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Term 1 Week 2

1st February, 2017

## COMING EVENTS

### Thursday 9th February

Swimming Carnival (Strong swimmers 8yrs and up)

### Monday 13th February

Anti Bullying Show

### Thursday 16th February

Meet the Teacher Meeting

## Permission Notes and Payments Due

Swimming Carnival \$3.50  
Due by Monday 6th February

## UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN

**MONDAY** and **TUESDAY**

**8.40 - 9.30am**

Order forms available from the office if you are unable to make it on these days

**P & C Meetings**  
**7pm in the staffroom**  
Our next meeting  
**Tuesday 14th February**

Dear Parents,

### Welcome back to Cardiff North Public School

A huge "welcome back" to our students from last year, and a special welcome to any new students and their parents and carers joining us for the first time this year, especially our new Kindergarten students, embarking on their learning journey for the very first time in a formal setting.

Our enrolments have grown to the extent that we need to form a seventh class and have a demountable classroom established.

Until that happens, class 3/4K will share the library facilities.

The school has reached its ceiling for out-of-zone enrolments and so we can accept only students from our local enrolment zone.

### Class Structure and Staffing 2017 Semester 1

At this point, based on our current enrolments, our school looks like the following.....

KS (Mrs Savage), K/1T (Miss Thompson), 1/2G (Miss Gillard), 2/3LH (Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Henry), 3/4K (Mrs Gill), 4/5P (Mr Piggott and Mrs McShane who will return in term 4), 5/6W (Mrs Westwood).

We have a new Instructional Leader, Miss Zawierta, who will be with us for at least three years, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our School Counsellor position sees Mrs Scully return to us for one day per week.

Our Learning and Support Teacher continues to be Mrs Edwards on Thursday and Friday.

I am always quick to remind people that things can change quickly!

### Scripture, (SRE) Classes

As I informed our school community last year, we are unable to continue offering Ethics Classes at Cardiff North Public School, due to our inability to attract qualified teachers.

Children will be placed into either a multi-denominational group, a Catholic Group, (years 3-6), or a non-scripture group.

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All groups will have a teacher assisting with supervision in each room.

The number of groups is dependent upon the number of scripture teachers we have for this year.

### **Student Wellbeing**

Some reminders about student safety and comfort: Staff is not allowed to administer lotions such as "Stingoes" and antiseptic creams.

Parents and carers should provide in their children's bag roll-on insect repellent and sunscreen if the child is **not allergic to them**.

The school does provide sunscreen for student use but obviously if there is a possibility of an allergic reaction, children should be told not to use it and the school informed immediately in writing.

School hats are a must for every day the children are at school.

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

### **School Buddies, (Chaplaincy), Program**

We are fortunate again this year to have Amy Lamotte working in our school to support children experiencing some difficulty in relating and playing with other children, or simply not having a very happy time at school.

*Amy writes.....*

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the School Buddies Program. My name is Amy Lamotte and I am overjoyed to be a part of the Cardiff North community as one of two 'school buddies'.

The School Buddies program is an extension of the school's pre-existing Welfare Team. We are a hands on program, providing face-to-face contact and social support for children from K to 6. We're here as a friendly face, ready to listen to any concerns or problems your children might have that they don't feel confident discussing with their class teacher.

As well as playground support, throughout this year we have run small group programs for select students, providing additional support for the development of social skills and confidence. Shane Kennedy, our second Buddy, has done a fantastic job engaging students in designing and creating a new mural for our school hall.

Throughout 2017, Shane will be present on a few key days to continue working on some 'big picture' projects. I am present over lunchtime every Monday and Tuesday and will always be available for a chat. If at any time you have any concerns or feedback, feel free to get in contact with Colin, your class teachers, or myself.

We have called our program "School Buddies", as we didn't want people to think the program is another religion-based program. It is a student wellbeing program with a "buddy" to assist the children.

### **Attendance**

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

If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, please send in an explanation to the class teacher as soon as they return, or phone the office.

Most parents are now aware that 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.

If the extended absence is impossible to avoid, then please make an appointment with myself to discuss options and obtain the correct forms to apply for an absence.

