

# **Waratah Whispers**

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Issue 77 Term 4 - Week 6

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

#### **Important Dates**

# Week 6

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: 3-6 Assembly

Week 7

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Year 6 Cupcake Day

**Parent Helpers Morning** 

Tea (Library)

Performing Arts Evening
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Year 6 Play - Matinee

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Support Unit – Shine Shed

K-2 Assembly

Week 8

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Year 6 Musical matinee
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Yr 6 High School transition
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 Musical - evening

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: PSSA Ends

Week 9

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Sport Presentation Day
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: End of Year Presentation
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Kindergarten Graduation

Choir Carols at Cooper St

Week 10

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 Bowling Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: K-6 Fun Day

K-6 Fun Day Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of School 2019

Week 1 - Term 1 2020

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Staff return to school Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January: STUDENTS RETURN 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Our intrepid Stage 3 travellers returned home from camp tired but happy on Wednesday evening. It sounds like the camp was extremely well organised and that the excursions were interesting and engaging, with our students participating well as they learned about democracy in action. I have some great photos of students voting, printing coins and attending Parliament. It has been pleasing to hear reports from members of the public as well as from staff of our national museums and memorials about how well behaved and respectful our students were. An enormous thank you to Mrs R, Mrs Danne, Mrs Dyszel, Mr Wooley, Mrs Ellis, Ms Strevens and Mrs Mitchell who supervised, supported and looked after the safety and wellbeing of all our students – looking at them today, I can see that they are still suffering from sleep deprivation! Hopefully a relaxing weekend is in store for them all. Congratulations to Mrs R for her hard work and attention to detail in her organisation of the camp.

This week I was happy to attend the annual Ultimo Network Awards evening at Sharks Leagues Club in Cronulla. The evening is a celebration of the hard work and dedication of our Public School staff, parents and community members. Our P&C President, Amanda Yock, was the deserving and worthy



recipient of an award for outstanding commitment and service as a parent/community member. It was lovely to see Amanda's generous and voluntary work commended and celebrated.

As we prepare for Presentation Day this year I have been reviewing our EPS Awards Program and associated procedures. There have been some parent questions about the presentation of the School Medallion. As per our awards procedures the current





situation is as follows: When a student receives 3 Gold awards he/she is entitled to receive a School Medallion. The student must present his/her complete folder to the teacher and then the School Medallion will be awarded at Presentation Day of the year in which the medallion was earned. There seems to be a misunderstanding that the school medallion is only to be awarded when a student reaches Yr. 6. This is not the case. If your child has earned 3 gold awards then he or she needs to take the folder to the teacher and prepare to receive a school medallion at Presentation Day.

Just a reminder to everyone, next week we start our PBL focus, which for week 7 is Walking on Hard Surfaces. All the staff will be trying hard to 'catch' as many students as they can who are doing the right thing. Keep an eye out for staff who are handing out PBL tokens – the class at the end of the week with the most tokens will receive a prize!

Next week we have some exciting activities including our parent helpers' morning tea, our Performing Arts showcase evening, the first performance of our Yr. 6 musical for pre-schools and our EPS students and an excursion for our support unit classes to the Shine Shed – an all abilities play centre! The year may be coming to an end but we are certainly keeping up the pace at school!

Have a wonderful weekend and keep smiling. ☺

Sara Swift, Principal

# YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER 2019

# CHANGE OF DATE



NOW: Wednesday 27th November 2019

Where: Cola Area-Lunch

Why: To help raise funds

for their end of year functions

Cost : \$2:00 for a cup cake & a

Water ice-block.

#### **Year 6 Musical Tickets**

Our year 6 students have been busy rehearsing and putting the final touches to their upcoming performance 'Robin and His Sherwood Hoodies'. This is going to be a wonderful show and will be great fun for the whole family. Their performance is scheduled for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

# Tickets are on sale now by clicking the link:

# https://www.trybooking.com/BGTMT

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. There is no limit to the number of tickets sold per family. We anticipate the show will be a 'sell-out', so make sure you grab your tickets now!

# Stage 3 Trip To Canberra

Our students and staff had a wonderful time visiting Canberra this week. It was an early start on Monday morning and a very busy three days, but everyone had a great time. Look out for next week's newsletter, which will feature lots of photos and recounts from our Stage 3 students about their time in our nation's capital.







#### **Scholastic Book Club News**

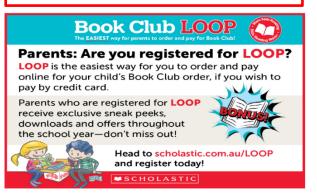
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE NO. 8 is now online for ordering. Please use the LOOP app for all your orders.

