

#ArncliffeMatters

Arncliffe Public School Newsletter

Term 4 | Week 8 | 2023



Assembly Awards

K Blue	Michid M, Meryah F
K Red	Haydar B, Dylan E
K Green	Hannah T, Lucas F
1/2 Blue	Winnie X, Aiden C
1/2 Green	Zoe S, Alia M, Bonnie May C
1/2 Orange	Lachlan M, Alice M
1/2 Red	Dominique G, Chester L
1/2 Purple	Oyu B, Yara Y
3/4 Blue	Iskra W, Piper S, Hussein K, Gegee E
3/4 Green	Ali N, Cosmo C, Harmony F
3/4 Orange	Leo S, Khulan B
3/4 Purple	William S, Michayla P, Aavish B
3/4 Red	Aiya P, Sienna B, Charles W, Mikhail V
5/6 Blue	Zahra F, Lilio J, Margad M
5/6 Green	Harper H, Taylor C, Emmett E, Ava K
5/6 Orange	Jibril J, Ali H, Noah T, Cooper M
5/6 Red	Tselmuun E, Muhammad-Ali H, Valentina P, Soyombo E

Silver Awards

Dylan D, Max B, Mahdi H, Toby C, Michid B, Mishal S, Bat-Erdene O, Manessa D, Harvey W, Batkhuslen O, Mona S, Willow M

Gold Awards

Leya S, Hayley H, Evren B

Specialist Teacher Awards

DRAMA: Hailey K, Enerel B, Hamza I, Leonardo V, Maryam E, Nadyne B, William S

Wise Words

(from the Office Women!)

We have received reports from parents about children not walking safely to school. If your child walks to school, and especially if they are responsible for younger children, please, please, please read the important details on page 7 about being SAFE.

HELPFUL
TIPS

Dates for your diary

December

Mon 4 th	Year 6 Camp (Mon-Wed)
Tue 5 th	Year 5 High School Taster Day
Wed 6 th	Kogarah HS Online Consultation
Tue 12 th	Presentation Day Assembly
Tue 12 th	Year 6 Farewell
Wed 13 th	K-4 Christmas Concert
Thu 14 th	School Picnic XMas Fun Day
Fri 15 th	Last day of term for Students

Return to School in 2024

Tue 30 th & Wed 31 st Jan	are Pupil Free Days
Thu 1 st Feb	Term 1 starts for students Yrs 1-6
Mon 5 th Feb	Term 1 starts for Kindergarten
Fri 9 th Feb	Second Hand Uniform Sale

Notes issued (via School Bytes)

Year 6 Farewell & Graduation	Due: TODAY
Swimming Carnival 2024 EOI	Due: TODAY
School Picnic Day	Due: 7 Dec
Dance Curriculum (2024)	Due: 29 Jan

Assemblies Week 9 (Fri 8th Dec)

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



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Bay Side Learning Community

Our 2023 Junior Cricket Champions!

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Cricket team who won the PSSA Grand Finals in a tight match against Rockdale Public School this morning! The final score was 39-33.



Our softball team may not be winners, but they are still smiling!



PSSA (Summer) News & Results

Congratulations to all our teams for playing to the best of their ability, being fair and generous competitors and above all, having fun!

Basketball	Cricket	Girls Softball (friendly)
• Juniors:42-6 (win)	• Juniors 39-33 (win)	• Juniors:7-6 (loss)
• Seniors: 38-18 (loss)	• Seniors: 49-49 (draw)	• Seniors:10-5 (loss)

Today marks the end of the PSSA Summer Competition. Students will participate in School Sport on Fridays for the remainder of the term. Please also note there is no PSSA sport in Term 1 (2024). Winter PSSA will start in Term 2 (2024).



Minecraft Engineers Program

- New after-school program starting in Term 1 2024

We are delighted to offer a new 8-week after-school program commencing in 2024 exclusively for Arncliffe Public School students. Minecraft Engineers is suitable for students in Years 2-6 and will be held on Wednesday afternoons (3.15pm - 4.30pm) in the Computer Room commencing in Week 2 of Term 1.

Run by Code Camp, the Minecraft Engineers Program is designed to pique students' curiosity and provide a foundation in engineering and programming using a game that students absolutely love -- Minecraft!

Students will learn to build a rollercoaster throughout the term by learning and applying basic engineering concepts and command-based programming in an age-appropriate way.

Please find the booking link [HERE](#) and see flyer below for more details.

Parents will receive a \$15 Early-Bird saving if they enrol by 15 December. Just use the discount code when booking on our website: T124EB.

