



NEWSLETTER Arcadia

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19/2020

Term 4 Week 8

2 December

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 8	02 Dec 03 Dec	Galston High School - Year 7 2021 Orientation Day APS Playgroup - 9:30am to 11am
Week 9	08 Dec 08 Dec 11 Dec	APS Presentation Morning - APS COLA Yrs K-2 9:35-10:10am, Yrs 3-6 10:20am-11:10am P&C Meeting - 7pm Staffroom Year 6 Fun Day—Strike Bowling
Week 10	14 Dec 16 Dec	Year 6 Mini Fete - Fun for all Years K to 6 Last Day for Students - Mufti Day - gold coin donation World Vision
TERM 1 2021	29 Jan 02 Feb	FRIDAY - Students in Year 1 to 6 return TUESDAY—Welcome Kindergarten 2021 !



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

You would have been incredibly proud of our Year 5 students last week as they presented their election speech to students and teachers. Each one was very different, with their thoughts and opinions expressed clearly and confidently. No matter what the outcome of the election, each is a leader in their school.

Tell Them from Me Survey

All students in Years 4 – 6, teachers and 32% of our families completed NSW DoE 2020 Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey. Every school in NSW is currently carrying out a situational analysis in preparation for the development of the 2021 - 2024 Strategic Improvement Plan with the TTFM survey providing valuable information to move our school forward. Student and parent views and feedback from the open-ended questions are extremely positive and speak highly of our school culture. While this has been a year like no other, an area that stands out for further exploration, particularly with the results in the student data, is that of homework. Early next year we will work together as a school community to review our school homework policy.

EOY Presentation Morning—Next Tues. 08/12

As previously mentioned, we are busy planning for our end of year presentation assembly in accordance with our Covid-19 Safety Plan to ensure a safe environment for all. We are very

fortunate that we have our outdoor COLA which enables us to host guests in addition to students and staff, however, we are not in a position to be able to invite large numbers and will need to restrict our visitors to 1 person per household. You are required to either scan the COVID QR code or complete the External Visitor form positioned on the playground on arrival and proceed directly to the COLA. Please note that the Year 3 - 6 assembly is scheduled to begin at 10:20am. Year K - 2 is from 9:35am to 10:10am.

Year 6 Fundraising - Thank you

The Year 6 Christmas stall at Berowra Waters was well manned by lovely students and parents who worked as a great team. Thank you to each of you for your effort and time. Our school is so well supported by the



STUDENT VALUE AWARDS TERM 4 - WEEK 6



★ Haxton - showing responsibility when completing his classroom job.

- ★ Hunter - his positive mindset and enthusiastic approach to learning
- ★ Aurora - her positive and 'can do' attitude and approach to learning and leading
- ★ Jacob - demonstrating kindness towards others in the classroom and playground.

★ Minnie - getting along with everyone and including others in games.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Cont.)



community and past families. The Tallis family from Overland Nurseries once again generously donated

many lovely plants and Berowra Waters Marina and Berowra Holiday Rentals sponsored the stall with a \$450 BBQ Boat voucher. Our school community greatly appreciates your support.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to your generosity and Mrs Feely's great organisation, we held yet another fantastic Christmas bookfair. \$2000 of sales means that our library collection gains over \$600 of books in commission for the students to enjoy. Thank you! A reminder all library books are due to be returned to the library this week for a Christmas stocktake. Don't forget to visit your local library over the holidays for more fresh reading material. Simple as it sounds, good readers read.

Semester 2 Reports

Semester Two student reports will be sent home on Friday, December 11. I am fortunate enough to read each one and share your pride in each of our students' growth in achieving their learning goals. Kindergarten reports indicate effort with Year 1 to Year 6 reporting effort and achievement.

Next P&C Meeting - Tuesday - December 8

The final P&C meeting for 2020 will be in the APS staffroom at 7pm on December 8. Everyone is welcome!

GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY As we approach the end of the school year and the festive season, some families give small gifts to their teachers. While this is a lovely gesture, it is certainly not expected. While cards with special messages and other small tokens of thanks convey thoughtful appreciation, please be advised that Department of Education staff members are unable to accept gifts with a value greater than \$50. Staff members have been asked to politely decline gifts of this value, as well as cash or cash vouchers.

2021 School Development Days

From 2021 the distribution of the five School Development Days (SDD) has changed to allow for two SDDs at the beginning of Term 1. As a consequence, there will only be one SDD at the end of Term 4. There will still be one SDD at the commencement of Terms 3 and 4. Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school on Friday, January 29, 2021 with Kindergarten commencing on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Parking will return to

pre COVID in 2021 with all students finishing their school day at 3:30pm. Please continue to be extremely careful and observant when parking – the students should not be playing in the carpark area at any time, even on the grass.

COVID-Safe Summer

The NSW Department of Education will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- ⇒ Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- ⇒ Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- ⇒ Meet in small groups
- ⇒ Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow
- ⇒ Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the NSW Government website
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

As we come close to the end of the school year, we at Arcadia Public School would like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time.

We wish you a relaxing, safe Christmas with family and friends and look forward to being with you in 2021.