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If you forgot to make your purchase a gift order but want to do so, kindly email us at <a href="mailto:epsbookelves@gmail.com">epsbookelves@gmail.com</a>.

Deadline has been extended to Monday, the 24th of November 2019.

A BOOK is
a GIFT
you can open
again and AGAIN.



# **Book Club** The ${\bf Gift\ Function}$ enables you to tag ${\bf Book\ Club}$ orders on ${\bf LOOP}$ that are intended as a surprise gift. This feature can be used throughout the year, providing your ${\bf Book\ Club\ Organiser}$ has enabled the gift function for your school. LOOP orders tagged as a gift will be delivered to school and marked accordingly, for the Book Club Organiser to set aside at the school office for you to collect. How to use the Gift Function on Book Club LOOP scholastic.com.au/LOOP Follow these **easy** steps! 1 LOG-IN Select the ORDER tab Select your ISSUE Check the box GIFT ORDER NOTE: ALL ITEMS ON THIS ORDER WILL BE MARKED AS A GIFT. Enter the book number shown on the Catalogue Select NEXT to finalise your order PLEASE NOTE, THE ITEMS DO NOT COME GIFT WRAPPED For books that can be delivered directly to your child, please submit a separate order **₩**SCHOLASTIC

#### **Environmental Team News**

The Environmental Team have been busy over the last few weeks. They planted the seeds from donated Woolies discovery garden pots and picked vegetables to make a yummy garden salad for lunch.





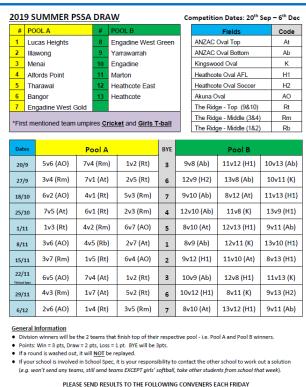












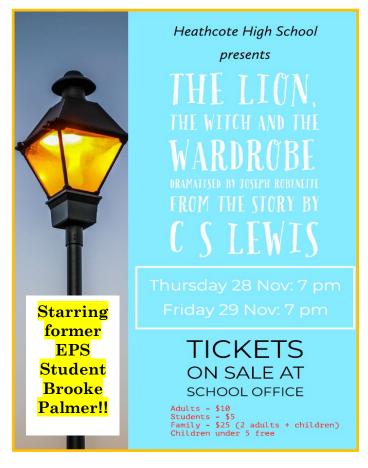
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THE JOHN FRANKLIN

# Christmas Lunck

We would like you to join us for traditional Christmas fare and great company at the John Franklin Christmas Lunch

### = On Christmas Day =

25TH DECEMBER – 11:30AM - 2:30PM
AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND
COST: FREE!

The venue is located a short, easy flat walk from Sutherland Railway Station and has wheelchair access.

John Franklin lived on the streets of Sutherland. He spoke of the loneliness on Christmas
Day for people such as himself before his tragic death in 2000. The John Franklin
Christmas Day lunch, held in the memory of John's life for all persons wanting company
on Christmas Day, is a joint initiative of the St. Patrick's and St. John's Churches at
Sutherland with help from the surrounding community.

For more information, to find out how you can volunteer your time on Christmas day or Christmas eve, or where you can donate items, go to www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au, contact us on 0444 532 961 or email: jfcl2512@gmail.com





WE WOULD APPRECIATE

# Your Help!

Volunteers are needed to assist us on Christmas Eve to help prepare the venue for our guests on Christmas Day.

#### On Christmas eve

24TH DECEMBER FROM 9AM AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND

#### Donations are always welcome

Donations of the following items are always appreciated and needed:

- NEW GIFTS FOR MALE AND FEMALE OF ALL AGES
- TINNED FOODS SUCH AS ASPARAGUS, PINEAPPLE, BEETROOT, BISCUITS, CAKES AND OTHER CHRISTMAS FARE
  - CASH DONATIONS

(100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE OVER \$2)

Contact us on **0444 532 961** or go to **www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au** for more information, to find out how you can volunteer your time on Christmas day or Christmas eve, or where you can donate items.

The John Franklin Christmas Lunch is generously supported by financial and in kind donations from individuals, schools, churches and commercial enterprises throughout the Sutherland Shire and neighbouring areas.

An Activity of JAFACAL





# Preschool Vacancies for 2020



All children are welcome and supported at our preschool.

Low fee rates with fee relief available.

Core Hours: 8:30 – 4:00pm Extended hours: 8:00 – 5:00pm

Our program is based on The Early Years Framework and focuses on play based learning.

> Funded by the Department of Education





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