



## *Learning Together in Harmony*

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### **Calendar**

20 November	4/6 Smart City Stem Expo Day
22 November	EV Mini Solar Car Challenge
24 November	Colour Explosion
28 November	MHS Yr 7 Transition Day Swimming
29 November	Captain Speeches
30 November	Yr 6 Spring Fair
1 December	K-1 Assembly
5 December	P & C Meeting 8.15am Swimming
6 December	Presentation Morning 9:30am
14 December	Class Presentation
15 December	Class Party and last day for students
18 & 19 Dec	SDD – Staff only

### **Friday 15 December 2023 – Last day of Term 4**

Students will finish school on Friday 15 December 2023. All school-based staff will be participating in an additional School Development Day on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2023. There will be no supervision for children on these days.

### **End of Year Class Party**

Party day will be held on the last day for students, Friday 15 December 2023. This will be held at school. The cost will be \$9.00 each.

Please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return with payment by Friday 8 December. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted after this date. Additionally, please let us know if your child has an allergy or will be bringing their own lunch. We are so happy we can celebrate such a big year.

### **Captain Speeches**

Year 5 students will be presenting their Captain Speeches on Wednesday 29 November at 9:30am in the K/1 room. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Presentation Day Trophies**

If your child received a perpetual trophy at Presentation Day last year, it is now time to return it to the school office so we can prepare for this year. Thank you.

### **PACER Rebate**

Years 3 – 6 have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the costs of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### **Christmas Hamper**

P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our "Christmas Hamper" which is presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the office area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcome donation.

### **School Colour Explosion**

We will be running this event on Friday 24 November starting at 2pm. Parents are invited to come along and join in the fun. Cash donations and prize ordering needs to be made by Friday 24 November.

### **Mini EV Challenge**

We wish Phoebe, Elliot, Tom, Lainey, Sierra and Ben Andrei all the best representing our school in the Mini EV challenge at Newcastle Tafe on Wednesday.

A reminder that students will need to be at the venue and meet Ms Tully and Mr Gliddon at 9am and will need to be picked up at the conclusion of the event at 3pm. Students will need private transport to and from the event. Parents are welcome to stay for the day. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and take with them a hat, lunch, recess and water. We have been advised that there is a canteen available so students may bring money if they wish as well as their packed lunch.

### **Working BEE!!**



The working bee will run throughout Week 8 during school hours. There will be numerous jobs to assist with, including varnishing/oiling furniture, mulching, weeding, planting and painting. Working hours are flexible and if you can assist for any length of time, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **League Tag – Yr 1/2**

Selected Year 1 and Year 2 students are looking forward to representing Iona at a League Tag event being held at McKeachies Sportsground on Wednesday 29 November. Players are to wear their sports uniform, bring sunscreen, a hat, plenty of water and lunch.

### **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 December at 8:15am in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### **Leader's Elections - Reminder**

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches on Wednesday 29 November with our elections carried out on the same day. Following tradition, our leaders will be announced that afternoon at 3pm. We wish them good luck as they present themselves to the rest of the school.

### **2024 Year 3-6 Camp**

We know that some parents and students are just getting over camp from last week, which by all accounts was just amazing, but we just wanted to give you early notice that 3-6 camp next year will be from 22-24 May, at Great Aussie Bush Camp.

### **Community Feedback Survey 2023**

Your feedback is immensely valuable to our planning and focus for the upcoming school year as we work to create the best learning environment for our students. Thank you for your participation!

The link will be posted via Sentral for Parents or click the link:

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/co4bsx52>

Or scan the QR code:



### **Invoices - Reminder**

Invoices have been sent home and will need to be paid by the end of November, Thank you. Please see either Mrs Bird or Mrs Leary if you require help in paying school fees.

### **Book Club**

Brochures have been sent home today and are due back 30 November. If you would like to order as a gift, please let Mrs Mahony know.

## End of Year Presentations - Reminder

This year's Presentation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 6 December at 9:30am at the Woodville School of Arts Hall.

