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Newsletter



Week 8 Term 4 – Thursday 5th December 2019



We certainly are on the countdown to Christmas with only 19 sleeps to go. A Christmas tree has been added to the bus bay and every student in art has made a decoration to be added to it. We still have lots of things to squeeze in to the final two weeks of school, culminating in the family picnic day at Collaroy beach as the final day of school for students.

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Sydney Special Children's Christmas Party

Yesterday a bus load of very excited staff and students set off for Rosehill Race course. The quest perhaps was to find Santa! I heard they found cupcakes, toys, puppies and (lots of coffee for the big kids!) Willem apparently had to tell Mrs Nestor to take some 'big breaths' because she got so excited with the dogs. What a brilliant demonstration of transferring knowledge and learning. Great job Willem! Many thanks to all the staff for your resilience, patience, energy and flexibility on a day like this and doing it for the children. Thanks also to the wonderful parents who braved the elements, the crowds and the journey to also support and share in such an annual Christmas treat. Special thanks also to Jack for driving the school bus on more than one adventure this week, including the mechanics for a service and covering me when I double booked myself. Thank you!



Collaroy Family Picnic Day

Wednesday 18th December: the beach is booked, the shelters are getting sorted, the volunteers are being rounded up and notes are about to be sent home. Usually this is the 'annual day of rain' and this year it certainly would be welcomed...just not between 10 and 2pm. Please mark it in the diary so that you can come and join us on the day, have a swim, share some chips, dress in some Christmas gear and chill with the other children and parents.

Community Thank You Breakfast

Next Friday morning from 8am, we are having a breakfast to celebrate the many volunteers and helpers that we have had through the doors of Arranounbai throughout the year. This will be followed by a special assembly to say a HUGE thank you to our incredible school community of which we could not do half the things we do without your input. Please don't forget to rsvp for catering purposes.

International Day of People with Disability

Tuesday 3rd of December saw Rocky and Me screen on the ABC. This is a lovely short film that makes the halls of Arranounbai look spectacular. You can clearly tell it's our little school. If you haven't already seen it use the link to have a quick look.
<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/disrupted-rocky-and-me>

As part of our recognition of this day, Allambie Heights PS leaders, who supported the Friday swimming program in terms 2&3, were invited to come and participate in activities that were adapted for all students. These activities were held today. 24 Allambie leaders joined us from 11am to 12:30 and participated with all of Arranounbai school students. Cupcakes were decorated, students played chair volley ball, boccia bowling and a number of other activities. Huge thanks to Mrs Golding who organised the activities and ran the session, along with all the incredible staff. It is such a pleasure to see everyone interacting and communicating with their peers from a local school.

Litterbug Ruins Christmas

Next Tuesday afternoon we welcome a performance supported by the Northern Beaches council to enhance our knowledge and understanding of littering and recycling. This should be a fun afternoon for all students. This is a free performance donated by the council.



The Litter Bug
and
Lisa the Litter Guard

Class Merit Award recipients- Week 7

Congratulations to the following students who received class awards at Friday's Assembly.



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| 1A – Jerina & Ricky | 2C – Aaron |
| 2J – Aurora | 3N - Emma |
| 3M – Margaux | 4K – Kai |
| 5S – Jin | Shopping/Life Skills - Willem |
| Music – Margaux | Kitchen Garden – Owen |

2C have had the pleasure of having Mrs Hauber from the Australian Catholic University join us for her teaching professional experience. 2C have demonstrated amazing Arranounbai Attitude throughout her visit, communicating respectfully about our routines and expectations and following all instructions from a new teacher. Thank you Mrs Hauber for all your hard work.

Last week 2C visited the Botanical Gardens and caught the ferry to Manly. They enjoyed looking at the carnivorous plant exhibit and using their Opal cards to pay for the ferry.

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

Congratulations to the following student, who gained their tokens to receive his Gold Award.



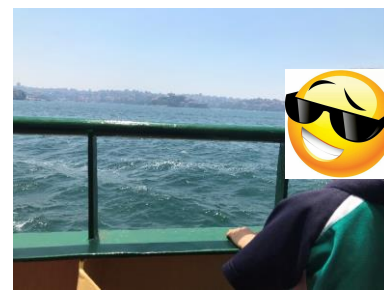
Class of the Week

Each week during assembly a 'spy' will watch each class, looking for those doing their best to follow the Arranounbai Attitude. At the end the spy will announce the class that has shone that week.

Week 7: Spy – Mrs Osborne Class: 2J

Dates for Your Diary

- Litterbug Ruins Christmas** – 10th December
- Community Thank You Breakfast** – 13th December @ 8am
- Presentation Day** – Tuesday 17th December
- Collaroy Picnic Day** – Wednesday 18th December



Christmas Shopping Opportunity

Still needing to buy a Christmas gift and wanting a way to support country folk suffering due to the drought? Here is a great way of doing it.

<https://m.facebook.com/buyfromthebush>

Santa Photos

Anyone that ordered a Santa photo should receive their prints today or tomorrow. Thanks for taking up this opportunity, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!