Parents need to take the certificate with them as proof that the Principal has approved the leave. The period of the holiday will go on record as absences.

### **Parents, Community Members working With Children In Classrooms, Coaching, etc**

We would like all adults who assist our students in any way to obtain a Working With Children Check , (WWCC), in readiness for next year, when it will become compulsory.

Please go to the following website to find appropriate forms for volunteers and to learn more:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au>.

This is in response to State Government Child Protection inquiries and reports, all aimed at improving the safety and wellbeing of our students.

Secondary teachers must acquire their WWCC this semester, and Primary teachers must acquire theirs before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, or they cannot be employed. Cardiff North staff is being encouraged to obtain their WWCC now.

Information and applications are also available at the office.

### **School Banking**

Mrs Bristow has begun school banking already for this year, and is ready to accept even the smallest deposit.

While this program establishes good saving habits and financial knowledge, it also allows children to receive incentive prizes and awards.

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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 or the office. You can also do this at your local Commonwealth Bank.

### **Canteen News**

“Thank you” to those parents who have already volunteered their time to assist Mrs Anderson in the canteen.

But, we can always use some extra help to provide this service to our children and families, especially at afternoon tea time, where we are a bit short of volunteers.

Just a couple of hours each week, fortnight, or month will be a great help in keeping the service going.

### **P&C Meeting**

Our first P&C meeting takes place on Tuesday evening the 14<sup>th</sup> February, (every second Tuesday of the month), at 7.00pm, in the staff room.

Meetings are friendly and informal with a focus on working for all the children in the school.

**Our second meeting will be the AGM** and a very important one, because we will be saying “goodbye” to some executive members who will be handing over to “new blood”.

Elections will be held for most of the executive positions for 2017.

Please come along to have a voice in the education of the Cardiff North children!

### **Cardiff Area Sustainable Neighbourhoods Group**

The first meeting for this very dedicated and successful group will be held at Cardiff Bowling Club, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Following their awards of “Volunteer Group of the Year, 2016 Shortland Awards”, and, “Community Group of the Year, 2017 Lake Macquarie Australia day Awards”, CASNG is ready for another big year and welcomes your input into ways they can make our Cardiff area a better place to live.

This is a friendly group, all with the common aim of making our neighbourhood a better place to live. Come along and join the fun!

Find out more by emailing Barry at [casng2015@gmail.com](mailto:casng2015@gmail.com).

### **Meet the Teacher Evening**

On Thursday evening, 16<sup>th</sup> February, staff will be staying back after school to allow parents and carers time to come to their classroom and be briefed on key elements of their child’s classroom routines, such as homework, behaviour expectations, excursions, equipment, support, etc. Time will be made available for questions.

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.

Don’t forget, staff is always willing to make an appointment with you to discuss all topics and your child’s progress.

Later in the term, we will again conduct our 3-way interviews, where your child’s academic and social progress can be discussed in a team atmosphere.

### **Meet the Teacher Meeting Times**

5pm-5.30pm: KS, K/1T, 5/6W

5.30pm-6pm: 1/2G, 2/3LH, 3/4K, 4/5PM

Looking forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible.

### **Scripture (SRE) Classes 2017**

Because Ethics is no longer available at Cardiff North Public School a note will be coming home asking for scripture or non-denominational scripture for those who initially indicated Ethics.

Please read the note carefully, complete it if necessary and return it to the office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Any families who have previously nominated Ethics classes, and do not return the note, will have their children placed into an appropriate multi-denominational group.

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thursday 2nd Feb	Monique Anderson
Friday 3rd Feb	Leone Wood
Monday 6th Feb	Michelle Burgess Chrissie Boardman
Tuesday 7th Feb	Donna Hatton Kate McLean
Wednesday 8th Feb	Carley Thompson

On behalf of the students and staff at  
Cardiff North Public School,  
Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr Colin Firth - Principal

# EVERY DAY COUNTS....

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

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	the same as fulltime attendance to ...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**School starts at 9.00am  
DON'T BE LATE!**