The class award Presentation Assembly will commence at 9.30am on Thursday 14 December under the COLA.

All parents/carers/cheer squads are welcome to attend both presentations.

## AWARDS WEEK 6

### Merit Awards

#### K/1

**Ziah** for his excellent answers during class discussions

**Olive** for always giving her best effort during writing tasks

#### 2/3

**Thea** for excellent effort during morning literacy sessions

**Harley** for more focused approach to all activities

#### 4-6

**Harry M** for attentively absorbing a wealth of information in Canberra

**Hallee** for resilience during coding lessons

### Health & Safety

**Georgie** for always being sun safe

### Sport

**Arlo** for being responsible when using the school equipment

### Environmental

**Adharsh** for taking pride in our school's agriculture

### Peer Nominated Citizenship

**Emma** for being safe and respectful towards staff and peers during camp

### PBL

**Arlo** for taking pride in the work he completes

**Eadie** for always having a go and participating

**Lexi** for being proud of the work I complete

**Logan** for demonstrating sportsmanship values

### Home reading

**100 nights** – Bonnie

**150 nights** – Preston, Robert

**175 nights** – Robert

**200 nights** – Imogen, Emma

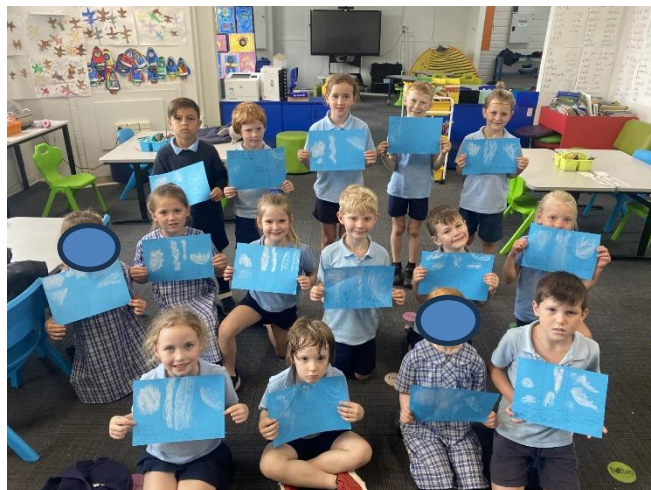


Eleanor turns 10 on 24 November

### Class News

#### K/1

As we continue our hard work into Week 6 of Term 4, the Waratahs have been busy across all subjects. Over the last two weeks in writing, we have moved on from the story 'Amy and Louis', to a new book called 'Little Cloud' by Eric Carle. Along with this new story we looked at the NASA website 'Climate Kids' and 'Tree House Weather Kids' as digital texts to give us some more information on how clouds form and the different types of clouds. From this, the students began writing their own poems, and completed a small artwork on the different types of clouds and used adjectives to describe them. During Mathematics we again used the popular interactive tool Polypad whilst looking at shrinking patterns. We have even finished our phonological awareness, and soundwaves programs which the kids were stoked about! During all our hard work, we have still found time to go outside for sport and play some games including red rover crossover, dodgeball and rob the nest. The weeks are certainly flying by!







2/3

The Dolphins have continued to work very hard in all areas. During literacy sessions we have been looking at the work of David Walliams. We have enjoyed stories from his compilation of "The World's Worst Children". As a writing exercise, we have used alliteration to create our own character to appear in the book. We have used taught language features such as adverbs, similes, metaphors and noun groups to write an introductory description of our characters.

## Clementine the curser

Clementine the curser of 45 Thistledown Road was a child you'd never want to meet. She wasn't the normal playground bully that teachers could crack, she was a full-on stalking, rude, bullying curser.

Clementine's hair was thick, chocolate brown, long and curly. She had eyes as deep as the ocean, they were a dark brown. She wore a red and white checked dress with stockings as green as spring grass.

Every evening walking home from school with her gang, Lexi the lion and Stella the smarty pants, she would hiss rude things that only the foulest bullies dare to say to any other children she met. Clementine was a cat lover and always carried a brown tabby cat named Topsy wherever she went. Clementine is a bad girl. Trust me, you will know her when you see her.

