

#ArncliffeMatters

Arncliffe Public School Newsletter

Term 3 | Week 8 | 2023



HELPFUL
TIPS

Assembly Awards

K Blue	James P, Issra T
K Red	Popo B, Assile N
K Green	Owen W, Helen S
1/2 Blue	Putra M, Eyad N, Mira K
1/2 Green	Leo M, Sofia M, Thu N
1/2 Orange	Michael H, Lachlan M
1/2 Red	Leo V, Toby C, Zara K
1/2 Purple	Taliah K, Imani S
3/4 Blue	Rory C, Hussain I
3/4 Green	Alyssa S, Stan B, Ruby T, Dalia F
3/4 Orange	Ariyah T, Azariah F
3/4 Purple	Indra S, William S, Maddox S
3/4 Red	Audrey W, Bilguun B, Charles W
5/6 Blue	Euan C, Khan F, Lilio J, Angirmaa G
5/6 Green	Harvey W, Ava K, Ailish B
5/6 Orange	Manessa D, Mohamad K, Jibril J
5/6 Red	Roukaya D, Tsegtsbayar S, Zaak K

Silver Awards

Thu N, Chester L, Mahdi S, Zaayan N, Zak F, Natalia M, Tuguldur B, Aleya T, Iskra W, Marcus C, Khulan B, Zahraa T

Gold Awards

Hussein K, Rory C

Specialist Teacher Awards

DRAMA: Zadie S, Imani S, Ethan T, Chloe C, Audrey W, Lakshya N, Soyombo E

EAL/D: Khulan B

ARABIC: -Assile N, Alia M, Hussein K, Simon K

MUSIC: -

Wise Words

(from the Office Women!)

School finishes at 3pm and the Office closes at 3.15pm. If you find yourself running late, please contact the office to let us know. We can only work with you if we are notified. Children that are unable to be collected at 3pm should contact TASK on 1300 827 500 to arrange after school care.

Dates for your diary

Important school dates are posted here.

September

Mon 11 th	Primary Proms Festival
Wed 13 th	Crazy Hair & Sock Day (gold coin)
Thu 14 th	Oz Tag Gala Day (Year 6)
Thu 21 st	Botanic Gardens Excursion (Kindy)
Fri 22 nd	A-Factor (1.30pm-3.00pm)
Fri 22 nd	Last day of school for Term 3

October

Mon 9 th	Students first day of Term 4
Sat 16 th	Referendum (APS is a polling place)
Wed 18 th	SRC Fundraising Guessing Competition

November

Mon 6 th	Kindy Transition Week 1 (Mon-Fri)
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Notes issued (via School Bytes)

Botanic Gardens (Kindy)	Due: 14 Sep
Year 6 Camp final payment	Due: 22 Sep
Returning in 2024?	Due: 22 Sep
Tempe Swimming (K-4)	Due: 9 Nov

Assemblies Week 9 (Fri 15th Sep)

K-2	12.00 pm (Host: K Green)
3-6	No Assembly
Parents are welcome to attend. Please QR code at gate.	



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 A proud member of the
Sydney Learning Community

Men's Shed celebrates 30 years!

This September the Australian Men's Shed Association celebrates 30 Years of Sheds! Here at Arncliffe Public School we are proud of our 10+ year association with our local Men's Shed!

Men's Sheds are vital community investments delivering programs and activities that foster community spirit and contribute to building a more inclusive Australia. Men's Sheds not only play important roles in the overall improvement of health and wellbeing but also positively engaging within their community for the benefit of their community.

For many Australian men the local Men's Shed offers somewhere to go, something to do and mates that make it all worthwhile.

Since the first community shed for men opened its doors in 1993, the Men's Shed community has grown to encompass more than 2,500 Sheds in 12 countries.

Each year a small group of APS boys in Year 6 are selected to participate in a weekly workshop in Term 3 with the men at the Arncliffe Men's Shed.

