



Week 4, Tuesday, February 20th February 2018

Due to enrolled children's life threatening anaphylactic allergic reactions to eggs, all nuts and peanut products, we would like to encourage families not to send these products to school with their children. These include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts.

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4 TERM 1

2018 Calendar Term 1

Week 4

Thurs 22/2: Zone Swimming Day 1

Fri 23/2 : Zone Swimming Day 2

Fri 23/2 : Cupcake Day

Week 5

Mon 26/2 : Stage 3 Police Visit

Tues 27/2 : Stage Aboriginal Parent Meeting 2pm

Thurs 1/3 : "Buddies" K-6 Brainstorm Production

Week 7

Wed 14/3: P&C AGM 6pm

Fri 16/3: Stage 2 Healthy Eating Productions

Fri 16/3: Worlds Greatest Shave

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers

In this newsletter is an extensive explanation of our newly revised system that reflect our rejuvenated PBL systems. Thank you to the PBL team- Mrs Morante, Mr Gaul and Ms Body who have provided the inspiration and dedication to update our PBL teaching and learning practices. The school will continue to keep parents and carers informed about our work in this area.

A reminder to parents and carers who pick up their children from school in the afternoon:

We kindly request that you do not sit or gather outside the classroom in the afternoon. Teachers will bring the students to the main quadrangle area for a convenient pick up by parents and carers.

It is great to see so many students from our school riding a bike to and from school. Swansea is a great place to ride! I have always considered the safety of your children to be of the utmost importance , so I want to share some perspectives on bike safety that I consider to be very valuable:

- All bike riders MUST wear a helmet- this is a law
- If riding a bike on the road, bike riders should always ride in single file
- Look before crossing roads and take care – look both ways before crossing the road
- Advice provided indicates that children under 10 should not ride unsupervised (i.e. adult supervision only). If for any reason your child needs to ride to school and they are not 10 years of age, I ask that you provide a written permission note, detailing the reasons for this permission.

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Uniform Shop

Your school uniform shop is located next to the Library and is open on

MONDAY

mornings 8:40 - 9:40 am



From the Principal continued

Attached to this newsletter you will also find some interesting notices concerning driving and parking safety.

Our Canteen continues to be refurbished and the work is well on target for completion. The Pavilion will be ready for school activities by next week. As part of the school's maintenance program, the rooves of school buildings and the recarpeting of the school library and our programs room (previously known as the computer room) will take place in the next school holidays.

We had a great P and C meeting last week – thank you to all who attended. A number of issues were discussed including the Canteen menu and a review of the school's Uniform Policy.

It was enthusiastically agreed that in 2018 we will make a number of changes to the current school uniform options. I look forward to continuing this discussion.

P&C NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of Swansea Public School P&C Association will be held on **Wednesday 14 March at 6.00pm** in the staffroom at Swansea Public School.

All current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer



Nominations will also be sought for membership of the following P&C Sub-Committees:

Fundraising Co-ordinator/Sub Committee
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
Book Club Co-ordinator

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and /or nominate for vacant positions.

All current P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and /or nominate for vacant positions on the executive and sub committees.

If you would like further information regarding the roles and their responsibilities a booklet guide will be made available at the School Office or contact Kylie Stevens on 0459 862 359 for further information.



PBL

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) - What's the buzz this week?

Focus: Our new 3Bs

Be Respectful

Be an Active Learner

Be Safe and Responsible



Swansea PS will be learning about the 3Bs every Tues afternoon from 2.30-3pm.

At this stage classes are becoming familiar with the expectations and brainstorming on what each expectation means. Students are learning what the expected behaviour is so they will then know what they need to do and how they need to behave at school.

On Friday, teachers discuss with students individually if they have met the expected behaviour of the 3Bs, both in the classroom and the playground. As per information sent home, this is the new reward's system. If you would like further information or clarification, please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

The changes in PBL have resulted from extensive consultation with students, teachers, families and the community.

Thank you again for your continued support and helping make PBL the best it can be in benefiting all the students of Swansea PS.

Our buzzy bees are swarming around giving teachers lots of 'Gotchas' and all teachers are looking out for the students showing the 3Bs. We are continuing the focus on assemblies this week to ensure all students demonstrate the expected behaviour especially when teachers are at the front delivering messages.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR BEHAVIOUR! We hope to spot you!



Sports in Schools Stage 2



Student Items

Please ensure your child's clothes, lunch box, pencil case etc are clearly labelled with their name. This helps identify lost items which can be found in our yellow Lost Property box which is situated under the COLA area on the stage.



