CARDIFF NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

BULLETIN

Pupils are to reach their full potential through teacher, parent and student endeavour.

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Term 1 Week 2 **6th February 2019**

COMING EVENTS

Monday 11th February
Kindergarten photos

Wednesday 13th February
Drum Corp Lessons - Stage 3

Wednesday 13th February
SRE (Scripture) commences

Tuesday 19th February
Hunter Life Education Excursion - Kindergarten

Wednesday 20th February
Hunter Life Education Excursion - Years 1 - 6

Thursday 21st February
Zone Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th February
Kindergarten speech assessments

Tuesday 19th March
School Photos

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Drum Corp Lessons - Stage 3
Note due Friday 8th February

Special Religious Education (Scripture) Participation
Note Due Monday 11th February

Hunter Life Education $10
Note and money due Wednesday13th February

Kindergarten Speech Assessments
Note due Friday 15th February

P&C MEETINGS
Our next meeting will be held on
12th February 2019 at 6pm in the staffroom.

The AGM will be held on
12th March 2019 at 6pm in the staffroom.

P&C Treasurer still needed.
Please advise the office if you are interested.

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school after what I am sure was a fantastic holiday with your family and friends.

The students have settled into their classrooms well and there have been lots of excited, happy faces as students re-connect with their friends in the playground.

We especially welcome our new families for 2019 and know that they will love our fantastic school as much as we do.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back our wonderful staff. Cardiff North is very fortunate to have a strong team of professional and dedicated teachers who have spent many hours of their own time over the holidays planning exciting learning experiences for your children. The passion they have for their craft and the commitment they have to continuing to improve their own learning means your children are in very capable hands.

Enjoy your first weeks back at school and please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me as I am always happy to discuss your children with you.

I want to share part of what Mark Scott, the Secretary of the Department of Education had to say as he addressed his colleagues this year. I believe it sums up the high expectations we have of ourselves to deliver an exceptional education for your children at Cardiff North Public School.

Mark Scott says:

"In 2019 we will continue on the path laid out in our Strategic Plan, launched a year ago. Students are at the centre of our system, and they drive all our decision-making. We want to ensure everyone is making progress and that every young person is known, valued and cared for. We are committed to improvement everywhere across the system: every student, every teacher, every leader, every school, every year.

Outstanding teaching – ensuring young people are engaged, challenged and independent learners – is central to all we do. Some get the privilege of shaping lives through teaching every day. The rest of us have the honour of supporting this vital work in our varied roles across NSW Education.

We want to be a truly world-class system, delivering outstanding student improvement in every school.

What important work we are doing together. Thank you for your commitment to the young people in our care, to their future and to public education."

Have a fabulous year everyone!

Allyson Corrigan
Principal
Cardiff North Public School
A proud member of the Cardiff Community of Schools

CLASSES AND TEACHERS 2019

Classes have been finalised and the year has begun with the following class structures. All classes have been formed very carefully with the best interests of your child's academic and wellbeing needs at the heart of all decision making.

Kindergarten (ES1 - Early Stage 1)

KG - Miss Gillard

Years 1 and 2 (S1 - Stage 1)

1/2M - Miss Molloy
1/2L - Mrs Lindsay (M-Th) and Miss Smith (F)

Years 3 and 4 (S2 - Stage 2)

3/4M - Mrs McMurray
3/4MW - Mrs McShane (M-W) & Mrs Westwood (Th-F)

Years 5 and 6 (S3 - Stage 3)