Numbers are limited, so get in early to secure a spot



The flyer features the CodeCamp logo at the top left. The main headline reads "Bringing fun after-school classes to your school". Below this is a photograph of three children in blue CodeCamp t-shirts. The child on the left is holding a laptop displaying a Minecraft game. The child in the middle is holding a Minecraft character block. The child on the right is holding a green Minecraft block. The background of the photo is a purple and blue grid pattern. At the bottom of the flyer, there is a list of classes: "Little Coders . Coding . Curious Minds . Robotics Animation . Design . Minecraft Engineers". Below the list is a call to action: "See what's on at your school and book at www.codecamp.com.au/arnps". At the bottom, it says "Get in touch at hello@codecamp.com.au or 1300 263 322". There is also a Product Review logo with a 4.9 rating and five stars.

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Returning to school in 2024



Earlier this term we sent a note home via School Bytes asking families to let us know if their children would be returning in 2024.

We are aware that circumstances can change. If your situation has changed and you are moving schools next year would you kindly send the school an email to let us know. We really appreciate your assistance with this as we are balancing our 2024 enrolment numbers right now. Thank you.

Playgroup Christmas Party heralds the end of a great year for toddlers

Today we held a Christmas Party for all the young children who attend our Friday Playgroup sessions. It was a splendid occasion and a great way to finish the year.

Our Friday Playgroups are a wonderful way to introduce young children to our school in a positive and fun way. It has been embraced by many families with young children.

Playgroup will resume in 2024. Please watch this newsletter for the official start date.



COVID is on the rise

We have noticed an increase in COVID in our community and thought it was a good time to remind families of the need to be COVID-safe. Please see information below from the Department of Education.

Most importantly, children should stay at home if unwell. Children who present at school with cold and flu symptoms will be sent to sick bay and we will call parents to collect. We really appreciate everyone taking this seriously.

NSW Department of Education

COVID smart measures for schools

Information for families

We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.

Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.

Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.

Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used in conjunction with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.

Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing continues to be required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes, support units or mainstream classrooms.

Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.

Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated into planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.

Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures for a limited time to help stop the chain of infection, including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing certain groups to learn remotely.

Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.

Wishing Tree Appeal extended

Thank you to those families who have already delivered a gift for our Wishing Tree. Our hearts are full to see such generosity.

We have extended the deadline until Monday 4 December so if you are able to purchase a gift over the weekend you can pop it under the tree on Monday!

To support our appeal, simply bring in a small gift labelled with the appropriate age and gender on the bag (please don't wrap the gift, just place it in a gift bag) and place it under the Christmas tree in the school office. All the gifts will be donated to Caringkids, a charity that works with young carers to help make their Christmas this year special!

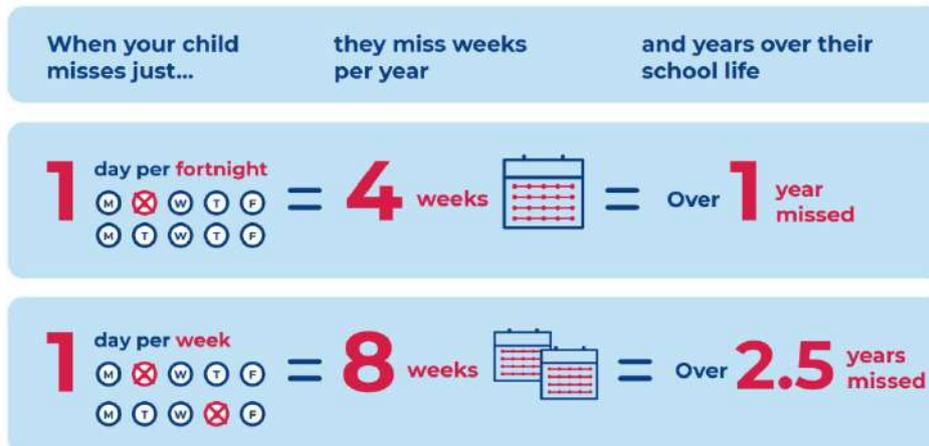
The SRC greatly appreciates your support!



The statistics are staggering...

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



P&C School Bags on sale \$50

These bags are normally \$70 and come with LED lights for extra safety. The Harlequin School Bags are from the Might Tuff Range. Great for back posture and comes with the APS logo. To purchase one, please bring \$50 cash to the office.



Be safe walking to school

- An important safety reminder from the Principal

Once again I was very disappointed to receive a call from a member of our community reporting on students behaving in an unsafe manner whilst walking to school.

In this instance a group of APS children were walking to school with a Kindergarten child who was being silly at a dangerous intersection.

I re-iterate that parents and carers should be supervising young children walking to school, especially when we are surrounded by busy roads and dangerous intersections. Young children do not have enough understanding of road rules to take care of themselves, let alone supervise even younger children in their care.

TASK provides before and after school care, at reasonable costs, if needed.

As we roll towards Christmas, the roads are getting busier and driver behaviour is more erratic. We must do everything we can as a community to keep our children safe.

Kids and Traffic Key Road Safety Messages for adults to share with young children

These *Kids and Traffic* Key Road Safety Messages are designed for adults to use with young children as they travel together as passengers and pedestrians and at play.