Sports in Schools Stage 2



Cupcake Day
Friday, 23 February 2018
\$1.00 each



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Swansea Public School - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Dear Families,

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Swansea Public School will be undergoing significant changes as we move into the 2018 school year. These changes are a result of an extensive feedback process that involved the wider-school community, students, teachers and school staff. These changes were also made to reflect the direction of our 2018-2020 school plan.

Our three school expectations are changing!

From Term 1, 2018 they will be:

- Be respectful.
- Be an active learner.
- Be safe and responsible.

The school community expects that students will meet these expectations at all times – both in the classroom and on the playground. PBL promotes high expectations and encourages students to be their best in all that they do. PBL provides a consistent message for everyone, everywhere, every time.

Meet Buzzy!

'Buzzy' is our PBL mascot. You will see 'Buzzy' throughout the school this year promoting our three expectations to students. Our mascot was chosen by our students. Bees working in a hive know that communication and co-operation are both keys to success. They are organised, prepared and work as a team. Our school will be installing a hive for native bees. Science lessons across K-6 will teach children about sustainability, biodiversity and the importance of pollinators.

Meeting Expectations

Each week, students complete a checklist to monitor their classroom and playground behaviour.

Week	Classroom Expectations			Playground Expectations		
	I was respectful.	I was an active learner.	I was safe and responsible.	I was respectful.	I was an active learner.	I was safe and responsible.
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If a child does not meet one of the PBL expectations it is recorded on the student's tracking sheet.



Week	Classroom Expectations			Playground Expectations		
	I was respectful.	I was an active learner.	I was safe and responsible.	I was respectful.	I was an active learner.	I was safe and responsible.
1	ü	ü	ü	Not following teacher's instructions.	ü	ü

The teacher has not ticked the box and made a note of the reason.

Students work towards completing their tracking sheet by the end of the school term. Students who consistently demonstrate each expectation automatically qualify and receive their PBL Bronze (Term 1, Week 10), Silver (Term 2, Week 10), Gold (Term 3, Week 10) and Platinum Award (Term 4, Week 8). These weeks may be affected by shorter or longer school terms – the school will communicate changes with families.

Where a student has not met school expectations, those students will receive their award in the week that they qualify (e.g. when they have 10 weeks in total). Students who receive a Gold Award by Term 4, Week 5 will be recognised at the school's presentation day. Those who receive a Platinum Award will also attend a lunch with the Principal in the last week of the school year.

The weekly checklist promotes an ongoing discussion between each student and their teacher. Families are encouraged to regularly check their child's progress. Under certain circumstances, students may work with their teacher to achieve a missed tick in the following week. Teachers will also monitor student behaviours while they are on excursions or participating in representative sport.

Student monitoring for 2018 will begin in Week 3, after teachers conduct classroom information sessions.

Class Awards

Classroom teachers nominate two students to receive PBL class awards at the school's assembly. There will no longer be 'mini awards' and PBL class awards will not contribute towards achieving Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum awards. Class teachers will no longer nominate students for weekly 'Maths Awards' as student effort and achievement in Mathematics can be acknowledged in PBL class awards.

Please note that lollies will not be given to students in recognition of positive behaviour.



Home Reading Awards

Classroom teachers will co-ordinate home reading for their own classes. Students receive Home Reading awards at the school's assembly when they achieve 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200 nights of home reading.

Playground Recognition

Teachers will hand out 'Gotcha!' tickets to students on the playground and assembly lines. Each 'Gotcha!' ticket will be placed in a classroom raffle ticket box. One student is drawn from each class box on assembly and will receive an ice-block (students must be present at school). All 'Gotcha!' tickets go into the draw for a PBL handball at the end of the school term.



Assembly Recognition

Our Junior PBL team (Year 5 and 6) will monitor student assemblies each day and award an infants and primary class trophy at the school's assembly.

