

#ArncliffeMatters

Arncliffe Public School Newsletter

Term 4 | Week 10 | 2023



There were no class assemblies held this week however the following awards were issued:

- **Gold:** Ziggy S
- **Silver:** Yajur C, Anir P, Dalia F, Aihem N, Ayra C, Zahraa M, Ziggy S, Yusuf T, Akeshi B, Delger B



Welcome to the final newsletter for 2023!

Dates for your diary

December

- Fri 15th Last day of term for Students
- Mon 18th Teacher Development Day
- Tue 19th Teacher Development Day

January 2024

- Tue 30th Teacher Development Day (pupil-free day - no supervision)
- Wed 31st Teacher Development Day (pupil-free day - no supervision)

February 2024

- Thu 1st First day of school for Year 1-6
- Mon 5th First day of school for Kindergarten
- Tue 6th Swimming Carnival (pre-registered competitive swimmers only)
- Fri 9th Second Hand Uniform Sale (8.30am)

Notes issued (via School Bytes)

Dance Curriculum (2024)
Swimming Carnival (2024)

Due: 29 Jan
Due: 2 Feb

Things to do in summer

Nature Play

1. Pick your own summer fruit at an orchard, farm, or in your backyard
2. Kayak or stand up paddle board on a river, lake or sea
3. Make a nature craft decoration to hang from the Christmas Tree
4. Plant a summer garden or pot plant (try strawberries, lettuce and cucumbers)
5. Go camping and look up at the night sky (head somewhere wild or pitch a tent in your own backyard)
6. Make a sand sculpture and decorate it with natural treasures
7. Create a summer nature play journal to record your adventures and natural finds
8. Water your summer garden first thing in the morning or as the sun sets. What changes can you notice from the day before?
9. Discover the world of dusk! Head out for a walk with your family and see what you can discover as day turns to night!
10. Run through a sprinkler without getting wet or get totally wet on a slip and slide!
11. Go on an outdoor adventure with your family over the weekend. Can you find a new natural place to explore?
12. Make homemade iceblocks or lemonade and enjoy them outside on a hot day!
13. Dine alfresco! Since the sun is out during dinner, why not eat your meal beneath it? Just lay out a blanket in the backyard or take a trip to the local park.
14. Make leaf boats and float them down a stream, pond or river
15. Create something out of cardboard boxes. A box car, a castle, a tunnel, a grass sled!
16. Go for a swim at a waterhole on a hot day take an inflatable ball, ring, or li-lo for some extra fun
17. Make and fly a kite
18. Learn how to skim a rock and then decide on a target and see if you can hit it. Different targets earn different points. Who will score the highest?
19. Look for native flora and fauna in your area and then identify them.
20. Reach out to your local community, make a new friend in your neighbourhood.

Remember to get permission if you go out on your own, and take a drink bottle, sunscreen, and a hat!



Check out www.natureplaycbr.org.au for more outdoor activities and age appropriate lists



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Happy Holidays from the Principal

At the recent Presentation, I drew on the theme “[Simply the Best](#)”. For those of you not there, I have summarised my speech below.

2023 has been another hugely successful year for us - it’s been [simply the best](#)! As a school we provide such a rich and varied curriculum and have so many opportunities to succeed and therefore celebrate our successes. These opportunities can only come through passionate, creative and dedicated teachers. To all the teachers I acknowledge your commitment to providing [simply the best](#) education for every student in our school. We are truly blessed to have [simply the best](#) teaching staff.

I am privileged to work not only alongside talented teachers but as part of a leadership team that is [simply the best](#)! The hard work of Mrs Cameron, Ms June, Mrs Raddik, and relieving this year Mrs Salame, Mrs Dimovski, Mrs Mores and Mrs Marsh is reflected in all the wide variety of programs that we offer. They are the drivers of change for improvement for our students and school. I thank you all for your feedback, advice, loyalty and hard work.

To all our students: you have been [simply the best](#) throughout 2023. You have come to school with great enthusiasm, readiness to learn, prepared to be engaged in the broad school curriculum, focussed on building and maintaining friendships, embracing our multicultural setting and full of laughter and joy - what more could we ask for! Congratulations! To our Year 6 students we have provided you with the foundations to flourish, thrive and grow into exceptional and [simply the best](#) young adults. wish you every success for your future in High School and beyond.

Parents and carers you have been very engaged in our school year and have been [simply the best](#) with your support, fundraising, encouragement and feedback. Thank you and it is with great anticipation that we build on this, particularly our P&C for 2024.

