

Fassifern Flyer

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Term 3 Week 10

Date 25/09/2018

Calendar 2018

Term 3

****Thursday**
27th September
Fassi Flyers

****Friday**
28th September
P&C Meeting

Term 4

Friday
26th October
Grandparents Day

Wednesday
7th November -
Thursday 8th November
Morisset

*Please add any dates
marked with an asterisk to
your Term Calendar*

1300 880 021

**School Security
Number**

1300 880 021

MOBILE

PH: 0447 224 900



Term 4 is hurtling towards us, with this week being our last before the holidays. Teachers will be focussed on preparing annual reports and planning has begun for 2019. Our Year 6 students will be looking ahead to High School and participating in some preparation events, whilst our Fassi Flyers can't wait to get to "big school". It's a timeless cycle, where change begets change, but always our focal point is what is best for every student... what can we do to ensure each one achieves and reaches their potential? I am planning to have conversations around this question with families in the weeks throughout Term 4. Please let me know if you would be keen to explore the subject and share information.

Included in today's Newsletter is the Department of Education's *Compulsory School Attendance* document which provides information for parents about our mutual obligations around school attendance. The document makes the point: "If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school". During the early years, families may not think this is crucial, but imagine a student facing Year 12 HSC having missed a year or more of teaching... Learning is a social structure, where relationships between students and teachers, students and students, are integral to quality learning, and must develop every day.

Term 3's *Positive Behaviour for Learning* recognition event was held today, Tuesday. Not all students participated in the activity due to them not having met the requirements. Any student who was referred to Reflection Room or had three or more "time-out" slips was not eligible to be recognised for having demonstrated *Positive Behaviour for Learning* expected behaviour.

I'm looking forward to next term unfolding and celebrating the successes of our students. You are welcome to join us.

Regina

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Office News!

Money and Notes Due:

- ◆ Please keep sending money in for the Canberra and Morisset Camps.

Facebook Page:

Don't forget to keep up with the latest school news via Facebook or Fassifern PS website.
www.fassifern-p.school.nsw.edu.au



HEAD LICE!

Head lice are active again.
 Please be diligent in tending to your children's hair.

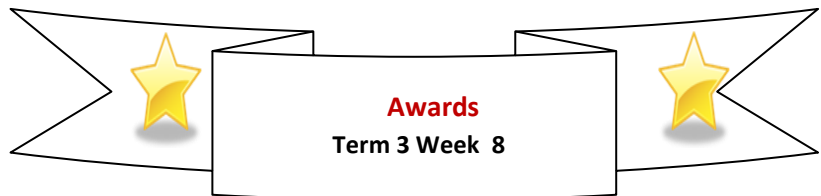
Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!

Superstar Student: Aliyannah Del Rosario

Aliyannah is a cheerful and polite student who is always trying her best in class.

With her hard work and perseverance, Aliyannah has achieved great results especially in reading.

Well done Aliyannah, you should be very proud.



Wilai	Ella Young	Consistent application in all areas.
Wilai	Ryan Raspoort	Working hard on his sounds.
Wilai	Chetana Thornton	Great effort with sight words.
Wilai	Amelia Hearne	Great progress in reading.
Pirama	Halaina Pex	Working hard in maths.
Pirama	Jace Towerton	Showing resilience during reading groups.
Pirama	Jack Tonks	Working hard to solve maths problems.
Pirama	Taj Williams	Always having beautiful handwriting.
Makoro	Reese De-Miller	A great effort in handwriting.
Makoro	Olivia Hogg	Writing an excellent informative text & showing beautiful publishing skills.
Makoro	Kurtis Matthews	Huge improvement in focus.
Makoro	Makaylah Tonkin	Quick recall with number facts.



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Netball

Healthy Harold K/1



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P&C

Well, the term has just flown by with a lot of fun and enjoyment. Thank you for the amazing fundraising efforts this term shown from our students, families and community. It is truly appreciated and allows us to organise special events for our students, supply everything we need for our little canteen to be open for our students every Wednesday and Friday, and also help our beautiful school out with things they might need.

One of these efforts I'm sure we all enjoyed over the weekend was our Thompson's Pie drive last week. We had a total profit of \$503.30, so thank you to all who bought.

Speaking of canteen, a new menu will be sent home at the end of the week. Some summer specials to start first week back too, which will be written on the blackboard outside the canteen. One of our favourites - SLUSHIES- is back! And a few more so be sure to check it all out.

Having our canteen can also not be done without our fantastic volunteers so a huge thank you to those who volunteer their time. **If anyone is able and would like to volunteer in the canteen can you please get in touch with the school and leave your details? Thank you, it would be greatly appreciated.**

Don't forget our beautiful canvas bags designed by our students are still available for purchase from the front office or through Hailee, our Fundraising Coordinator.

