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Arncliffe Public School Newsletter

Term 4 | Week 8 | 2020



Class Awards (via school-based Zoom assemblies)

K Blue: Xandre A, Bilguun B, Agastaya S

K Red: Akeshi B, Kassem H, Mia O

K Green: Tom G, Maryam E

1 Orange: Ruby T, Zouhair A

1 Green: Gustavo C, Musawwir A, Audrey W

1/2 Blue: Ivan K, Levi L

2 Red: Michael P, Muhammad Ali H

2 Purple: Isaac S, Ahmed B, Busby H

3/4 Blue: Kyah M, Eve M, Riley W, Emmett E

3/4 Red: Xavier M, Ali S, Venus H, Zaynab E

3/4 Orange: Hafez M, Yusef T, Gwen S, Oscar T

3/4 Green: Kaylee C, D'Mario S, Zahra F, Macey D

5/6 Blue: Emily M, Ali R, Angelyn P

5/6 Red: Leila E, Angus T, Ali F

5/6 Orange: N/A

5/6 Green: Oscar S, Daniel A, Husayn R, Bilal D

Silver Awards

Ava K, Ahmed S, Naomi S, Abigail S, Sofija S

Gold Awards

Michael A

Specialist Teacher Awards

ARABIC: N/A

EAL/D: N/A

DRAMA: Sophia P, Filip K, Chaira D, Kawthar H,
Xavier T, Akeshi B, Sebastien H, Ailish B, Zaak K

RFF: N/A

Dates for your diary

December

Tue 8th ES1 Presentation Day (9.15am)

Tue 8th Stage 1 Presentation Day (10.15am)

Wed 9th Stage 2 Presentation Day (9.15am)

Wed 9th P&C Social Event (7pm)

Thu 10th Stage 3 Presentation Day (9.15am)

Thu 10th Virtual Concert Premier

Mon 14th Year 6 Farewell & Graduation

Tue 15th K-6 School Picnic

Wed 16th Last day of school-students & staff

January 2021

27-28 Jan Staff Development Days (no students)

Fri 29th First day of school for students
(Yrs 1-6)

February 2021

Tue 2nd Kindergarten commences

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- Absent Forms
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COVID-19 online info

- [Arncliffe Public School website](#)
- [Department of Education website](#)
- [NSW Government advice](#)
- [Australian Government advice](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#)



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APS Presentation Day: the stage is set!



We are looking forward to our new Stage-based Presentation Days next week. To ensure the smooth operation of our event, please ensure you follow the following procedures:

- Parents will be admitted into the school from the Avenal St gate entrance. Please arrive 10 minutes early. Late arrivals cannot be admitted.
- See a staff member at the gate to get your name marked off our invitation list and provide us with the signed COVID Declaration Form collected by Staff.
- Move, as directed to the Hall/COLA and remain seated throughout the event.
- Unfortunately we cannot accommodate toddlers and babies.
- After the event, please exit the school promptly via the school gate at the side of the School Hall. Parents are asked to refrain from mingling.

As a reminder, the Presentation Day Assembly dates are:

- **ES1 Tuesday 8th Dec from 9:15 am**
- **S1 Tuesday 8th Dec from 10:15 am**
- **S2 Wednesday 9th Dec from 9:15 am**
- **S3 Thursday 10th Dec from 9:15 am**



Year 6 uniform donations

At this time of year we encourage all families with students leaving in Year 6 to consider donating their old uniforms to the P&C for use in their Second Hand Uniform pool.

All donated uniforms must be in good condition - no mending please. It goes without saying that clothes must be washed, but please also take the time to check the pockets before you hand them in!

Please bundle up the clothes in a bag and ask your child to drop them in to the office anytime between now and the end of term!

Thank you in advance. The P&C runs an active Second Hand Uniform pool, so these donations are very valuable.



STEAM Day - what a blast!





With our scripture and ethics programs concluding for the year this week, we would like take this opportunity to thank all our amazing volunteers for their dedication throughout this most challenging year. A heartfelt thank you to our scripture teachers, ethics teachers, music programs, art-after-school programs, our P&C and everyone associated with these programs. We know that you have delivered substantial programs and service to our children in spite of the challenges of COVID. Our school community is all the more stronger for your service. Thank you.

