

CARDIFF NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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BULLETIN

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Term 4 Week 1

16th October 2019

COMING EVENTS

Tell Them From Me Survey

Open now until 25th October (see details later in Bulletin)

Monday 14th October - Friday 25th October

Swimming Scheme (Years 2, 3 & 4)

Thursday 17th, 24th & 31st October

2020 Kindergarten classroom visits 2pm-3pm

Friday 18th October - Friday 6th December

Dance2BFit

Tuesday 22nd October

P&C Meeting 6pm

Thursday 31st October

Year 6 Fundraiser - Walkathon

Friday 1st November

MusicaViva B'Tutta Concert

Puggles Welcome & Infants Disco 6pm-7pm

Monday 4th November

Total Homestead Excursion K - 2

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th November

Parliament speeches

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Total Homestead \$27

Note and payment due 25th October

Dance2BFit \$26

Note due 27th September / Payment due 16th October

Swimming Scheme \$85

Instalment 2 (\$42.50) due 16th October

MusicaViva \$6.50

Note and payment due 18th October

Stage 3 Excursion \$345

Final payment due 25th October

Stage 3 Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Money & leftover chocolates due 4th November

Voluntary Contribution \$40

OVERDUE

Walkathon

Permission Note OVERDUE

Absence Notification by SMS Note

PSSA \$50

Matific \$11

Principal's Message



Congratulations to our 'Green Team' led by the wonderful Kate Gillard, on again producing an impressive display at this year's Living Smart Festival. Also a special thanks to Sienna's dad Michael Brown, one of our talented parents, who helped by painting our totem poles. It was fantastic to have so many of our school community support the student's efforts by visiting the display on the day. The students even got to meet Gardening Australia's famous gardener Costa and our students were also featured in a photo in the local paper.

Permanent Classroom Teacher

Congratulations to our valued teacher Mrs Amelia McMurray, who was successful in gaining the recently advertised permanent classroom teacher position at Cardiff North Public School. Amelia is already an amazing member of our Cardiff North team and it is wonderful that we now have her in a permanent capacity. Amelia should be especially proud of gaining this position as she was one of 140 applicants who applied. Congratulations again!



Allyson Corrigan

Principal
Cardiff North Public School

A proud member of the Cardiff Community of Schools

Swimming Carnival - Save the Date

This year's swimming carnival will be held on **Tuesday 26th November**. More information will be sent home soon

Staff Car Park

Please be aware that the staff car park is strictly for staff only. Just a reminder that OOSH drop-offs and pick-ups must be made via the Byron Street gate.

Canteen Orders

All lunch orders are now to be placed in the new slot located at the school canteen. Please ensure orders are labelled clearly and money is secured inside a lunch order bag, envelope or zip lock bag.



Artwork Donation

One of our very talented and proud Wiradjuri parents, Michael, has generously donated an original artwork to our school. His artwork represents 'connections' and shows family, school and work.

We are very honoured to accept this beautiful artwork and will display it proudly in our school. Thank you Michael!



CARDIFF NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
Invites 2020 kindergarten and current infants students to a



Friday 1st November

6.00pm - 7.00pm



Living Smart Festival

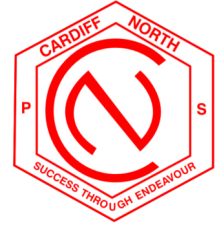
Here are some photos of our garden bed entry which was displayed at this year's Living Smart Festival. Unfortunately no win this year, but it was great to meet Costa from ABC's Gardening Australia and we were able to bring the raised garden bed back to school.

Thank you to the families who came along and supported Cardiff North on the day. Students who were there were placed in a draw to win a prize. The draw will take place at the next assembly.





P&C NEWS



P&C Meeting

The P&C will be holding an extra meeting in Week 2 to discuss a range of exciting things. On the agenda for the meeting is fundraising for Term 4, Healthy Canteen ideas with a 'Good For Life' representative and the Christmas Raffle. If you have any great ideas or have been thinking of coming along to a P&C meeting but were not sure what to expect, this is the meeting for you! It will be held on **Tuesday 22nd October at 6pm** in the Library. All are welcome to attend!

P&C Positions To Be Filled

The P&C are seeking volunteers to fill the following positions:

- ⇒ Treasurer
- ⇒ Canteen Supervisor

Please see the office if you are interested in either position or would like more information.



Uniform Shop Hours

**TUESDAYS and
WEDNESDAYS from 2.45pm**

Order forms available from the office

**EFTPOS is now available in the Uniform Shop
during Uniform Shop hours.**

Please note that there is a 1.9% transaction fee to use this facility.

P&C MEETINGS

**Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 6pm in the
library.**



***Tell Them From Me Parent Survey* - due by 25th October 2019**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between **16 October and 25 October**. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey for our school go to:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fh72v>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Please complete this survey as it provides valuable information for our school.



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 relationship 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 practices.

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 teaching, 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:

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| Parents feel welcome | Parents are informed | 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 surveys 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.

CESE 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 CESE's 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 surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 27th August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 26th October 2018 (Week 2, Term 4).

What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More Information about CESE 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* surveys since 2012.

The Learning Bar is led by Dr J Douglas Willms. Dr Willms 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 Literacy and Human Development for 14 years. Dr Willms has played a lead role in the development of questions for the OECD's 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 CESE via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: **1300 131 499**.



Education

High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools

in 2021

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2021?

You must apply online at:

[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key Dates

Application website opens:
8 October 2019

Application website closes:
10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent
overnight on:
4 July 2020

Parents should check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc) regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: 1300 880 367

Fax: 02 9266 8435

Postal Address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Please Note:

* In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'

Kindergarten Orientation

Puggles Program

Wednesday
14th Aug
6:00pm
Library

Parent Information Session

You will be introduced to our dedicated staff, who will present visual snapshots of what we offer our students at Cardiff North. You will be provided with a 'welcome pack' and meet our school wellbeing mascots.

Tuesday
10th Sept
9.30-11am
Library

Parent & Child Sessions

Students will meet their buddies and enjoy a tour of our school. They will be introduced to our mascots for their first lunch and play time at our school. Parents will have the opportunity to explore healthy lunchbox options from a 'Good for Kids' healthy eating advisor.

Thursday
19th Sept
9.30-11am
Hall

P&C and Uniform Information

The P&C will provide information about how the P&C works with the school and uniforms will be on display.

Literacy & Numeracy

Parents will learn about the Early Action for Success Initiative. K-2 students begin school with a strong team of staff who ensure their continual improvement. The role of the Instructional Leader and Interventionist K-2 is complimented by our learning support team. Scholastic book packs will be distributed.

Classroom Visit

Children will experience a variety of activities which will support them in a smooth transition to kindergarten. Opportunities to develop relationships with other students will occur in a highly supportive environment.

Tuesday
24th Sept
2-3pm
Hall

Wellbeing Information

School wellbeing procedures will be communicated to parents. Our learning support team will provide information on school readiness and support programs.

Classroom visit

Tuesdays and Thursdays
2-3pm
Kindergarten Room

Kinder Transition Days

Students will experience full kindergarten style lessons during these visits with support from their buddies and the orientation team.

Dates: Thursdays 17th, 24th and 31st of October and Tuesdays the 5th, 12th and 19th of November.



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