Early childhood educators are ideally placed to share these messages with children during everyday experiences - dramatic play, music and story, arrivals and departures, transition times and discussions. They are also ideally placed to share these messages with families for them to use when out and about with their children.

Adults are responsible for the safety of the young children in their lives but by using these *Kids and Traffic* Key Road Safety Messages, they can engage children in learning about how to be safe in the traffic environment without making them responsible for their own safety.

Pedestrian messages

- Always hold a grown-up's hand.
- When a grown-up's hand is not available, hold a pram, bag or clothes.
- Always cross the road with a grown-up.



Passenger messages

- Always buckle up safely.
- Always stay buckled up - awake or asleep.
- Always get in and out of the 'Safety Door'.



Safe play messages

- Always ask a grown-up where it is safe for you to play.
- Always wear your helmet when riding your bike or wheeled toy.



Kogarah Secondary Schools Community Consultation Workshop

As you know, the school is taking part in community consultations relating to high school enrolment decision-making and a range of proposals for future arrangements at James Cook Boys Technology and Moorefield Girls high schools.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey.

As part of the consultation, you are invited to attend a workshop hosted by the NSW Department of Education. This is an opportunity to share your views on educational offerings for years 7-12 in the Kogarah-Rockdale area.

Workshop details:

- Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023
- Time: 5.00 - 6.00 pm

[Register your attendance via this link.](#)

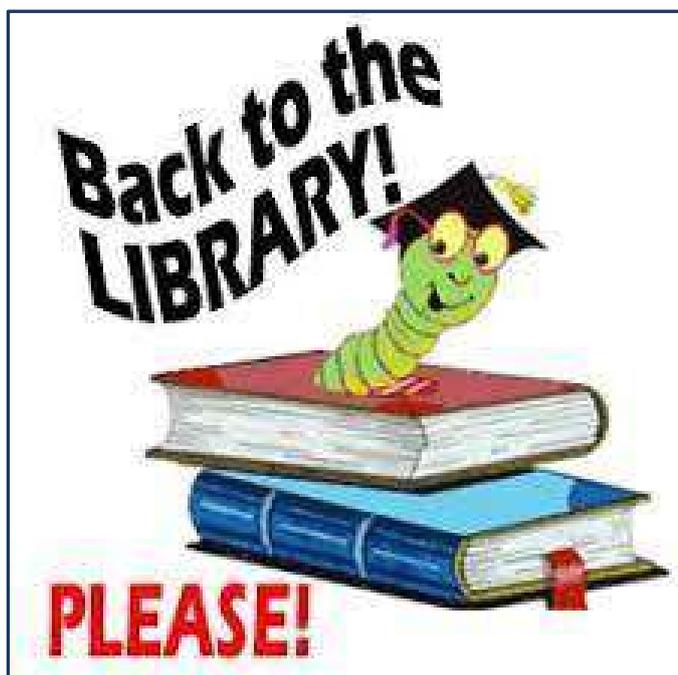
Workshops are confidential and cannot be used to identify any individual.

We encourage you to have your say and participate in the workshops if you can. Your voices are so important to the future of education in our local community.

Library Stocktake Reminder! - please return all books

A reminder from our librarian, Mrs Agius, to please return all library books as soon as possible. We will conduct our annual stocktake towards the end of term, and it's vital that all books are returned.

Fines may apply for books not returned.



Vacation Care by TASK

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th
December

See below for information on Vacation Care provided by TASK to cover the two last days of term 4 that are designated as pupil-free days.

TASK
Holidays

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BOOKINGS CLOSE WED 13 DEC

MONDAY
18 DEC

END OF YEAR
PARTY

Celebrate

a year of adventure,
friends, and fun with
games, music, and
surprises at the
ultimate *Task-tastic*
End of Year Party!



Full Fee - \$75

TUESDAY
19 DEC

REINDEER
RENDEZVOUS

Join us for a
magical day of
Christmas crafts
and games.

*Get ready for a
jolly good time!*



Full Fee - \$75



HOURS
Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm

BOOKINGS
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The
After
School
Klub

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.





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Nutrition Snippet

FOOD SAFETY

As the weather warms up, it's important to keep food in the lunch box cold and safe to eat.



Use a cooler bag and ice brick or a frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cold.

For more info and tips read our blog at: healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/make-your-lunch-box-safe.

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Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

FESTIVE FUN

Get the kids in the kitchen decorating their own healthy and tasty Christmas pizza.



Perfect for the lunch box, after school snack, party pleaser or dinner!

Our [Christmas tree pizza](#) recipe is a healthy and tasty lunch box item that the kids will love!

For this recipe and more visit: healthylunchbox.com.au  **Cancer Council**
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS



ACTIVE DAY OF FUN SPORTS

9-3pm

JUNIOR TENNIS	UTR MATCHPLAY
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