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## Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

<b>21 March</b>	Harmony Day
<b>22 March</b>	Stage 2 PSSA - Pennant Hills Oval, Field 4 Stage 3 PSSA - Ruddock Park
<b>23 March</b>	P&C BBQ (State Election Day)
<b>26 March</b>	2.20pm K—6 Assembly Band Committee Meeting 7:30pm Staff Room
<b>27-29 March</b>	Stage 3 camp
<b>29 March</b>	Stage 2 PSSA - Pennant Hills Oval, Field 4
<b>2 April</b>	World Autism Day 2.20pm Years 3 – 6 Assembly K – 2 Interviews 3-7pm 9am Prayer Group - canteen steps
<b>5 April</b>	Stage 2 PSSA - Pennant Hills Oval, Field 3
<b>9 April</b>	2.20pm Years K – 2 Assembly Years 3 – 6 Interviews 3—7pm
<b>11 April</b>	ANZAC Service 11:30am Principals morning tea Year 6 vs Teachers game
<b>12 April</b>	2.20pm Easter Hat Parade Stage 2 PSSA - BYE Stage 3 PSSA finishes - Pennant Hills Oval 2

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WHAT I LEARN TODAY  
DOESN'T MAKE YESTERDAY

wrong.

IT MAKES TOMORROW

better.

## This Week's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our thoughts are with Christchurch at this difficult time. Some students may have been exposed to media releases and discussions over the weekend. Our role as teachers and parents is to make our children feel safe.

- Re-assure children of their safety at school; comfort them, remind them that they are safe and that these sorts of events are very rare.
- Maintain normal routines and schedules.
- Deal with fears by reminding children that many good things still occur in the world.
- Encourage students to participate in their faith community if relevant.
- Help children to separate angry thoughts and feelings about specific people who behave in violent ways from the larger cultural or religious group to which those people may belong.
- Remind students if they are feeling distressed that it is important to talk to someone they trust such as a family member, friend or teacher.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14 May – 24 May our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

*For more info:*

[How to support your child during NAPLAN  
information for parents and carers](#)

[Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)

[Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

### ***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey (Term 1, 2019)**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 11 March and 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **29 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/>

[TTFM Student Survey FAQs Parent and Carers T12019.pdf](#)



Have a great week.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

## Deputy's Message

### School Interviews

Interview bookings are now open!



Your unique code for these interviews is **z4yce**

Enter once logged on to the website [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au)

You will be able to select your child's teacher from a list of teachers, check their availability and select an interview time. You will then receive an email confirmation of your booking.

**The main interview day is Tuesday 2 April for years Kindergarten – year 2 and Support Unit**

**The main interview day for Years 3 - 6 is Tuesday 9 April.**

**1YC Interviews will be held in week 2 of term 2.** A unique code will be published in week 11 of term for these bookings.

Teachers may have made times outside these days available (dates noted above - depending on the availability of individual teachers), so you should be able to book alternate days and times. Teachers can log on and make a time for you if you need them to, send in a note or call the teacher to arrange a time. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Bookings close 29 March, ready for interviews for the last 2 weeks of term.**

### Car Park Safety

Please remember to use the path at Giblett Ave to enter and exit the school. There have been many students and families using the car park gate to walk through. This could potentially be a risk to your and students' safety. The only gate to use is the one closest to the canteen steps.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

Julie Granville

Deputy Principal

## Drama and Wakakirri News

### DRAMA AND WAKAKIRRI MEETING & AUDITION THIS WEEK

I am excited to announce that we will start auditions for TWPS Wakakirri and Drama Group this Friday 22nd. These groups are open to students in Years 3-6. Audition notes will be sent out through the school note system this week. There will then be 2 days next week on Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th. No money payments are required until next term. Hoots Toots grab ya Boots.

Ms. Karyn Johnson

TWPS Wakakirri Direction and Drama Teacher

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## P&C News

For up to date messages from the P&C, including meeting agendas, fundraising & general information follow us on Facebook.

[www.facebook.com/TWPSPC](http://www.facebook.com/TWPSPC)

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Vanessa Erickson - P&C President





# From the Community



## STEWART HOUSE Support in 2019



**Thank you to those schools continuing to raise much needed funds for Stewart House in 2018. We pride ourselves on being NSW Public Education's charity of choice!**

We are concerned that there has been a steady decline in the fundraising revenue we receive from public schools in recent years. Please consider Stewart House as a charity worthy of your school's support in 2019. We know that schools are very innovative in finding ways to raise money, but here are a few options...



### Stewart House Donation Drive 2019

Your donation supports the 1,700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Stewart House was one of the highlights of my teenage years and I hope so many people can still relate with today. The dedicated staff that run the program are amazing. **NSW Public Education's Charity of choice**

Win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice

- Place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return to your school to be eligible for the draw

All entries must reach Stewart House by Friday 21st May 2019 in time for the draw at 12pm on this date

### Donation Drive - Win a family holiday valued at \$4,000!

The Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes are enclosed with this mail-out. Entry into the draw is only \$2.00 for your chance to win a family holiday valued at \$4,000 to the destination of your choice. Please see the attached flyer on how the competition works and how your school can get involved.

Support  
Stewart  
House



### Merchandise 2019

There will be some new Stewart House merchandise available in 2019 as well as the very popular High Bounce Balls. We will email all schools with a separate information pack on how you can purchase this merchandise.



Bathurst Primary School raising \$1,000 with an Easter Hat Parade

### Fundraising Events

Traditional Stewart House school fundraisers include...

- Mufti Day for \$3.00 with each child given a Stewart House handball
- Challenge each class to create the longest line of 5c pieces, a handball competition with the Stewart House high bounce handballs or dress as an 'S' day for Stewart House.
- Pyjama mufti days and sausage sizzles.

## 2018 DANCE CLASSES:

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