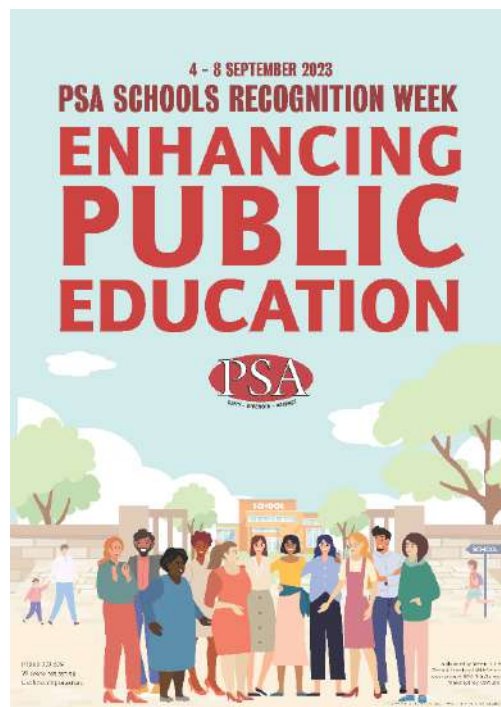
The program was piloted by our Principal Pam Ladd who has always been committed and involved in taking the boys there each week. She says "there is a great community spirit in the Shed and the boys absolutely love being a part of it. At first they are a bit shy, but it doesn't take long for them to come out of their shell and develop wonderful relationships with the men and learn great skills and craft at the same time. We congratulate Men's Shed on this huge milestone and are delighted to be part of it."



Schools Recognition Week

This week is Schools Recognition Week when we celebrate the vitally important support staff and wellbeing professionals at our school. In 2023 there has never been a more important reason to recognise our General Assistants (GAs), Administrative staff (SASS), the library support, or those working in the classroom as School Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs) and supporting the wellbeing of students.

Thank you to the teachers and families who have given our Support Staff a lot of love over the week!



Check out the talent ... at A FACTOR!

A Factor is a joyous school tradition that occurs on the last day of Term 3. Families are welcome to come and watch the fun on Friday September 22 in the Hall.! Start time will be at 1.30pm (with recess starting a little early from 1.00pm - 1.20pm).



Crazy Hair & Sock Day!



Stage 3 Fundraising Event

Crazy HAIR & SOCK DAY

When: Wednesday 13th September (Week 9)
Cost: Gold Coin Donation



Thanks to the P&C for Hall Upgrade

A huge thank you to the P&C who contributed to the upgrade of the Hall's Audio Visual. We hope that parents will be able to notice a huge difference in the quality of the sound when you are next in the Hall! Our student AV Crew certainly like it. Parents will have the opportunity to hear it in action at A-Factor!

The P&C raise money for our school for important projects like this via activities such as the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Easter Raffles etc. We are extremely grateful to the small, but hardworking group that have managed to continue these important events. If you can support the P&C by coming to a meeting, or volunteering a small amount of time, we know they would be very grateful, as would we!

Tick Tick Boom!

On Monday the 4th of September, Stage 2 had a wonderful incursion. The incursion was in the COLA and everyone was amazed by Shaun's (the host) Science experiments. Some of the experiments Shaun showed us were Rafael blowing up a bag as tall as him, Ms Harris and Shaun making a bomb with a plastic bottle that made a loud BOOM! Then Shaun had Liquid Nitrogen in a bin which had a hole at the bottom and when he slammed the top it made a thin, white ring blowing it in our faces and Ms Ghacham created a fireball made with a flame and a ball.

- Briana and Emily 3/4 Blue



Congratulations Concert Band!

On Sunday, the Arncliffe Public School Concert Band participated in the Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival, held at the University of New South Wales. Our band of 14 students performed in an auditorium that seats 950 people! Our Concert Band worked very hard in the lead up to this performance and their efforts were rewarded with a Silver Award. The adjudicator was particularly impressed by our sound, energy and musicality.

Congratulations to the Concert Band, and a big thank you to all the students and parents for making the effort for a weekend performance.



Webinar for parents on a hard subject

The P&C Federation extends an invitation to all parents of both primary and secondary schools to attend an upcoming webinar: Keep safe and find hope: a role for parents in suicide prevention.

Thursday, 14 September 2023, 7:00-7:45 pm AEST

Suicide doesn't have to feel like a scary word. The right skills can help you prepare for conversations if or when they come up with the young people in your life.



In this webinar you'll hear about what suicide prevention initiatives are underway to support schools & families, led by youth mental health experts **Batyr Australia**, alongside **LivingWorks Australia**. This webinar is a chance to learn about:

- what impacts we're currently seeing in youth mental health and suicide
- what strategies are available to support parents and those with young people in their lives
- what are the right skills you can develop to prepare for conversations when they come up

LivingWorks is currently rolling out the largest suicide prevention skills training project of its kind for parents, teachers and entire communities - all free to access thanks to funding from NSW Health.

