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Term 1 - Week 3

Monday 11th February 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Welcome Back

2019 is set to be another busy and exciting year at Athelstane Public School. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families and students who have joined the Athelstane family this year. I am sure that the opportunities that will be offered at our school will provide you with many wonderful and memorable experiences.

I would like to congratulate the students and staff for the manner in which they have started this year. From our new Kindergarten students right through to the senior members of our school, the smooth transition into new classes is a testament to the professionalism of our teachers and the commendable behaviour of our students. All of our students have settled in well to their new classes and are enthusiastically tackling the new learning challenges being presented to them. I have also been impressed with the way in which the students of Athelstane take pride in their school. The efforts they make to keep our playground tidy and wear the correct uniform is tremendous. It is a fantastic sight to see so many students dressed proudly in their uniform, wearing black shoes and school hats.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for 2019 has been scheduled for Thursday 28th February at 2:00pm in the Library. Our P&C have the aim of making our great school even better and are very keen to welcome new members to their team. We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet The Teacher Afternoons.

We will be hosting three way interviews on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February. This will be a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, share information and explore their learning goals for 2019. If, at any stage, you have concerns about your child and their progress please speak with your child's teacher. Appointments can be made through the office and any concerns can be quickly addressed.



Swimming Carnival

Our annual 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 20th February at San Souci Swimming Centre. This is always a wonderful day with suitable activities for all students, regardless of their swimming abilities. Parents are welcome to come along and share in the fun of this event, there is an entrance fee of \$2.50.



Park Correctly To Keep Us Safe

Please ensure you are keeping all of our students safe by following the rules when parking around the school. Parking rangers have been active in the local area and have issued a number of large fines to motorists who are parking illegally, particularly in Athelstane Ave and Horsell Ave. Help us keep every student safe and your wallet happy by parking correctly.

Final Thought

Excellence is not being the best; it is doing your best!

Mr Lindsay
Principal

What's On

Monday 11th – 20th February

Life Education Program

Tuesday 12th February

Years -1-6: Three Way Interviews

Wednesday 13th February

Years -1-6: Three Way Interviews

Kindergarten: Meet The Teacher

Thursday 14th February

Meet The St George Dragons visit

Friday 15th February

PSSA Summer Sport Begins

Wednesday 20th February

Swimming Carnival

February 26th February

Year 1 & 2 Excursion – The Gruffalo

Friday 1st March

Schools Clean Up Day

Monday 11th March

School Leaders attend National Young Leaders Day

Friday 15th March

Day of Action Against Bullying

Wednesday 20th March

School Photo Day

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day

Wednesday 10th April

Easter Fair

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1



Awards and Certificates

At Athelstane we believe it is important to acknowledge the behavioural and academic success of students. This year we will continue with the school wide values program.

Each week a value will be highlighted to the students and assembly awards will be presented on the basis of who in each class has to the best of their ability exhibited that value during the week.

At Athelstane we have three core values: They are:

- Being Respectful
- Being Responsible
- Being Successful

During our Monday morning assemblies, students are recognised for demonstrating these values. They are awarded the Principals Award.

There is also an opportunity to receive an award for their effort in the classroom during the K-2 and Years 3-6 assemblies.

Assembly Awards

The following students have been consistently displaying the values of our school.

They are to be commended for their effort.

1H	Jaybe I Ali S
2I	Sinai M Ayah D
2PS	Ela L Radifa M
3K	Hussein I Orla M
3M	Jasmine K Daniel L
3-4A	Muhammad U Maria C
3-6D	Aleksander V Jesse I
4DW	Rayan F Youssef I
4H	Ayah F Celeste E
5A	Rayaan R Yasmina H
5I	Mariam E Zaynab A
5-6K	Fatima Z Evan B
6L	Issa J Zeinab E
6S	Fatima E Ali E

Early this week , we acknowledged students who were elected by their peers to represent them as Student Representative Council members and House Captains. They were awarded their badges at assembly on Monday morning. Congratulations to our SRC and House Captains for 2019.

Student Representative Council 2019

K-2M	Hussein S
1H	Madelan M
2I	Jade E
2PS	Laila K
3-4A	Paul I
3K	Jalinyba W
3M	Zaynab F
3-6D	Hassan H
4DW	Fatimah S
4H	Hugo C
5A	Byron C
5I	Kadeeja K
5-6K	Nour F
6L	Mohammed M
6S	Ali M