Ivy the irate is 13. 🙄 She has orange hair A red coat and yellow eyes that shine like the bright sun. She wears an orange dress as long as a running river. She hates people who smile and are happy, 😊 they make her as angry as a lion.



Logan the looter-you never want to see his appearance because he has the reddest blood hair that glows at night. He gets his black as the night sky jacket with his matching ski mask, with his right hand he grabs his studded glove, that is so sharp that you could cut a branch with one swing. He doesn't like cops because they stop him in his tracks when he is stealing from the rich.







During math lessons we have been working on improving our automaticity of addition and subtraction and to 20. Year 2 have been using a number of strategies to complete 2-digit addition and subtraction problems and Year 3 have been using the jump strategy on an empty number line to solve 3-digit addition and subtraction problems.



**Hunter Kids Paterson**  
**Vacation Care Booking Form**  
 December 2023 – January 2024



Booking forms available from the school office



#### 4-6

We have been very busy in 4/5/6 with our Canberra trip and preparing for our Smart City STEM presentation.

Students were given a wealth of information from 'Rocket Ron' our bus driver and from the wonderful tour guides in Canberra.

These questions can be discussion points at home.

Let's see how much they remember?

What is the meaning of the name Canberra?

How many wind turbines did we pass?

What is the name of the hill that Parliament House was built on?

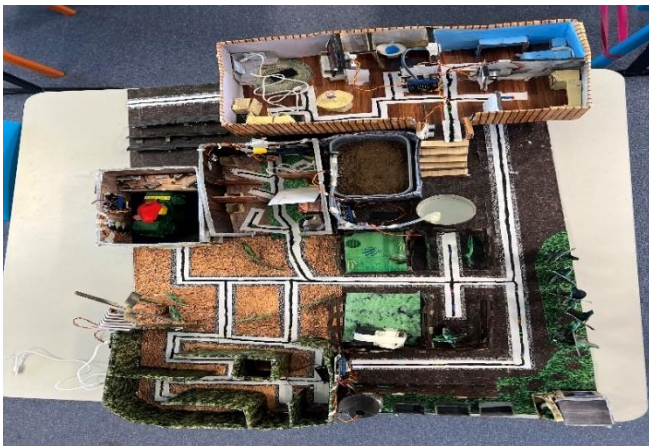
When was Parliament House officially opened?

Which royal member was present at that time?

Which Prime Minister was the only Prime Minister to serve in both old Parliament House and new Parliament House.?

What special part of Parliament House has a connection to Newcastle?

We have finally finished our STEM Smart City project. All students that were involved in the project should be very proud of their achievements.



## Nutrition Snippet

### NEED SOME LUNCH BOX IDEAS?



Check out our range of healthy lunch box examples to give you inspiration at:

[healthylunchbox.com.au/healthy-lunch-box-examples/](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/healthy-lunch-box-examples/)



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class:- \_\_\_\_\_

\$9.00 per person, includes pizza, drink and treat bag. Additional Pizza \$5.00

Pizza Choice (Dominoes Mini Pizza)

Pepperoni		3 Meats	
Spicy Veg Supreme		Ham + Cheese	
Margherita		Cheese	

Drink Choice

Bottled Water		Can of soft drink		Popper	
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** Who does GOswim Cater to?  
**A:** Our program has levels catered to all ages and swim abilities.

**Q:** How long do lessons go for?  
**A:** Lessons run for 30 mins. Shark and Orca levels run for 45 mins and Go Academy runs for 1 hour.

**Q:** Do you offer private lessons?  
**A:** Yes, our program caters for private lessons which can be organized with the reception team and Swim School Coordinator.

**Q:** How do I pay for lessons?  
**A:** Lessons are paid for automatically through weekly direct debit.

**Q:** How do I change my class time?  
**A:** You can conveniently use the Active World App to manage your classes on the go. Alternatively, you can call our facility and speak with one of our friendly staff members or ask in centre.