[Click here to register.](#) If you can't attend, the webinar will be recorded and all registrants will be notified once the recording is available for viewing.

PSSA (Summer) News & Results

We remind parents that the bus for PSSA leaves from the Segenhoe Gate at 8.30am promptly. Please make sure you bring your child to the gate at 8.15am. The playground is unsupervised so they must be taken to the PSSA teachers at the bottom court. Please also note that the office doesn't open until 8.30am.



Basketball	Cricket	Girls Softball
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Please note we are unable to provide exact times of games as these are determined on the day in consultation with the other school.

Next week's game locations (Friday 15 September):

- Basketball: Kyeemagh Public School
- Cricket: Scarborough Park 1
- Girls Softball: Scarborough Park (permanent location)

Tell Them From Me | Parents

Tell Them From Me, is an important exercise that involves electronic surveys of both Parents and Students. Students will complete the survey in class time and now it's the parents turn! We encourage you to kindly complete this survey to help us understand your perspectives on your child's school experience. Use the QR code to open the survey.

The survey closes on Friday 3 November. Thank you in advance for your help.

NSW Department of Education



Amcliffe Public School

Parent survey

We are seeking your feedback

Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to take 10 to 15 minutes to participate in the **Tell Them From Me** parent survey. The survey will help us understand your perspectives on your child's school experience and will be used to make practical improvements to our school.

Survey is open until 3 November 2023



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to complete the survey. It is completely confidential and is available in 23 languages.

The Learning Bar



Tell Them From Me parent survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the Partners in Learning parent survey?

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationships between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practice.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions aim to understand parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including learning, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour. The survey also aims to understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their child's learning.

The survey will ask parents questions about:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are involved	Parents support learning at home
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion
Communication preferences	Parents' participation at school	School supports learning

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your school has decided to participate.

4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspectives on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

5. How does the parent survey relate to the student survey?

The parent survey is complementary to the Tell Them From Me student survey that your child may have been asked to complete. These surveys are offered along with a teacher survey to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

For more detail on each of the surveys, see the survey website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

6. What do I need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, The Learning Bar. You can complete the survey on desktop computers, laptops, iPads, tablets and smartphones.

You will be provided with a link to complete the survey at home or your school may make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours. This link will be distributed to you by your school during Term 3.

7. Do I need to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Whilst your responses are very much appreciated, if during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

8. Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Survey responses are anonymous so staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. Data suppression rules are applied to the school reporting tools where there are fewer than five responses. In other words, schools only see responses to questions which have been answered by five or more parents.

9. What sort of analysis will be done of the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school. CSES will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between

parents and students' engagement, students' wellbeing, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CSES analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

10. When will the Partners in Learning survey happen?

The survey will be conducted in all participating schools between Term 3 and Term 4.

What is CSES?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CSES) is part of the Department of Education. CSES has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales. CSES will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CSES is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

What is The Learning Bar?

The Learning Bar is a Canadian education company that specialises in school surveys for both primary and secondary students. Its survey, Tell Them From Me, is the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of Canada's ten provinces. More than 6,300 schools and 5.4 million students have participated in the survey. Australian schools have been participating in the Tell Them From Me survey since 2012.

The Learning Bar is led by Dr J. Douglas Wilkins. Dr Wilkins is the President of the International Academy of Education, a Member of the US National Academy of Education and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He recently held the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Learning and Human Development for 14 years. Dr Wilkins has played a lead role in the development of questions for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

More information about The Learning Bar is available at: www.thelearningbar.com

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CSES via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: 1300 131 499.

Our little EAL/D gardening group!

Over the past few weeks some of the EAL/D children have been working hard on our school gardens. To assist with our healthy unit eating we planted some corn, carrots, cucumber and peas. The children planted and watered the seedlings and there was a lot of excitement and talk. We look forward to watching our garden grow.



2024 Enrolment Numbers

As previously requested, please complete our email survey sent to all children in Years K-5 to confirm if your child/ren will be returning to Arncliffe Public School in 2024.

It is important that the school has an accurate assessment of the number of children returning to school in 2024. Our staffing is determined by enrolment numbers. Accurate enrolment numbers assist us to minimise disruption and changes to classes at the beginning of the school year. We know that circumstances can change, but we appreciate you letting us know of any circumstances that might affect your enrolment with us next year.