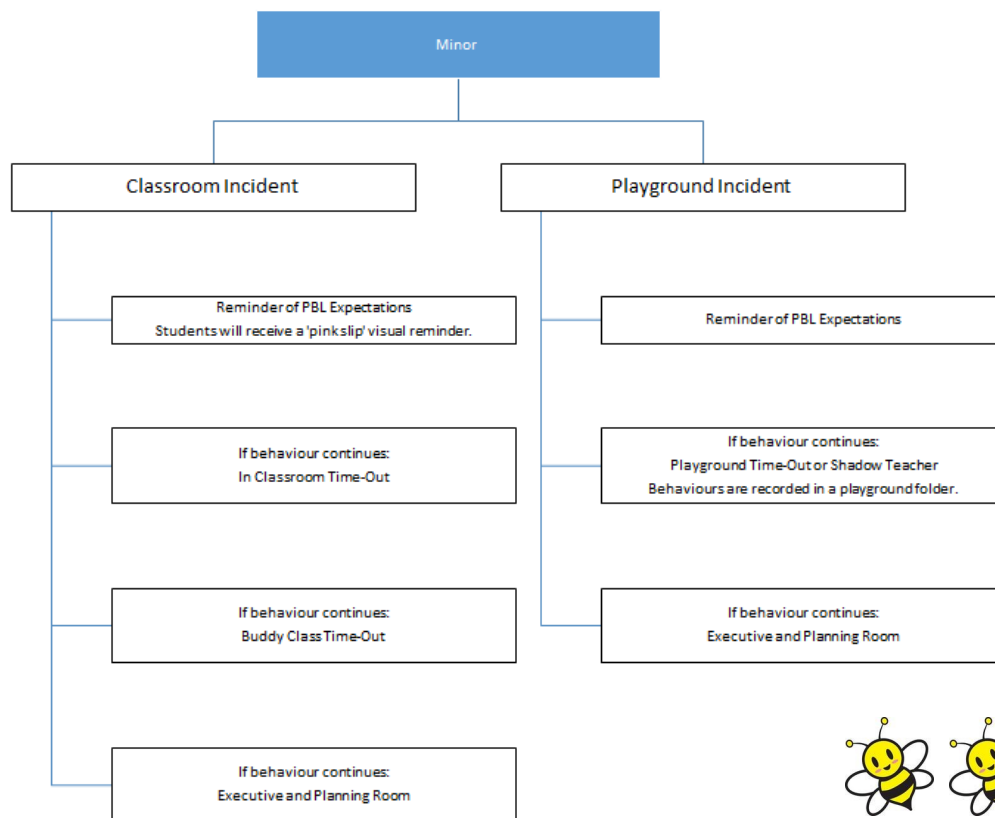
Junior PBL Team

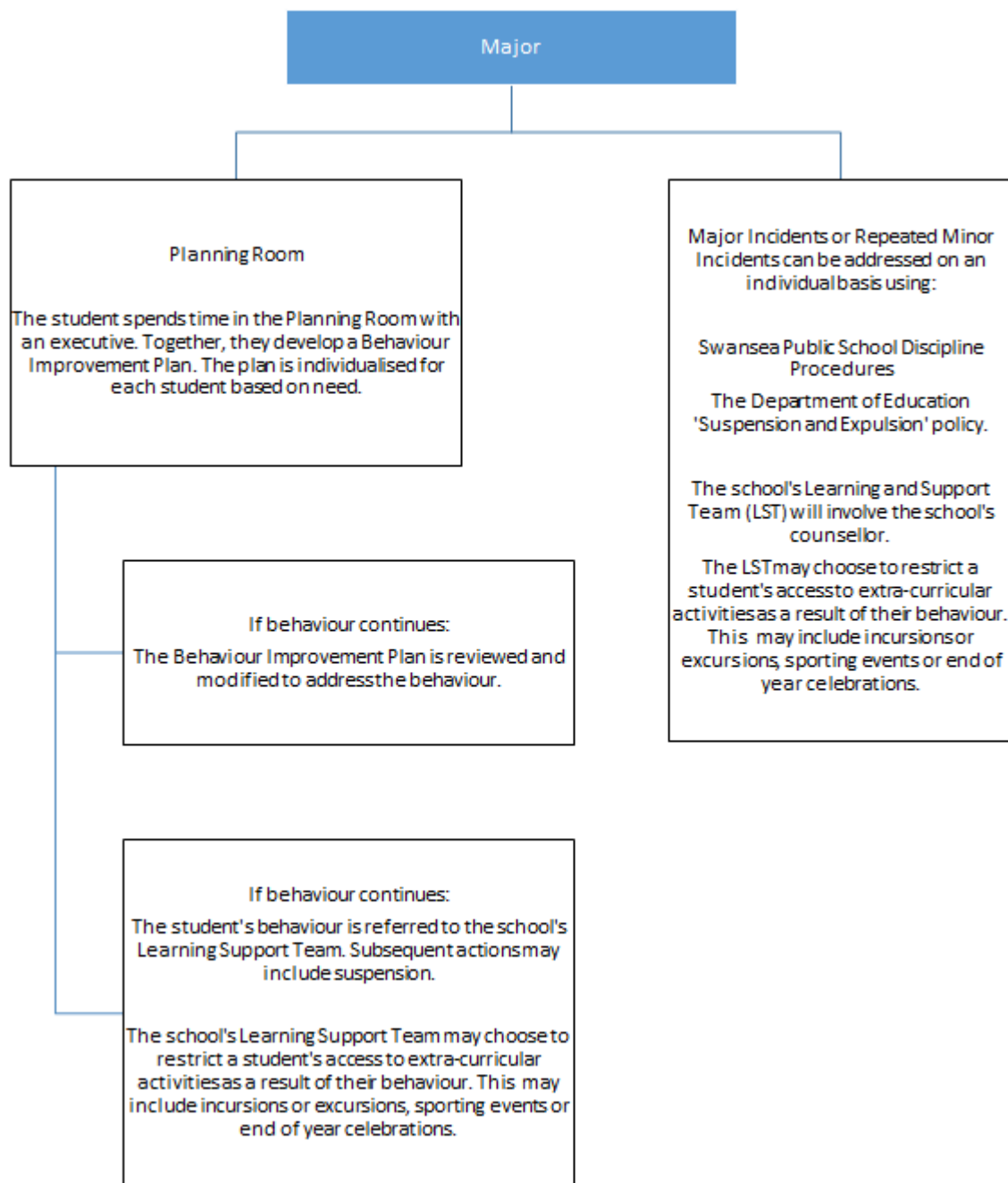
The Junior PBL Team is a leadership opportunity for students in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6). The team represents all students and presents ideas to the school PBL team. The team is responsible for informing its peers of any important decisions and provides information at school assemblies. Other responsibilities include fundraising, lesson planning and providing assistance to students on the playground. Students selected for the Junior PBL Team learn how the school works, how decisions are made and how to achieve change. Being a team member teaches skills that students can put to use in later life.