To be [simply the best](#) school we must continue to work together in unison and with the goal of expecting and exceeding an optimal education for all. This includes everyone: our office staff, cleaners and groundsman, who continually strive to ensure that our school operates in a highly functional and organised manner.

I am immensely proud, humbled and privileged to be the Principal of Arncliffe Public School. I hope that 2024 will be another positive and exciting journey as we embrace and work towards the realisation of our school vision: to educate students to become responsible, respectful and resilient learners. We are well placed and well prepared to undertake this journey.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday as we relax

From the Principal (continued)

Office Staff Update

It is with much sadness that we say farewell to Rachel Maiden, one of our esteemed Office Staff and weekly editor of our beautiful and informative newsletter #ArncliffeMatters. Rachel has had a long association with our school as a parent, pro-active P&C member, co-founder of the Band/Music program and highly valued staff member. Rachel will be enormously missed. We wish Rachel all the very best in her new endeavour and know that she will enhance her new workplace with her professionalism, skill-set, attention to detail, empathy and good humour. Best wishes Rachel, from your APS Family.



Our new School Calendar Organiser

Early next year we will introduce “My Family Hand”. This app works with School Bytes to help you be more organised, more easily!

- My Family Hand organises and diarises your school communications automatically.
- You get a personalised calendar based on your children’s class, activities and year!
- The calendar entries have all the details and links to pay and give consent.
- Every evening, you receive a daily summary of what was added to your calendar and what is on tomorrow.
- Plus, your parent tasks are diarised with reminder and deadline entries.

Look out for how to register soon!

Coming Soon

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- The calendar entries have all the details and links to consent and pay in **School Bytes**
- Every evening, you receive a daily summary of what was added to your calendar and what is on tomorrow
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my family hand
School Calendar Assistant

Year 6 and leaving families

- A reminder to please donate your old uniforms

The school would be delighted to accept pre-loved uniforms which will be donated to the P&C who run a regular second hand uniform stall throughout the year. Please send in your uniforms (washed and in good condition) to the office.

The uniform stall provides is a wonderful opportunity to purchase second hand uniforms at bargain prices as well as supporting the P&C.



A beautiful K-2 End of Year Concert

This week saw our annual End of Year Concert featuring a range of performance items from children in K-4. The highlight, as always, was our kindergarten children's performance of the Nativity Play. It is gratifying to me, as Principal, that we can all enjoy and celebrate this as a community, along with many other cultural celebrations throughout the year.





Presentation Day

Thank you to all the teachers involved in organising a very successful Presentation. We were delighted to acknowledge our students' successes in this formal ceremony.



A special congratulations to our two Dux recipients - Ella I and Deon G. The coveted Maja Vasic Literary Excellence Award was awarded to Ava K and Zac S. The prestigious Jason Watson Memorial Sportsman of the Year was awarded to Mohammed M.

Finally, we were delighted to announce our incoming Prefect Leadership team for 2024 and thoroughly enjoyed the outgoing prefects' traditional farewell dance!

Well done all!



Fabulous Fun Day

What a fantastic way to end the school year! Despite the stifling heat, we had a marvellous day of Giant Games, Inflatables, Christmas Craft and a school disco! We hope your children enjoyed it!



Farewell Year 6 - What a NIGHT!!

Last Tuesday our Stage 3 teachers farewelled the Year 6 Class of 2023 in a spectacular night of glamour, dancing and fun! Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers for all their hard work in making the event so special. The Year 6 children were delighted that so many other teachers joined in, many who have taught them over the years. It made for a very special night. We wish all the Year 6 students the very best for their continued academic journey in high school and beyond.



Year 5 High School Taster Day

Thank you to James Cook Boys High School and Morefield Girls High School for a fantastic “Taster Day” for our students.



School intake area adjustments - Community feedback

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback in the community consultation about the proposed changes to school intake areas. We want to share with you some information on changes that will increase access to co-educational settings for more families in our local area and surrounds.

The NSW Government has committed to offering every student a guaranteed option to enrol in a designated co-educational high school by 2027. Enrolments will open in 2024 for students to commence in Term 1, 2025.

The department webpage has links to interactive maps to help you identify the guaranteed co-educational option for your home address.

If your home is currently in an intake area for a single-sex school you will still be able to enrol at that school. The proposed co-educational option for your home address will be an additional option for you.

You can view the finalised school intake areas on the [department website](#), so you can see which high schools your child is able to attend in Term 1, 2025. The finalised school intake areas will also be made available on School Finder in Term 1, 2024.