**Q:** Can I suspend my membership?  
**A:** We offer you the ability to suspend your direct debit for \$5 per week. This holds your child's spot in the class. We also offer free suspensions in the case of a medical reason providing evidence.

**Q:** What happens if we miss a lesson?  
**A:** We offer the ability to mark your child absent and book a make-up lesson for another time on our Active World app as long as it is done at least 2 hours prior to the commencement of the lesson. You can also call the centre and speak to reception. You then have 7 days to book the make-up lesson.

**Q:** How much notice do I need to give for cancellation?

**A:** All cancellations need a 30 day notice period upon receiving a completed cancellation form. Ask our reception team for a cancellation form during your visit.

**Q:** Are your teachers accredited?

**A:** All of our teachers are qualified and have been trained by leading industry bodies and undergo consistent practical on the job training and assessment. This includes first aid and CPR training.

**Q:** Will I have the same teacher every week?

**A:** Yes. We try our best to keep our Swimming Teachers consistent in every class, but your teacher may change as you move and progress through the program.

**Q:** Does the program run at the same time as school terms?

**A:** Swimming is a skill that needs consistent practice. Our lessons run for 48 weeks of the year with lessons only stopping for a short period over Christmas break.

**Q:** Do parents need to attend with students?

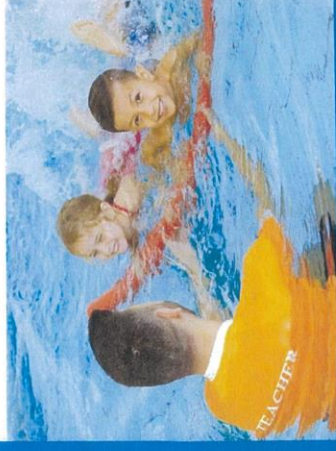
**A:** Yes, even if you are not required to be in the water with your child, active parent supervision is required at all times.

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# GOswim



## LEARNING TO SWIM IS FUN!

## WELCOME

To GOswim, a Swimming Australia program designed to engage your children with a fun, activity-based style of learning.

Your Learn to Swim Membership includes:

- 48 weeks of Swimming and Water Safety lessons
- A five-day intensive program during the summer holidays
- Four weeks of free family swimming over summer
- Free swimming for your child throughout the year



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in our Swimming and Water Safety program. Belgravia Leisure is proud to partner with Swimming Australia to deliver students an effective learn to swim program that focuses on contemporary experiential and activity-based learning techniques, as well as inspiring students to explore pathways into competitive and recreation lap swimming.

You will find that our program is a shift from 'command' to experiential style teaching, reflecting a modern approach to teaching that will result in enhanced learning outcomes. Our program curriculum incorporates progressive levels, combining water safety with learning swimming strokes for infants, preschoolers, primary school aged children, teens, access and inclusion and adults.

We also offer the GOswim Academy program, positioned at the end of learn to swim journey, to encourage children to keep swimming and presents further opportunities to swim such as encouragement meets and introductions to swim clubs.

## PRICING INFORMATION

GOswim admin fee (once off) - \$20

Weekly Direct Debit prices:

Swimming lesson - \$17.50

Swimming lesson (2nd lesson) - \$14

Swimming lesson (3rd or more children) - \$15.75

Private lesson for child with disability (ND Plan) - \$17.50

15 min private lesson (child) - \$40

30 min private lesson (adult) - \$60





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## Annual General Meeting

The Woodville School of Arts Hall will be holding our Annual General Meeting on: -

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6:30pm  
at the Woodville Hall.**

At the AGM we will elect Management and General Committee members for 2024.

This year we are seeking a new member from our community to help fill a position vacated by a long serving member. We would also like to encourage community members to attend in the hope we strengthen our membership so that we remain a vibrant part of the Woodville Community, as one of the few remaining School of Arts Halls in NSW that is owned by its' community.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary at [pwillan69@bigpond.com](mailto:pwillan69@bigpond.com) or 0414585084.

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