5/6S - Mrs Savage (M - Th) & Miss Stritch (F)
5/6P - Mr Piggott

OTHER STAFF 2019

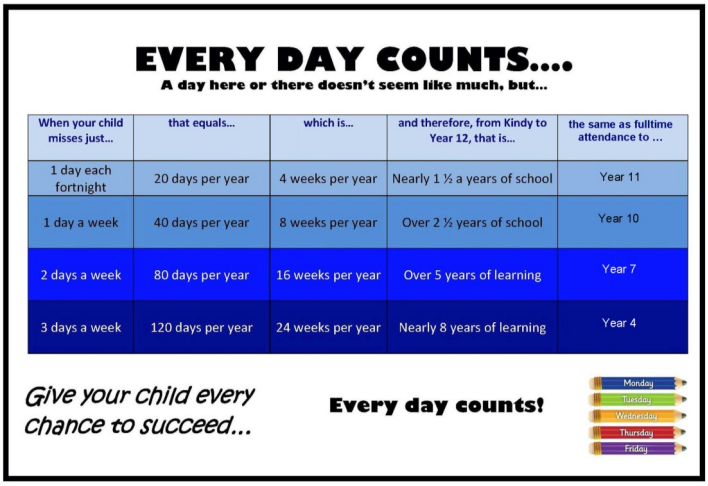
Principal - Mrs Corrigan
Assistant Principals - Mrs Savage (M-F), Mrs McShane (M,Tu,W,Th) and Miss Zawierta (Th)
Instructional Leader - Miss Zawierta
School Administrative Manager - Miss Dowdell
School Administrative Officer - Mrs Arthur
Interventionist - Miss Stritch
School Counsellor - to be advised in week 4
School Chaplain - to be advised in week 4
Learning and Support Teacher - Mrs Edwards
Teacher Librarian - Mrs Payne
School Learning and Support Officers - Mrs Sneddon and Mr Armstrong
General Assistant - Mr Flannery
Cleaner - Ms Morrow
Crossing Guides - Allan and Shane

ATTENDANCE

At Cardiff North Public School, we pride ourselves on our excellent rate of student attendance, which is never below the Department's target. We hope to maintain our record.

So, just as a friendly reminder:

- If your child is sick or unable to attend school on a particular day, you can notify us by phone, by email, by using the Skoolbag APP or by sending to school a letter explaining why your child was absent. This needs to be done within 7 days of the first day of absence.
- Teachers are required to contact parents after their child has been absent for 2 consecutive days. This is part of the Department's Attendance Policy and is just to find out why your child isn't at school. This is a role we must complete as part of this policy implementation.
- The Department of Education prefers planned absences, such as a family holiday, to be scheduled for school vacation periods, ***NOT during school and valuable learning times***. Children's progress often slips back behind their peers if they take an extended period of leave.
- We understand that, at times, an extended absence, such as a family holiday, is impossible to avoid. If this happens, please make an appointment with the Principal to obtain the correct forms to apply for an extended absence and obtain a certificate of approval.



MORNING SUPERVISION

To ensure student safety, we would like to remind all families that staff supervision of students begins at 8.30am with the morning bell. Please ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30am.

‘Meet the Teacher’

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 25th February

(K) 3:00 - 3:30pm
(1-2) 3:30 - 4:00pm
(3-6) 4:00 - 4:30pm

On Monday 25th February, staff will be staying back after school to allow parents and carers time to come to their classroom and discuss key elements of the classroom routines. This may include homework, behaviour expectations, excursions, equipment etc. Time will also be made available for questions. This is not a time for a formal interview with the teacher. If you would like more time to speak with your child’s teacher please arrange a time convenient for both of you. Formal Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for weeks 6 and 7 of this term.

If one or both parents are unable to make it to a session, don’t worry. Each teacher will provide a handout summary of their session and this will be sent home with the children of those parents and carers unable to attend.

We look forward to working with you to best meet the needs of your child.

DRUM CORPS

Drumming lessons begin this term for all Year 5/6 students. The school and P & C are subsidising the fees for all students as part of our Wellbeing program. Please complete the permission note to allow your child to participate in this fun, bonding experience for our leaders as they begin the year. We look forward to seeing them perform for our whole school later in the term.