House Captains 2019

Banks

Captains	Lillyanne K, Hussein A
Vice-Captains	Hannah D, Ibrahim M

Bass

Captains	Sarah D, Moustapha K
Vice-Captains	Ali O, Adam A

Cook

Captains	Khalil C, Zeinab E
Vice-Captains	Mohammed E, Malak C

Flinders

Captains	Sarah Z, Hassan H
Vice-Captains	Mariam A, Sam M

Staffing

The following is the staff list for 2019

SRC Representatives and House Captains

KL- Mrs Lazaris
 KW- Miss White
 1H- Miss Hutchinson-Smith
 2I – Miss Ivanovska
 2PS – Mrs Price & Mrs Spasevski
 3K- Mrs Kumar
 3M - Mrs Moratidis
 4DW – Miss Dean-Willcocks
 4H – Miss Kaddour
 5A – Mr Khamis
 5I – Miss Irani
 6L – Miss Daniels
 6S – Mrs Smithett

Support Classes

K-2M –Mr Mavritsis
 3-4A – Miss Angie
 5-6K – Mrs Devin
 3-6D – Mrs Duvall
 Teacher's Aides – Mrs Ursino, Miss Marie, Miss Vicky,
 Mrs Masters, Miss Joy

Library

Mrs Crisafulli
 Miss Fernanda

Support Teachers providing ESL and Support Assistance to students

Mrs Pippett
 Ms Gray
 Ms Berendsen
 Mr Fennell
 Mrs Youssef
 Mrs Cucchiara
 Mrs Galanos – Instructional Leader
 Ms Coffey – School Counsellor

Community Language

Mr Ayoub
 Mrs Hijazi
 Mr Hijazi

Office Administration Staff

Mrs Pearsall
 Mr Shaw
 Mr Poullas

School Leadership Team

Principal – Mr Lindsay

Assistant Principals – Miss Dean-Willcocks
 Mrs Cucchiara
 Mrs O'Dowd
 Mrs Price
 Mrs Duvall (Relieving)
 Miss Daniels (Relieving)
 Instructional Leader - Mrs Galanos

Happy Harold Is Visiting Athelstane

Have you returned your Life Education Happy Harold note and money? Happy Harold and the Life Education teachers will be delivering programs to all students that have returned their notes and payment. The Life Education program informs and empowers children to make safer and healthier choices across a range of current and important issues. Each grade will participate in a specifically tailored program and also have the opportunity to meet the star of the show, Happy Harold.



Meet The Teacher Years 1-6

On Tuesday and Wednesday, parents and students have an opportunity to meet with class teachers. These meetings are important as it allows for discussion around your child's learning and sharing of your child's learning goals.

Who is involved? Years 1 -6, 3-6D

When? Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th February

How To Book An Appointment? Go to:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au Enter Code: 3ga2r

If throughout the year, at any stage, you have concerns about your child and their progress please speak with

your child's teacher. Appointments can be made through the office and any concerns can be quickly addressed.

Kindergarten Meet The Teacher

Parents of Kindergarten students are invited to attend a Meet The Teacher session on Wednesday 13th February at 3.10pm – 3.30pm in the Kindergarten classrooms. You will have an opportunity at a later date to have an interview where you can discuss with your child's teachers their Best Start Assessment.

Class Dojo

At Athelstane, class teachers use a program called Class Dojo. We believe the partnership between school and home is vital and Class Dojo allows us to share information on the work habits, learning and behaviour of your children.

It is an app that you can download on your phone or access via a computer.

If class teachers have not as yet sent you an invitation to join, they will do so soon.



School Starting times

School starts at 9.00am sharp. A teacher is on duty from 8.40 am and students must not come to school before the time that they will be supervised.

If students do arrive to school before 8.40am there is no playing as there is no teacher supervision.

Students are to sit in Area 3 until a teacher commences playground duty at 8.40am.

Students who are late must collect a 'late note' from the school office.

No child will be allowed to leave the school without a 'leave early' note from the school office. This procedure is to safe-guard and protect both parents and staff. Please do not put staff in a difficult position by asking them if they can take their children straight from the classroom, as all are under instruction to say no.

Accessing the School During School Hours

Following the commencement of the school day, all gates to the school except for the Horsell Ave (school office side) will be locked.

If you need to access the school during school hours, please enter from Horsell Ave gates and make your way to the school office.

Notes - Important

Please check your child's bag each day or teach them to hand to you the notes that are sent home.

Library / Excursion Bags

Purchase your bag from the school office. It is suitable as a library and excursion bag. All students require a library bag in order to borrow from the school library.

Sending Money To School

This year we will continue to use the system whereby we ask parents to return notes and money in an envelope. Please remember to clearly mark your child's name and class on the envelope and send the note with the money.

Students should give money to their classroom teacher as soon as they enter the classroom in the morning.

Once your money is receipted, your child will be given a receipt to take home.

You are also able to make payments online by visiting our school website and clicking on Make A Payment at the top of the home page.