COVID-safe summer packs

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

The Department of Education will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the NSW Government website

From all of us at Arncliffe Public School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.



Care 4 Kids - thank you

Thank you to all the families who kindly donated a gift as part of our Christmas Wishing Tree drive. Ms Davis, together with the SRC, delivered all the donated gifts to Care 4 Kids last week. Danielle Lucas, from Care 4 Kids, posted up a lovely thank you message to our school on the Care 4 Kids Facebook page.

The gifts will be delivered to families next Tuesday. We are very proud to assist Care 4 Kids in their work helping children affected by domestic violence and traumatic situations.

You can visit their Facebook page to watch Danielle's thank you video!



Update from the P&C

The final 2020 P&C General Meeting was held on the 17th November 2020 via Zoom. Minutes will be made available on the APS website next week. Key discussion points:

- Vacant committee positions were filled. Vicki Trucchi (President), Belinda Ivanovski (Vice President), Tanya Karolia (Vice President).
- The Principal's report included an update of COVID-safe end of year events. An update on staffing and enrolments for 2021. Pam will present the APS 4 year plan for consultation in 2021. Pam thanked the P&C and the wider school community for their support during 2020.
- Members of the P&C are looking at options for selling second hand uniforms while complying with COVID restrictions. This will most likely be an order form that goes home.
- The P&C were delighted to contribute some extra funds for the Year 6 Farewell and hope they have a wonderful celebration despite the restrictions.

Please join us for an end of year social meeting

The P&C would like to invite any member of our school community to join us for a P&C Social on Wednesday 9th December, 7pm at Rowers on Cooks River, 1 Levey Street, Wolli Creek. Please RSVP to Lindsey 0468 822 922 or email arncliffe.pandc@gmail.com

As always the P&C welcomes any member of our community who would like to get involved for 2021!



A message from the Library

Thank you to all families who have already returned books to the Library. During these last few weeks, the library is closed for borrowing while we complete a stocktake. Please have a look around the house, the car and your own personal bookshelves for any lost or forgotten school library books.

Thank you for your help, have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing all the children ready to borrow again next year.

Vacation Care by TASK at APS

A friendly reminder that the same group that provides our Before and After School Care programs at Arncliffe Public School also runs a fantastic Vacation Care program right here at school. Operating for three weeks in January, TASK offers a variety of fun holiday programs and excursions.

See end of newsletter for full details of their holiday programs.

Ethics - Year in Review

Dear Arncliffe Ethics parents, carers, teachers and students,

Well what a year it has been! Like some other programs offered at Arncliffe Public, primary ethics was on hiatus during the COVID shutdown. Thankfully we were able to resume classes in Term 3 and have been running them, albeit not at full strength, since this time. Thanks to the school for helping us get back to class as quickly and smoothly as possible.

Primary Ethics also celebrated its 10 year anniversary recently- Arncliffe Public School ethics teachers celebrated by having a coffee and cake at a local café, supporting local business while talking about everything ethical! Happy birthday Primary Ethics!

In Term 3 we were able to welcome 2 new teachers from our Arncliffe community into the ethics teaching fold. Diana Dagg is now teaching Year 4, and Sam Giles is teaching Year 3. Welcome Diana and Sam!

Here's some feedback on classes this year:

“Thank you, Pam and staff at Arncliffe Public for the opportunity to teach Primary Ethics. I always look forward to my Friday Year 4 class. The students show real engagement with the topics, listening respectfully to their classmates’ ideas, and adding thoughtfully to the richness of class discussion. Topics have ranged from imagining how others feel to thinking about cultural differences. Their ‘out of the box’ responses show they are thinking deeply about the issues involved”- *Diana, Year 4 ethics teacher.*

“In Year 3 we touched on subjects such as sharing, staring and disagreeing with friends. Despite only having ethics class in term 4, the students have a lot of energy and are willing to give and discuss reasons. We are currently getting used to the idea that there is no correct answer to any of the questions in ethics and using this idea to appreciate and discuss other people’s answers” - *Sam, Year 3 ethics teacher.*