OOSH

Our Out of School Hours (OOSH) service began this week and we are again very excited to provide this service for our students and parents. Please ensure that you use the gate closest to the hall for drop off and pick up for OOSH, as the front gate will not always be open at the earlier or later times. Also, if you have booked your child in for OOSH, but change your plans, please inform the OOSH leader and the office staff. Please see the office staff if you are interested in accessing this service for your child.

SWIMMING CAPS

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Easterbrook family for their kind donation of swimming caps for our next Swimming Carnival. They look wonderful and will be a welcome addition at the Zone trials this term. Our school will definitely stand out!

BANKING

Banking Day is Tuesdays, and children can start bringing in their deposit books and money next week.

If you wish to sign-up your child, either see Mrs Bristow, our current P&C President, or the office staff. You can also do this at your local Commonwealth Bank. While this program establishes good saving habits and financial knowledge, it also allows children to receive incentive prizes and awards.

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Our Year 6 leaders are learning how to run our assemblies at the moment and they will do a practice, just for their classes, this week.

From Week 4, the Assembly class item timetable will be as follows,

Week 4 - 5/6S
Week 6 - 5/6P
Week 8 - 3/4MS
Week 10 - 3/4M

You are more than welcome to come along and join us for Assembly at 2pm on Thursdays on the above weeks.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SCRIPTURE) CLASSES

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

To update our records we are sending home an 'opt out' option for Special Religious Education, in line with departmental policy, to all of our families.

This means if you DO NOT want your child to attend Special Religious Education, you need to complete the form sent home today and send it to the office by MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 2019. If we do not receive a note back we will assume that you want your child to attend Special Religious Education.

A parent/carer may, at any time, notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision.

Students not attending Special Religious Education are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Some reminders about student safety and comfort:

Staff members are not allowed to administer lotions such as **"Stingose" and antiseptic creams.**

If parents wish to, they can provide roll-on **insect repellent and sunscreen** in their child's bag, if the child is ***not allergic to them***.

School hats are a must for every day the children are at school. We will be running a 'Hatastic' competition this term to encourage the wearing of school hats by our students. We have a "No Hat, Play in the COLA" policy at Cardiff North Public School.

Children are permitted to have a **water** bottle on their desk for sipping whenever needed.

SCHOOL BUDDIES CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

We are currently running a merit selection process for a Chaplain for our School Buddies program. When we have filled this position we will begin the program. The Chaplain works in our school to support children experiencing difficulty in relating and playing with other children. They also assist by being a 'buddy' to all of our students.

The School Buddies program is an extension of the school's pre-existing Wellbeing program. It is a hands on program, providing face-to-face contact and social support for children from K to 6. Buddies are here as a friendly face, ready to listen to any concerns or problems your children might have.

As well as playground support, throughout last year they have run small group programs for select students, providing additional support for the development of social skills and confidence.

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS AT SCHOOL

Cardiff North Public School takes student health and safety very seriously. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction which is potentially life threatening. This year at Cardiff North, we have students who have confirmed allergies to nuts. This means that if they come into contact with, or ingest tree nuts they could have a potentially life threatening allergic reaction.

We ask our community to be mindful when packing lunches and discuss potential allergies with their children. Efforts to minimise the presence of nuts and potential allergens in lunchboxes would be appreciated.