On the last note from our P&C, we hope you all have an amazing, happy, fun and safe holiday.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

26th September Ashleigh

28th September Bec & Calista

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 OCTOBER

17th October Ashleigh

19th October Hailee & Shay

**The next P&C Meeting will be held on
Friday 28th September
9am in the Library!**

Our Printed Canvas
Bags are available to
buy for \$20 each and
are available from the
front office or through
Hailee, our Fundraising
Coordinator.



Tell Them From Me
Parent Survey

Tell Them From Me-Parent Survey Details

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/25j3j>

Toys are for home...

There has been an increasing number of toys coming from home and it can be distressing if a toy is lost or broken. Balls, soft toys and toy vehicles are a distraction in the classroom, and students will be asked to leave these in their bags.

Our school has a fantastic stock of toys and sports equipment, so please leave toys at home.

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VACATION CARE

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COME & JOIN US THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! WE WILL HAVE YOU
REACHING NEW HEIGHTS, PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS:

GYMNASTICS TRAMPOLINING ATHLETICS TEAM CHALLENGES TABLOIDS

NINJA ARTS & CRAFT BUSHWALKING PAPER PLANE ORIGAMI WEARABLE ART

Vacation Care is available from

**Tuesday 2nd October -
FRIDAY 12th October**

(closed Mon 1st October due to public holiday)

7.30am - 6.00pm Meals Included

The Hunter Sports Centre also runs

Trampoline Holiday Programs, Skills Clinics, and all **NEW** Ninja
Kids and Ninja Teen (inspired by the TV program, Ninja Warrior).

For further information, visit our website.

The Hunter Sports Centre has achieved a Meeting National Quality Standards rating under the National Quality Framework.



HunterSports
Centre

BOOKINGS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL

Contact the Centre
PO Box 3187 • Glendale NSW
P: 4953 6366 • F: 4953 6587

www.hsc.org.au

Spring Vacation Care 2018 Fair Play OOSH Kilaben Bay

Monday 1st

CLOSED

Tuesday 2nd

Pamper and
Playdough

Paint your nails and
have your hair done
or be creative and
hands on making
your very own
playdough.

Yogurtland

Indulge in a delicious
treat of your choice.

Excursion

Wednesday 3rd

Just Dream

Dinosaur Fossils

Dig up a fossil and
enjoy interacting
with Slash the
dinosaur.

1:30pm arrival

Bush Survivor
skills

Learn new skills to
survive in the
bush.

Incursion

Thursday 4th

Mattara festival

Enjoy a full day of
unlimited rides
with your friends.

9am - 3pm

Music Madness

Dance, sing and be
creative with all
types of music.

Excursion

Friday 5th

Gold Class Movies

"Small Foot"

Kick back with your
popcorn in recliners
and enjoy the movie.

9am - 2pm

Mythical creatures

Imagine and paint
your own mythical
creature.

Excursion

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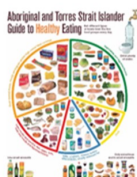
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Good for Kids good for life

GUIDE TO HEALTHY EATING

Have you seen the Australian and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Guide to Healthy Eating? Children and adults should enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from the 5 food groups every day:

- Plenty of vegetables of different types and colours and legumes/beans.
- Fruit.
- Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and high fibre varieties, e.g. pasta, rice, bread etc.
- Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds.
- Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives, mostly reduced fat (full fat milk for children under 2).
- And drink plenty of water.



Visit www.eatforhealth.gov.au for more information.



PHONE 4924 6499

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WHY DO CANTEENS NEED TO BE HEALTHY?

As well as being important for health, healthy eating can improve concentration and behaviour which can help students to learn in the classroom.

Encourage your child to choose delicious and nutritious EVERYDAY foods and drinks such as:

- Sandwiches, wraps and rolls with lean meat, cheese and vegetables or spreads.
- Pastas such as lasagne, spaghetti bolognese and macaroni & cheese.
- Canteen made pizzas.
- Beef hamburgers.
- Sushi or rice paper rolls.
- Snacks such as fruit, yoghurt, pikelets, vegetables with dip or 99% fruit juice ice blocks.
- Drinks such as water, plain or flavoured milk and 99% fruit juice.



PHONE 4924 6499



You're invited!



Join us for music & fun
with special guest
Rachael Coopes from
Play School



A joy-filled and inclusive activity for kids of all ages and abilities.

Free Event
When: Thursday 11th October 10.30am – 12pm
Where: Speers Point Park Playground Park Road, Speers Point
Register at variety.org.au/nsw

 @VarietyNSWACT variety.org.au

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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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