Best Wishes, Sharon O'Brien, Principal





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APS BAND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 2021 NOW OPEN
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WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2021

**** LAST CANTEEN DAY IS **WEEK 9 - 9 DECEMBER** ****

Week 9



09 Dec

Bento Box OR Christmas Lunch Special

(Note this is the last week for Canteen)

Merry Christmas Everyone



ARCADIA PS P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

The P&C were very happy to support the Year 6 Christmas Market Fundraising Stall with the purchase of Christmas decorations and stocking fillers for the kids to sell at the stall. The purpose of the Year 6 fundraiser was to purchase a parting gift for the school. This year, our Year 6 students would like to purchase an all weather, outdoor, table tennis table, valued at \$2000 for students to enjoy! The stall made \$927 in cash and several hundred more in P&C account deposits, with a final total still pending after the additional stall sales last Friday! They are still at least a few hundred short of their target



Arcadia PS is very grateful to and would like to thank and support the major sponsors of the event:

- ★ Berowra Waters Marina and Berowra Waters Holidays - who donated a \$450 BBQ Boat voucher which was raffled off. That raffle was won by none other than--Paul Kelly - a deserving winner who was there from set up to pack up and beyond on the day! The APS P&C encourages all readers to check out their website and consider a luxurious waterfront holiday close to home:

<https://berowrawatersholidays.com.au/>



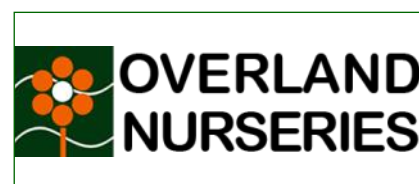
- ★ Alternatively, consider booking a BBQ Boat or similar at: Berowra Waters Marina | Hawkesbury's Hidden Waterfront Destination

<https://www.berowrawatersmarina.com.au/>



- ★ Brent Tallis, owner and operator of wholesale nursery, Overland Nurseries in Arcadia, generously donated 36 Christmas Trees in pots, including several large native woolly bush trees from WA which sold like hotcakes! Thank you Brent! Always so supportive of the school!

<http://overlandnurseries.com.au/>



- ★ Heather Wright, school grandmother and canteen coordinator extraordinaire, donated a gorgeous hand knitted Cinderella topsy turvy doll, which was raffled off, generating over \$130 in profit!!! Thank you Heather!

Dale, APS P&C Publicity Officer

**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A
RESTFUL & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY BREAK**

2021—YEARS 1 TO 6 RETURN ON FRIDAY 29/01/21

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS START ON TUESDAY 02/02/21



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2020 END OF YEAR PRESENTATION

Arcadia Public School wishes to
extend an invitation to

One member from each APS family
To Celebrate A Year Of
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TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 2020

Years K to 2 — 9:35am to 10:10am

Years 3 to 6 — 10:20am to 11:10am

Location: APS COLA behind canteen

Please attend only if well and sign in on arrival
using the QR code phone reader or paper form located
at sign in stations in the asphalt area. Thank you



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make healthy party food.

Celebration season is upon us – but party food doesn't have to be unhealthy. Fruit and veg are bright and colourful and make the perfect ingredient for special party foods. Try these fun ideas:

- Watermelon fruit salad bowl
- Pita bread Christmas trees
- Frozen yoghurt pops
- Watermelon cookie cutter shapes
- Banana and strawberry candy cane



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ARCADIA PS SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a **band demonstration** at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green *Expression of Interest* note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green *Expression of Interest* and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to**
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

****Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.**



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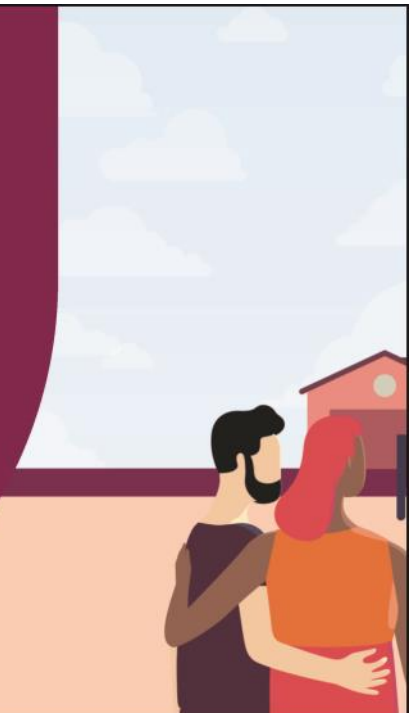


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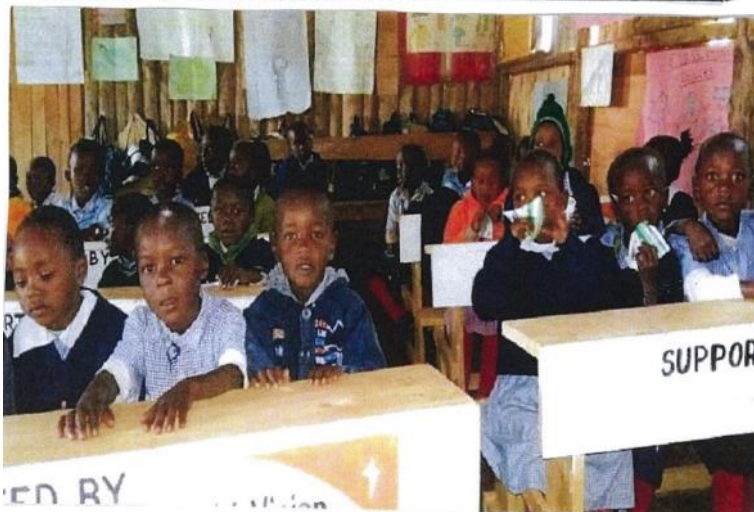
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