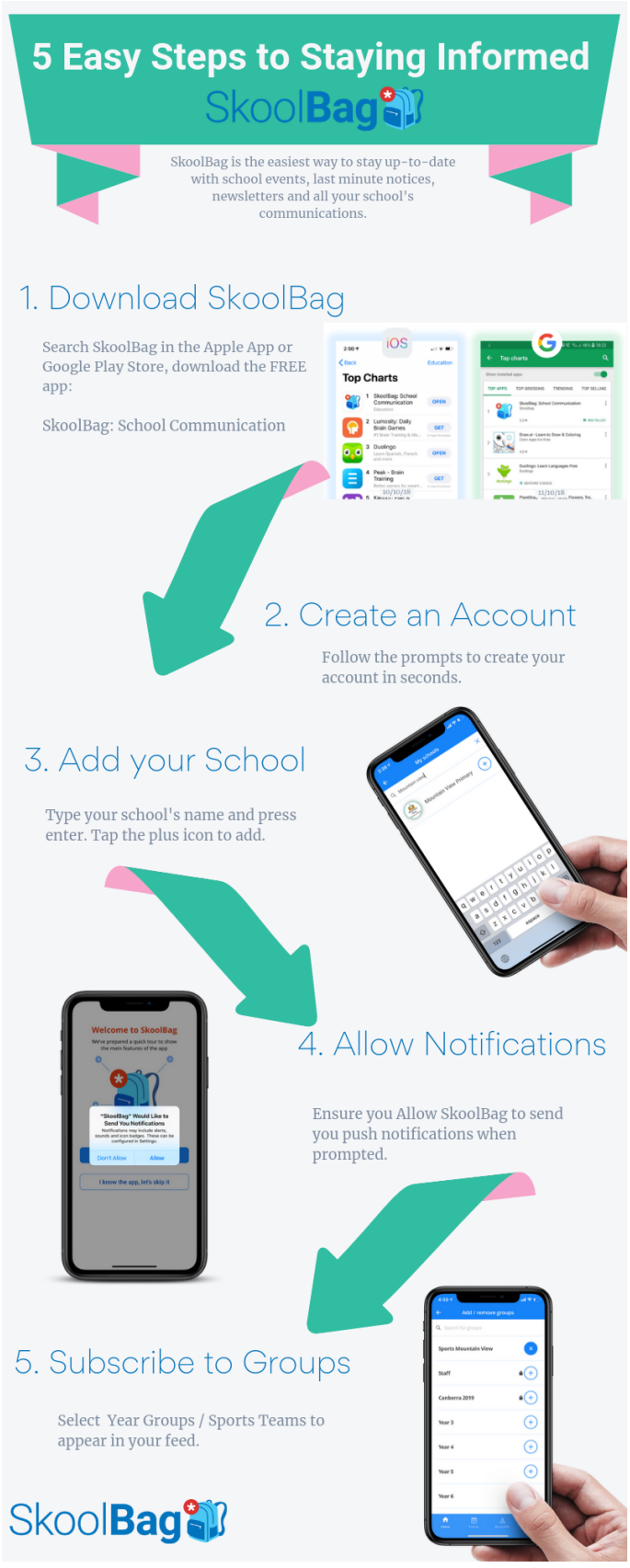
To ensure we are doing everything we can to keep these children safe while they are at school, we ask that you do not send your child to school with any product that says 'contains nuts.' Items that say 'may contain' are at an acceptable level to have at school, but must not be shared with other students.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO <u>NOT</u> SHARE THEIR FOOD just as we do, as it could cause someone with an allergy to have a reaction to a certain product.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students are healthy and safe.

SKOOLBAG APP

Cardiff North P.S uses the Skoolbag app to keep families up to date with important information relating to the school which may affect your child . We encourage all parents to download the app by following the below instructions.



NOTES AND PAYMENTS

Please ensure that permission notes are returned and payments made by the due date listed on each note.

Notes and cash payments should be placed in a sealed envelope or zip-lock bag and “posted” in the mail box located at the front office.

EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the office.

Online payments can be made on our school website (https://cardiffnth-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/) via the “Make a Payment Tab at the top of the home page. Student name, class and Date of Birth are required fields.

CANTEEN

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their time to assist Ms Thompson in the canteen. If you are able to assist us to run our canteen, please see Ms Thompson. Just a couple of hours each week, fortnight, or month will be a great help in keeping the service going for our students.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Thursday 7th February	Carley Thompson
Friday 8th February	Kristy Hobson
Monday 11th February	Chrissie Boardman
Tuesday 12th February	Carley Thompson
Wednesday 13th February	Rebecca Forbes
Thursday 14th February	Carley Thompson
Friday 15th February	Carley Thompson

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.