Students in Year 5 and 6 are invited and encouraged to join the Junior PBL team. Students must nominate to be a member. Each nomination must be endorsed by a school staff member and a member of the local community. Students need to be well organised and prepared to work towards having input in the running of the school. All nominations are considered and selected by the school PBL team. We believe students have a valuable contribution to make by voicing new ideas.

Questions and Policy Feedback

The school PBL team welcomes questions and feedback about school policies. Please speak with your child's teacher or the Stage Assistant Principal if you have any questions or would like to provide feedback to inform future policy changes. This policy will be made available on the school website in the coming weeks.





Yummy Healthy Recipe from 6/5H

NUDE FOOD RECIPE

CARROT HUMMUS

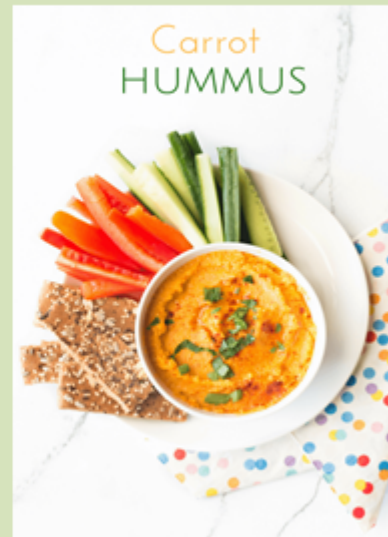
Ingredients:

300grams of carrots
2 tablespoons of Tahini
1 teaspoon of olive oil
1 teaspoon of ground coriander or cumin

Method:

Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor
and combine until carrots are smooth and creamy.

Enjoy with crackers, cucumber slivers or celery sticks.



Expressions of Interest for Guitar lessons

Rock Cave Music forms need to be in

by this Friday 23rd Feb

if you wish your child to have lessons at school with
Rock Cave Music.



Rock Cave Music
@rockcavemusic tuition

Cupcake Day
Friday, 23 February 2018
\$1.00 each



Kinder had a fantastic start to the year!



Kindergarten has enjoyed spending time with their buddies as well as having lots of fun learning with our new friends.

We have been busy learning letters, sounds, words, numbers, songs and so much more!

Kindergarten students are becoming respectful, safe, responsible and active learners who are growing in confidence every day.