Our school staff are available to talk through high school options and these changes with you. We will also continue to support your child, so they can understand the options available to them. If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact us via email or visit the department website.

Vacation Care by TASK

January Program

See below for information on Vacation Care provided by TASK during January 2024.

TASK Holidays

W1 JANUARY, 2024
BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 3 JAN

ARNCLIFFE PS

From as low as **\$7.50**
(incl. GST & CCA)

<p>MONDAY 8 JAN</p> <p>CREATIVE KIDS CLUB</p> <p>Unleash your inner artist with the eye and outdoor art projects in TASK!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>TUESDAY 9 JAN</p> <p>MONKA FACTORY</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 10 JAN</p> <p>Superhero</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>THURSDAY 11 JAN</p> <p>KIDS FOR KINDNESS</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>FRIDAY 12 JAN</p> <p>CAMP SUNNY</p> <p>100% Sunny summer fun!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	
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Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm

BOOKINGS
task-kids.com.au
enrol@task-kids.com.au
1300 827 500

W2 JANUARY, 2024
BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 10 JAN

<p>MONDAY 15 JAN</p> <p>CULINARY QUEST</p> <p>It's time to whisk up some delicious recipes and create something new!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>TUESDAY 16 JAN</p> <p>TASK SPORTS!</p> <p>Get ready for a fun day of sports and games!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 17 JAN</p> <p>THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</p> <p>Join us for a fun day of games and activities!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>THURSDAY 18 JAN</p> <p>MOVIE DAY</p> <p>Enjoy a movie day with us!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>FRIDAY 19 JAN</p> <p>SPACE ODYSSEY</p> <p>Join us for a fun day of space-themed activities!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	
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BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 17 JAN

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<p>MONDAY 22 JAN</p> <p>THE TRAVELER'S ART-VENTURE</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>TUESDAY 23 JAN</p> <p>WILDA YU'S OLYMPICS</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 24 JAN</p> <p>SECRET SUMMER</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>THURSDAY 25 JAN</p> <p>CAMP SUNNY</p> <p>100% Sunny summer fun!</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>FRIDAY 26 JAN</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	
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W4 JANUARY, 2024
BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 24 JAN

<p>MONDAY 29 JAN</p> <p>SPLASH DOWN</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>TUESDAY 30 JAN</p> <p>PIZZA PUSHER!</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 31 JAN</p> <p>PIZZA PARTY</p> <p>With the help of your imagination, we'll create a magical world of fantastical creatures and magical surprises.</p> <p>Fee - \$75</p>	<p>THURSDAY 1 FEB</p> <p>SCHOOL</p>		
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Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th

TASK Holidays

BOOKINGS CLOSE WED 13 DEC

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<p>MONDAY 18 DEC</p> <p>END OF YEAR PARTY</p> <p>Celebrate a year of adventure, friends, and fun with games, music, and surprises at the ultimate <i>Task-tastic</i> End of Year Party!</p> <p>Full Fee - \$75</p>	<p>TUESDAY 19 DEC</p> <p>REINDEER RENDEZVOUS</p> <p>Join us for a magical day of Christmas crafts and games!</p> <p>Get ready for a jolly good time!</p> <p>Full Fee - \$75</p>
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The After School Klub



Arncliffe Public School is pleased to be hosting Code Camp after-school in Term 1, 2024.
 At Code Camp, kids design, code, problem solve and become storytellers and creators of technology, by creating games, websites, music and videos or flying drones - in weekly after-school sessions!



Students in Years 2-6

Minecraft Engineers is our latest exciting blend of coding, engineering, and creativity using everyone's favourite game: Minecraft!
 Over each 8-week project, students will investigate and solve technical problems to construct roaring rollercoasters and soaring skyscrapers.
 Redstone engineering, circuitry, physics, programming, and more... what can your budding engineer build in Minecraft?

Book now using discount code **T124EB** to take advantage of our \$15 Early Bird Discount running until 15th of December 2023.

Book now via

www.codecamp.com.au/arnps

Book now at:
codecamp.com.au

Give us a call on:
1300 263 322



TO REGISTER: FREE CALL
1800 780 900
 SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back
 Register online at www.go4fun.com.au

Help your family to get healthy, active and happy with Go4Fun.

FREE healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight. A parent or carer is required to attend each session.

Your local program:
 Arncliffe Youth Centre
 Thursdays 4-6pm
 Starts 8th Feb 2024