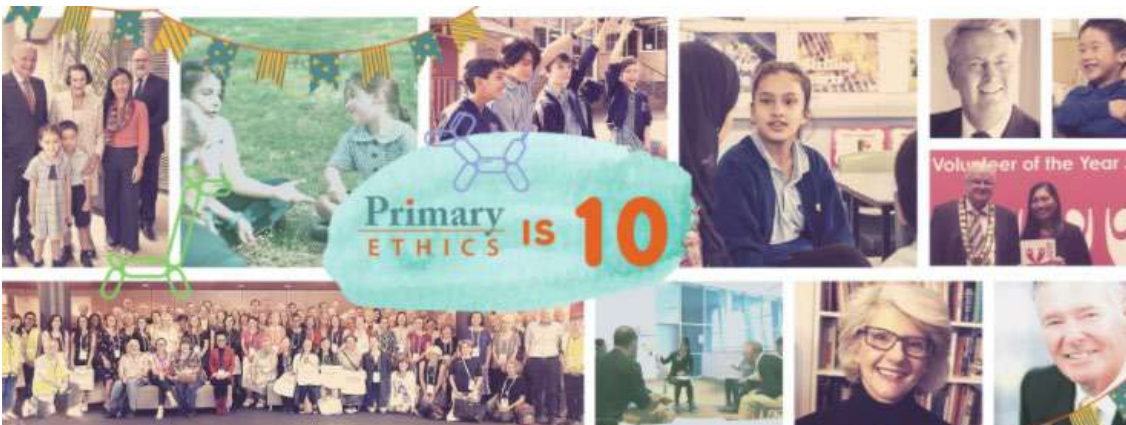
Stage 1 were an absolute delight to teach, and their critical thinking and respectful discussion skills are really improving week to week. We concentrated on speaking to other students (rather than the teacher!), and building on other people’s ideas- two skills that help in getting an open and robust discussion going!

I’ve had to say farewell to my Year 6 ethics class- who I’ve been teaching for a few years now. What a great bunch of kids, and how proud I am of where they’ve come as young critical thinkers, who are confident in their opinions, but also respectful of others’ contributions. These skills will hopefully carry through into their high school years and beyond! Good luck Year 6!

Any parents or carers who would like to know more about Primary Ethics or perhaps volunteer to teach ethics, please jump on their website <http://www.primaryethics.com.au> or contact me at primaryethicsarncliffe@gmail.com

Have a relaxing holiday and see you in 2021!

Dana Sampath
Ethics Co-ordinator



Watch this!

2020 has been a tough year! Health restrictions have hit our music and performing arts programs hard - social distancing, no playing wind instruments and no singing!

This year we had many events cancelled and families have not been able to enjoy any live performances from our students.

This year we entered the Wakakirri Challenge and were fortunate that the wonderful Mrs Rosebery was able to film our submission so we were still able to enter.

Some of our students would have also have been performing in 'Let's Get Loud' at this time of year but given the current rules around performing, and the lack of time being able to practice together, it wasn't to be.

But that didn't stop us! We've gone virtual and produced a mini-version of 'Let's Get Loud' for our school community to enjoy! The kids, parents and conductors have worked hard over the last couple of months to pull this together. There's been blood, sweat and tears and a few technology tantrums, but it's here...and we think they've done a great job!

So dim the lights, grab your popcorn, sit back and enjoy 'Let's Get Locked Down & Loud 2020' followed by our Wakakirri Challenge submission - Homage to Beethoven.



End of Year Music & Performing Arts - Virtual showcase Premiere showing on Thursday 10th December

<p>Let's Get Locked Down and Loud 2020 https://youtu.be/8hOEKEqLEnw Time: 7pm sharp Duration: approx 18 mins Starring: Junior Music Group, Training Band, Recorder Ensemble, Community Choir, Strings Ensemble & Concert Band Intermission: approx 12 mins</p>	<p>Wakakirri Challenge 2020 https://youtu.be/Jh6Z3RYcPAY Time: 7:30pm sharp Duration: approx 10 mins Starring: Students from Stage 2 & Stage 3</p>
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You must open each separate link to access each performance.