Community Notices



Classes at Swansea Public School

Wednesday

3:15 pm 5 to 12 Yrs Jazz Technique

3:45 pm 5 to 12 Yrs Jazz

4:15 pm 5 to 12 Yrs Hip Hop

4:45 pm 5 to 12 Yrs Contemporary

5:15 pm 5 to 12 Yrs Acrobatics

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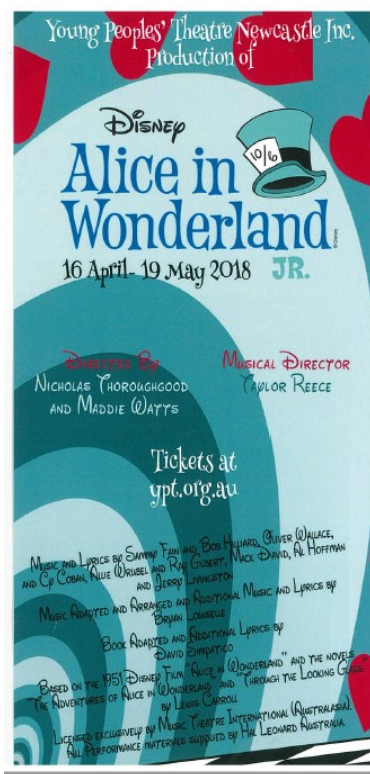
Happy Chinese New Year – 2018 The Year of the Dog



More details can be found on the official website

<http://www.lightupnewcastle.com.au/>

Dr N Henry School Librarian



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PERFORMANCE DATES

Monday	16 April	11 am
Tuesday	17 April	11 am
Wednesday	18 April	11 am
Wednesday	18 April	7 pm
Thursday	19 April	11 am
Friday	20 April	11 am
Saturday	21 April	2 pm and 7 pm
Saturday	28 April	2 pm and 7 pm
Saturday	5 May	2 pm and 7 pm
Sunday	6 May	2 pm
Friday	11 May	7 pm
Saturday	12 May	2 pm and 7 pm
Saturday	19 May	2 pm and 7 pm

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Safety Around Schools

ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES:

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Maximum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points

Double parking

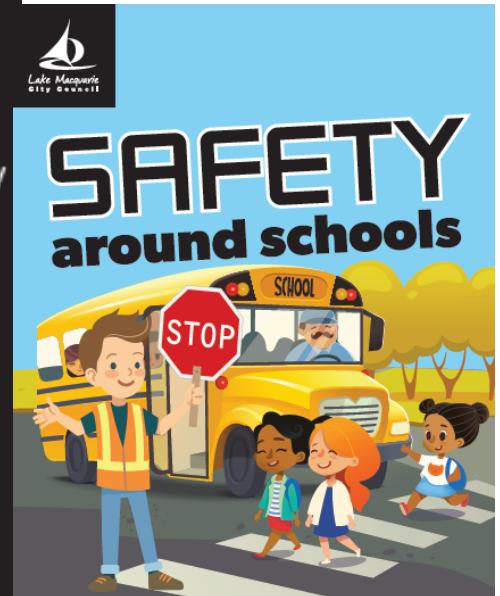
You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points



ALL Bikes **MUST** exit
through the back gate
in Galgabba Street
due to safety concerns

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PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



You cannot stop here

Unless there is a medical or other emergency

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

\$549 and one demerit point



TERM 1

EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
W e e k 4	19	20	21	22 Zone Swimming at Charlestown	23 Zone Swimming at Charlestown	24/25
W e e k 5	26 Clean Up Australia Day 2pm Stage 3 Police Visit 2:10pm	27 Aboriginal Parent Meeting 2 pm Staffroom AECG Meeting 6pm at Redhead Awabakal	28	1 March The Big Veggie Crunch “Buddies” K-6 Brainstorm	2	3/4
W e e k 6	5	6	7	8	9	10/11
W e e k 7	12	13	14 P&C AGM 6pm Staffroom	15	16 Stage 2 Healthy Eating Productions 12pm Worlds Greatest	17/18
W e e k 8	19	20	21 Harmony Day Wear Orange to school	22	23	4/25
W e e k 9	26	27	28	29 Easter Hat Parade 11:30 to 1 pm	30 Good Friday	31/1 Easter Weekend
W e e k 1 0	2 Easter Monday	3 April	4	5	6 Athletics Carnival	7/8
W e e k 1 1	9	10 K-2 Blackbutt Excursion	11 School Disco P&C Meeting 6pm	12 ANZAC Day Ceremony	13 Last Day of Term 1	4/15