#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

06 July 2018



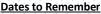
Dear Parents, Carers and wonderful Community members,

We are so proud of our wonderful High Flyers for Term 2. It is always so uplifting to see their joy as they come through the celebration arch. A big congratulations to all students and their families. It is days like the High Flyers that remind us about what we value the most – kids engaged in learning. Each student clearly understood the importance and the recognition that came with the award. Well done to them all. Thank you to the families who attended to celebrate alongside their children. You all do such a wonderful job and we know it is not always the easiest of jobs. The performances were spectacular and thank you to our performers and staff for their efforts.

Mid-year reports are a great way to pause and take a moment to celebrate the wonderful class programs students participate in, as well as focus on how students are travelling with them. At Clarke Road, reports are written by class teachers, checked by their supervising Assistant Principal and then rechecked and edited by class teachers before they come home to you. Enjoy reading your child's report and please return the 'report feedback' sheet at your convenience. We value

timely and respectful feedback both to celebrate and inform future changes.

As a school community, we are working hard to learn more about the human brain and how this can be applied to our amazing and diverse children and young people at Clarke Road. Staff who attended a recent "Neuroscience and Learning workshop with Nathan Wallis" reported back on the importance of relationships, routines and creating a safe and happy environment at school and home.





Last Day of Term 2 Friday 6 July

First day Term 3

STAFF – Monday 23 July

STUDENTS – Tuesday 24 July

Bush Dance
Thursday 9 August
Parents Welcome

#### P.B.E.L. NEWS





These are the main elements that our brain 1 needs (often referred to as the brain stem). So take this time to connect and establish those holiday routines! We have been continuing to share our knowledge, understanding and school stories about *In the Zone for Learning* and *The Communication Passport* with other schools. Recently Ylana Bloom and Kavi Razzaghi-Pour, travelled to Broken Hill to run a 2-day professional learning course on these two key programs. Thank you to our dedicated staff for so willingly sharing their learnings with others. Making a difference to students does matter.









The following is a message from Assisted School Travel Program. Please be aware to the changes to ASTP as NDIS is unfolded.

#### **Assisted School travel Program**

Specialist school transport has been identified as a funding responsibility for the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). The transition to the NDIS is a complex task and will take some time even once the NDIS is fully in place. Until that transition occurs, the ASTP will continue to provide transport services to eligible students, including those who are also NDIS participants. ASTP is **not** a registered NDIS service provider and continues to provide a service to students with disability enrolled at NSW government and non-government schools under the guidelines on the <u>ASTP</u> website.

Assisted School Travel Services are primarily for transport between home and school. As advised by email communication to schools on 29 November 2017 and 25 January 2018 the protocol between Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC) and ASTP regarding transport arrangements to ADHC respite centres concludes with the transition to private NDIA providers.

Please be aware that NDIS participants may have inaccurate information appearing in their plan indicating that specialised transport such as ASTP covers school/educational facility/employment/community activities and that this is pre-paid by the state government and represents all of their school transport needs. The department is working with NDIS to ensure the plans are reflecting the support being provided by ASTP to address any confusion.

The Australian government has released a discussion paper about 'Supported School Transport and the National Disability Insurance Scheme' on their website <a href="https://engage.dss.gov.au">https://engage.dss.gov.au</a>. We would encourage you to share this link with your parent community to ensure that they are aware of the consultation. Parents are encouraged to have their say through this discussion paper by 5 pm, 20 July 2018. Face to face consultations are currently occurring in various locations until Wednesday 4 July, details are on the <a href="mailto:Engage">Engage</a> website.

We look forward to reading about your holidays on the holiday calendars we send out each term. To our hard-working and supportive CRS educators, take this time to refresh and recharge. Wishing you all a safe and caring holiday.

Warm regards Diane Robertson

#### Creating a Voice (CaV) Project

#### Creating a Voice in Warrigal

In Warrigal this term we have been looking at developing our social skills and learning how to take turns, learn rules, share emotions of winning and being happy for our friends to win too.

Many of these skills we take for granted but are so important for our young people to practice. These are important life skills to learn.

Use consistent cues to develop awareness of people

Focus on developing joint attention

Have fun playing games at home!

Facilitate turn taking and waiting for a turn

Become skilled at turn taking

Wait for a turn



Use social manners in a variety of contexts

Understand rules and try to follow











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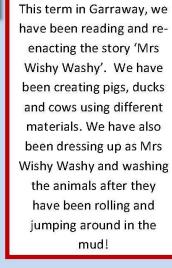


























## <u>Teacher VS Student</u> <u>Tennis Match</u>



Tuesday afternoon, the Senior school plus some keen juniors, showed off the skills they have learnt this term in an intense challenge between staff and students.