Videos will automatically start at times above- no need to press play, and no access to them before these times.

Please email arncliffemusic@gmail.com if you would like a separate email with links or have any questions.

Join us for more music in 2021

At the end of this newsletter you will find an Expression of Interest form for any student interested in being part of the school's music program next year. We hope to welcome many new musicians to our program. Please don't hesitate to contact the music program parent co-ordinators for more information: arncliffemusic@gmail.com

ARNCLIFFE HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close on 4 JAN)

JANUARY 2021 - WEEK 1

<p>MONDAY 11 JAN</p> <p>CAMP SUNNY</p>  <p>We've seen it in some of our favourite books and movies. TASK is recreating the summer camp experience every Monday of the January Holidays.</p>  <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>TUESDAY 12 JAN</p> <p>NINJA QUEST</p> <p>Challenge your body and mind at TASK's Ninja Quest.</p>  <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 13 JAN</p> <p>ADVENTURE PLAY</p> <p>Using loose parts and your imagination. Design an adventure world.</p> <p>Then build it!</p>  <p>Featuring the new colour 'Giant Llama Park' Workshop</p> <p>Fee - \$77</p>	<p>THURSDAY 14 JAN</p> <p>Kaleidoscope of Colours</p> <p>Let loose our inner kaleidoscope of colours!</p>  <p>Be messy, colourful, and active in a colour run.</p> <p>Make and decorate a rainbow treat.</p> <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>FRIDAY 15 JAN</p> <p>SPLASH PICNIC</p>  <p>Celebrate summer's simple delights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water splash games • Outdoor picnic lunch <p>And fun with friends.</p>  <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>THE — AFTER SCHOOL KLUB —</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm</p> <p>BOOKING: enrol@task-kids.com.au task-kids.com.au 1300 827 500</p>
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ARNCLIFFE HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close on 11 JAN)

JANUARY 2021 - WEEK 2

<p>MONDAY 18 JAN</p> <p>CAMP SUNNY</p>  <p>Camp Sunny continued...</p> <p>tug-o-war, camp craft, fort building and more.</p>  <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>TUESDAY 19 JAN</p> <p>GREEN THUMBS</p> <p>Expand your knowledge of gardening and build and design your own tiny garden in our terrarium workshop.</p>  <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 20 JAN</p> <p>Magician's Apprentice</p> <p>Roll up your sleeves for a day of illusions and tricks!</p>  <p>Learn, practice, and showcase a new skill or trick at the talent show finale.</p> <p>Workshop by the magical Sabra from Happy Hoopy Life</p> <p>Fee - \$77</p>	<p>THURSDAY 21 JAN</p> <p>BACK TO NATURE</p> <p>Bringing the outside in with art works, crafts and experiments using all things natural.</p>  <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>FRIDAY 22 JAN</p> <p>SUMMER BIG BASH</p>  <p>A day of sports, tournaments, and games. End with a water filled 'Cool Down Ceremony'.</p>  <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>THE — AFTER SCHOOL KLUB —</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm</p> <p>BOOKING: enrol@task-kids.com.au task-kids.com.au 1300 827 500</p>
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ARNCLIFFE HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close on 11 JAN)

JANUARY 2021 - WEEK 3

<p>MONDAY 25 JAN</p> <p>NO TASK TODAY</p> 	<p>TUESDAY 26 JAN</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY 27 JAN</p> <p>OUR BACKYARD</p> <p>Bring your adventure shoes to take a journey through our own Australian backyard.</p>  <p>Sausage sizzle lunch</p> <p>Fee - \$69</p>	<p>THURSDAY 28 JAN</p> <p>CINEMA EXCURSION</p> <p>It's Movie Day.</p> <p>Escape reality today at our local cinema.</p>  <p>Fee - \$90</p>	<p>FRIDAY 29 JAN</p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>THE — AFTER SCHOOL KLUB —</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm</p> <p>BOOKING: enrol@task-kids.com.au task-kids.com.au 1300 827 500</p>
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• Excursion Days: places limited, movie title and rating to be confirmed • Afternoon tea provided • All HP subject to change dependent on Government advice / direction. • Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labeled.