In addition to this, we are seeking to finalise our Kindergarten 2024 numbers now. If you have a pre-schooler that turns 5 by July 2024 then please get in touch with us as a matter of urgency so we can get the enrolment process started.

Our enrolment projection is due to the Department of Education early in Term 4, so we appreciate your assistance in confirming your details and responding to our survey as soon as possible.

TASK - Vacation care at APS

The After School Klub (TASK) who run before and after school care at Arncliffe Public School run a fantastic school holiday program. See below for details.

TASK Holidays

ARNCLIFFE PS

W1 | SEPT/OCT, 2023
BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 20 SEPT

From as low as -
\$7.50
(with max.
govt. CCS)

MONDAY
25 SEPT

HOLI-DAY-ONES

Kick-off the **SPRING** holidays with face painting, crazy hair and fun-filled games.

Plus, learn how to make **GIANT BUBBLES** - a secret bonus for our day-one TASKers!

Full Fee - \$75

TUESDAY
26 SEPT

LOOSE PARTS LEGENDS

LOOSE PARTS PARTY!

Cardboard, wheels, do-dats and thingamajigs all with a **MINECRAFT** twist.

Full Fee - \$75

WEDNESDAY
27 SEPT

BIG SCREEN DAY OUT

Enjoy a **Movie Day Out!**

SESSION TBA

Full Fee - \$96

THURSDAY
28 SEPT

HOLIDAY COOKING CLUB

Join us for something **SAVORY** or **SWEET** that can't be beat. We'll make something good to eat!

Full Fee - \$75

FRIDAY
29 SEPT

ADDAMS FAMILY FRIDAY FUN

Dress up for Halloween and play spooky games with other TASKers!

Full Fee - \$75

HOURS
Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm

BOOKINGS
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1300 827 500

W2 | SEPT/OCT, 2023
BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 27 SEPT

MONDAY
2 OCT

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TASK IS CLOSED TODAY

Full Fee - \$75

TUESDAY
3 OCT

MOVIE MAKERS

Get ready for your close-up. With script writing, producing, green screen and filming workshops, the possibilities are endless.

The top 3 movies will be presented TASK-wide!

Full Fee - \$75

WEDNESDAY
4 OCT

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Not just a regular celebration, prepare for adventure! Jumping, flipping, dodging & weaving!

Giant Obstacles & Jumping Castles @ Rainbow St.

Full Fee - \$96

THURSDAY
5 OCT

THE WHEELIE GAMES!

Putting a spin on your regular Wheelie Day!

Competitions & games including: Rescue, Relays, Tag, Finish Line, Race the Space, RCTC, Capture the Flag & Wheelie Soccer!

Full Fee - \$75

FRIDAY
6 OCT

ARTY PARTY

Party in style with arts, crafts, and creative pallets.

Full Fee - \$75



Please read BOOK ME description for detailed information • Excursion days - places limited • TASK is egg & nut free • Afternoon tea provided
• All Holiday Program subject to change • Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.

Defence Family Support Services

Our dedicated Defence Family Worker program provides assistance to families of current serving members of the Defence Force

- Emotional and practical support, parenting support, advocacy and links to services.
- Understanding of issues unique to military life such as managing deployment, family member absence, and regular relocations.
- Support available for parents and their children
- Opportunities for Defence families to establish community connections, meeting through our Coffee & Connect social groups.
- Sutherland Shire, Bayside and George's River LGA's

Individual Casework Support Available

Fortnightly "Coffee & Connect" Social Group

Call (02) 9526 2933 or visit our website for more information at www.thefamilyco.org.au/defence

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The Family Co.

Nutrition Snippet

WHAT A WASTE

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Here are our top tips to reduce your food waste to save money and help the planet!

1. Only buy what you need
2. Store your food correctly
3. Love those leftovers
4. Don't throw away tired fruit and veg
5. Buy odd shaped fruit and veg

Read more about how to reduce food waste tips on our blog at: healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Healthy lifestyle resources for parents and carers

A healthy lifestyle webpage to support the health and wellbeing of children aged 0-12 years.

Check out the webpage for tips on:

- Fussy eating
- Healthy lunchboxes
- Managing screen time
- Quick and healthy recipe ideas, and more!

To access the webpage, click or scan the QR code

Free healthy lifestyle programs

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Translated resources

This resource has been developed by the Health Promotion Services, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

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