All students had a turn in competing against staff members in a rally in a race to 5.

















# Supported School Transport

#### and transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) comes into place, the Australian Government wants to hear directly from NDIS participants, parents, carers, school communities and transport providers about how we could best support transport to and from school for NDIS participants into the future.

#### Transport provider and stakeholder workshops

We are currently working with state and territory governments and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to understand if and how supported school transport could be delivered in the NDIS. To help inform future options, we are holding workshops with the services and supports delivering supported school transport, such as transport providers, disability services, advocates and other interested stakeholders. Workshops will be held in a number of locations across all states and territories during June and July 2018.

#### Register your interest at

https://engage.dss.gov.au/supported-school-transport-and-transition-to-the-national-disability-insurance-scheme/

We encourage you to read the discussion paper about the future of supported school transport online at <u>engage.dss.gov.au</u> prior to attending. If you are unable to attend a forum/workshop, you can still have your say by making a submission directly to the Department of Social Services online.

Current supported school transport arrangements will remain the responsibility of state and territory governments until all governments have considered the outcomes of the consultation and agreed on an approach.

Please note: Places are limited. Registering your interest does not guarantee you will be provided a placement. The Department is not able to provide funding support to attend a forum or workshop. If selected to be part of a forum or workshop, you will be sent further details about the time and venue.



## A respite camp for children with physical and intellectual special needs



#### November 29<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>rd</sup> 2018

For more information, regular updates and to apply online,

Please visit our website <a href="www.ssaccc.org.au">www.ssaccc.org.au</a> and

our Facebook page <a href="www.facebook.com/ssaccc">www.facebook.com/ssaccc</a>

**Applications close 1st September 2018** 





#### To whom it may concern,

In 2018, from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, St Andrew's College will proudly host its seventh annual Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp for children with physical and intellectual disabilities. This four-day camp, sponsored by the Sony Foundation Australia, provides children with the opportunity to try something different, form new friendships, gain a sense of independence and most importantly have fun. Equally as important, this camp allows parents and families to enjoy a well-earned break in the lead up to Christmas.

#### Who is the camp for?

- Twenty children between the ages of 6 and 15
- Children with varying disabilities including cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, autism, developmental delay, and other intellectual and physical disabilities

#### What does the camp provide?

- Cost-free respite for the children and families involved, provided by volunteer St Andrew's College residents and University of Sydney students
- Food and accommodation for the duration of the camp
- · Cost-free accommodation for rural families
- Twenty-four-hour one-on-one care (minimum)
- Facilities for children in wheelchairs
- Qualified nursing staff to assist with any medical issues that may arise and to administer medication day and night
- A fun and life-enriching experience for all the children who attend

Everyone who is involved in the camp, be it volunteers, night staff or nurses, is truly passionate about this program and hopes to make a positive contribution to the community. We encourage the children to challenge themselves on camp, whether this is through staying apart from their families for the first time or by trying something new by getting involved in the wide range of activities offered. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, sailing, music sessions, dance groups, and a visit from Santa.

The camp would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, donors, the Sony Foundation Australia and the St Andrew's College community. If you know of any children and families in your community who would benefit from participating in the camp, please refer them to the application form attached to this document or online at <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/TiSdSBiX85e12rnF3">https://goo.gl/forms/TiSdSBiX85e12rnF3</a>. Our website <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/TiSdSBiX85e12rnF3">www.ssaccc.org.au</a> and Facebook page (<a href="https://goo.gl/forms/TiSdSBiX85e12rnF3">www.facebook.com/ssaccc</a>) can be used to access further information, brochures, and testimonials. A video compilation of last year's camp can be viewed at <a href="https://youtu.be/6gVz2Lh0DYY">https://youtu.be/6gVz2Lh0DYY</a>

Places in the camp are filled quickly, so a prompt return of application forms is advisable. Please note that the application forms are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:standrewssonycamp@gmail.com">standrewssonycamp@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your support in making this camp a successful experience for all those involved.

Kind regards, Alexandra Littlewood Children and Schools Recruitment 2018 Sony Foundation St. Andrew's Children's Holiday Camp



#### \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

## Comedy Cause

Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:

Clarke Road School

### Friday 14 September 2018

Pennant Hills Bowling Club 52 Yarrara Road Pennant Hills





Tickets: \$35 at

comedyforacause.net/CRS

Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm

(18+ only)

## on the autism spectrum for parents & carers of school-aged students Free 2 day workshop Dont miss our

8 & 9 August 2018 Hornsby

Register your place:

positivepartnerships.com.au



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# Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

loin us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

# What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

## Workshop details

Hornsby NSW 2077

Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 August 2018

When:

9.30 am - 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)

Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon

Catering:

Register Online:

If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships nfoline: 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

Questions?

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