parents/carers to remain with children at all times.

All attendees (parents/carers) require a workshop attendee ticket (\$12).

There is plenty to enjoy as part of the workshop, a presentation, 3D movie, and a chance to look at the Sun safely through a telescope. We encourage any adults that wish to participate in building and launching a rocket to purchase additional rocket kits (\$5) to join in the fun.

All children must have a child ticket which includes the rocket kit (\$17).

All children are expected to participate in building and launching a paper rocket. BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 10am – 12pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington 2747

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/>

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Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/286133485325986/>

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Date: Saturday 6 October 2018

Event name: Public Astronomy Night: Stars, Supernova, & the Size of the Universe

Event details: Speaker – Dr Luke Bozzetto

Come and explore the lifecycle of stars, from their birth all the way to their deaths - in some cases the cataclysmic explosion known as a supernova. Followed by a journey through the Universe - starting from our position on Earth we will explore our surroundings by travelling outward to gain some perspective of the vast space that we live in. Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome, and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free. BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington 2747

Date: Saturday 20 October 2018

Event name: Astronomy Night: New Worlds

Event details: Speaker – Dr Nicholas Tothill

We have now known about the existence of planets around other stars for almost a quarter-century. We've found planets with two suns, planets a bit like the ones we know, and planets very different to anything we've seen in our own Solar System. Dr Nick Tothill will talk about some of the planets out there, and how we get to find out about them.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome, and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free. BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 8pm – 10pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

**Congratulations to our
Class PBL Award Recipients
Term 3 Week 8 & 9**

CLASS K / 1 / 2

Cassie and Peppa

CLASS 3 / 4

Billy and Zane

CLASS 5 / 6

Sasha

P & C NEWS

Canteen News -

The canteen is a valuable P & C asset that is the main fundraiser for the school, enabling many expenses for programs to be subsidised, thus reducing costs to families. If you can assist with volunteering please contact Rebecca Tadrosse on 0415 312 995.

We would like to thank those parents and also a community member for volunteering this term so we can continue opening our Canteen.

Please return canteen roster for Term 4 by Friday 28th September last day of term.

Reminder : No fried rice or vanilla milk available for the remainder of Term 3.

TERM 3 CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 27th Sept - Cheryl Baird & Rachael McKinlay

Canteen is **closed** on Monday 15th and Thursday 18th October and will commence on Monday 22nd October, if we have volunteers available.

Canteen hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm (approximately)

Community News



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\$5

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\$5 per 100g



\$1.82

Arnott's Chocolate Tim Tam Biscuits 160-200g Selected Varieties



\$3.99

Four N Twenty Pies 4 Pack Selected Varieties
\$7.99 per 100g