Join the school Music Program!

Expressions of Interest are now being taken for 2021 NEW Students Only

Due to current health restrictions we have been unable to hold our usual **Music Information evening** - This is the annual information session for our Instrumental Music Program, with demonstrations and is a great opportunity for us to answer your questions and for your child can try out some instruments! We are hoping to hold this instead at the start of Term 1 next year.

If your child knows that they would like to join the program and what they would like to play, then we encourage you to fill in the form overleaf and return it to the office by **14th December** to secure your child's spot for next year.

What Ensemble Can My Child Join?

Junior Music Group

Year 1 & 2 in 2021

Rehearsals before school (Thurs 8am)

This is a great introduction to music and gives students the opportunity to learn beginner musical notation as well develop their rhythmic and melodic skills on a variety of percussion instruments, drums & ukuleles.

No instrument hire or private lessons required.

Recorder Ensemble

Years 2 to 6 in 2021

Rehearsals before school. (TBC – based on #s)

Learn the recorder & have the opportunity to perform at the Opera House Concert Hall!

No instrument hire or private lessons required.

Training Band

Years 3 to 6 in 2021

(Year 2 students with music experience considered)

Rehearsals before school. (Wed 7.45am)

Come together with other beginner students and learn to play music together as a band and perform at the Engadine Music Festival.

Instruments available for hire.

Junior String Ensemble

Years 3 to 6 in 2021

(Year 2 students with music experience considered)

Rehearsals before school. (Day TBC, 8am)

Come together with other beginner violin & cello students and learn to play music together. Your first performance will be the Easter Hat Parade!

Instruments available for hire.

Fees – Please note that there is an annual participation fee of \$320. If you hire an instrument from us there is an additional annual hire fee of \$200. There are also additional costs for weekly private lessons for students in Band and Strings. These lessons may cost upwards of \$35 per week for a 30-minute private lesson.

About Us - The instrumental music program is run by a sub-committee of the P&C Association and is not-for-profit. We are a small group of volunteer parents who co-ordinate rehearsals, instrument hire, tutors, performances and fundraising. Our motto, "It's fun and it's for everyone" guides our philosophical approach to keeping costs down to make music accessible to as many students as possible.

How to sign up? It's easy!

1. Discuss the different options with your child.
2. Fill in the form on the reverse of this notice and return it to the office (by Mon 14th Dec).
3. Email any specific questions to us at: arncliffmusic@gmail.com

Expression of Interest for NEW children applying to join a music group in 2021

Only complete this form if you are new to our music program. Please either bring this form to the Information Evening or return completed to the office by **Monday 14th December**.

Child's name: _____

Child's year (in 2021): _____

Please tick the box to indicate which group/s your child is interested in joining:

Recorder Ensemble (for children in years 2-6 in 2021)

Training Band (years 3-6 in 2021 plus Year 2 ex-Junior Music)

For Training Band only, please indicate your child's top 3 instrument preferences in the box to the right:

Junior String Ensemble (years 3-6 in 2021 plus Year 2 ex-Junior Music)

For Junior String Ensemble, please indicate your child's string instrument preferences in the box to the right:

Does your child have any previous musical experience? Please provide details: _____

Please provide your contact details below and we will get back to you as soon as possible to confirm if we are able to offer your child a position in our music groups.

Please note that some programs have limited numbers and not all new students will be able to be accommodated. We encourage you to return your form as quickly as possible.

Parent Contact information

Parent's name: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

If you have any queries, please email: arncliffmusic@gmail.com

TRAINING BAND NEW MEMBERS ONLY:

Number boxes 1 to 3 to indicate your child's top 3 instrument preferences:

Trumpet do you own? / or will you rent?

Trombone own / rent

Euphonium own / rent

Clarinet own / rent

Flute own / rent

Saxophone own / rent

Bass Guitar own / rent

Keyboard own / rent

Drums own / rent

Percussion own / rent

Other _____ own / rent

JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLE NEW MEMBERS ONLY:

Please indicate your child's string instrument preferences:

Violin do you own? / or will you rent?

Cello own / rent

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Sun Dec 13^h 10am to 1pm

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