Go to: www.athelstane-p.schools.nsw.gov.au



Mobile Phones

Students are encouraged not to bring mobile phones to school. If it is an absolute necessity, students are to sign

their phone in to the office first thing in the morning and pick up their phone at the end of the school day.

Lunch Orders

All students should either bring their lunch from home or order from the canteen. Students should not have money to buy their lunch. They may be disappointed if they miss out. Money should be for snacks.

Tip: Buy some paper bags to keep at home. Fill them out and drop them in to the canteen before 9am or in the class lunch basket.



Internet and Email for students

As part of the NSW Department of Education's commitment to providing an e-Learning environment to enrich learning opportunities for all students in NSW public schools, all students have access to Internet browsing and email.

Your child has an individual username and password to access filtered Internet browsing and email at school. Their user name and password will ensure that they receive Internet filtering and that no one else can access their email.

Students are able to access their personal email from computers at home and other locations through private Internet service providers. All Internet browsing at home will be directed through your own Internet service provider. We recommend that you install filtering software at home.

Also, in publishing our school website we may include your child in photographs and will only ever use your child's first name.

If you do not agree to your child accessing the internet or using their photograph on our school website, you will need to provide notification in writing to the school.

Occupational Therapy

Our school is continuing to employ an Occupational Therapist throughout 2019.

Stephanie is a qualified Occupational Therapist who works for Educational Speech Pathology & Therapy Services.

Stephanie's main role will be to **work with our teachers** in the whole classroom to support the gross motor and fine motor skills of the children.

The Occupational Therapy program will operate in the classrooms of Kindergarten to Year 2. Parents of these classes will be invited to attend an introductory meeting in Term 1.

Unfortunately, individual students cannot be directly referred to the Occupational Therapist.

If your child already attends occupational therapy outside of school please **do not stop attending**. The Educational Speech Pathology program cannot offer the same individualised therapy your child will receive through either Community Health or Private occupational therapy.

Stephanie will be posting occupational therapy tips in each newsletter so please keep your eye on this space!

Mathletics and Reading Eggs

To support student learning in Reading and Mathematics, our school will continue to use these programs to reinforce the learning that is taking place at school.

Your child's log in details will be sent home soon. Keep them in a safe place.



For more information visit:

<http://au.mathletics.com/>
www.readingeggs.com.au

Picking Up Your Children At the End Of The School Day

If you are picking up your children after school, it would be helpful to have a meeting point within the school grounds.

Please note that on Athelstane Ave there is a pick-up zone directly outside the school gates. It is ILLEGAL to park your car there. That pick up zone is to drive up, wait in your car, pick up and leave.

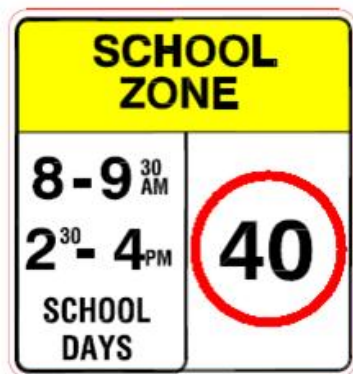
On Horsell Ave (office side) there is no pick-up zone. You cannot park your car outside the school gates. This is a No Parking zone except for our transport vehicles that pick up the students from our support class.

Last week we already had the parking officers booking parents. Please note:

- NO DOUBLE PARKING
- NO THREE POINT TURNS OVER DOUBLE LINES
- DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD TO CROSS THE ROAD ALONE AND COME TO YOUR VEHICLE

If you are late picking up your child, your child will be waiting in the school office. Please talk about this with your child. You must then park your car and come into the office to pick up your child.

**DON'T FORGET
40KM SPEED
ZONE AROUND
OUR SCHOOL
BEFORE SCHOOL
AND AFTER
SCHOOL.**



Library Book Club

Don't forget to look for the Book Club Issue catalogue that will be coming home in your child's school bag. Ordering from Book Club is easy - simply go online and place your order and Scholastic will take care of the rest.

By ordering from Book Club, you are helping your school, as 20% of your spend goes back to your school as Scholastic Rewards, which are then used to buy valuable resources.

For more information about Scholastic, visit <http://www.scholastic.com.au>

Mrs Crisafulli (Teacher Librarian)
Athelstane Skoolbag App

Are you using the Athelstane skoolbag app? Parents can download it for free and receive notifications about what is happening at the school.

It includes features such as school calendar, newsletter, absence notification, change of details.

Go to the App Store and search for 'Athelstane Skoolbag' IT'S FREE.

For iPhone and iPad users:

Click on the "Download on the App Store" button above, or go to the Apple App Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app.

After opening the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users:

Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above, or go to the Google Play Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For more information you can go to:

<https://skoolbaghelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/360000806632-SkoolBag-Mobile-App-Help>

