



### DATES TO REMEMBER NEXT WEEK

Friday  
9 February 2018  
School Swimming  
Carnival

# ADELONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018

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## The Principal's Post

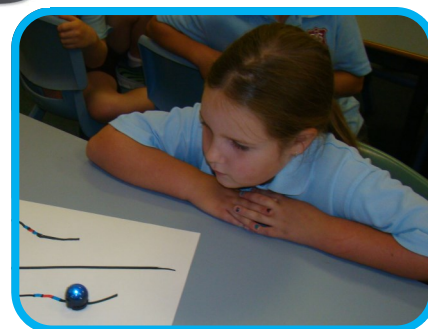
Last Friday Mrs Stephanie Smyth, manager of the Adelong Bendigo Bank, presented the school with a two thousand dollar cheque. This very generous donation will be put towards the school's STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program. On behalf of the school I wish to thank the Adelong Bendigo Bank for its continuous support of our students.



Mrs Smyth presenting the cheque to Mr Pilgrim

The school has begun its STEM robotics program. The students of Class 2/3/4 got to play and experiment with the Ozobot Robots learning how to colour code.

Pictured below is Class 2/3/4 with the Ozobots



### Attendance

I wish to stress the importance of students attending school. Please find attached information for parents, in particular the Every Day Counts Chart that shows the cumulative effect of missing school. I will address this further in next week's newsletter.

Peter A Pilgrim



## Leaders Hats

Last Friday at the Opening Assembly our school captains and vice captains were presented with their pale blue leaders hats. The hats will make our captains visible in the playground for any other students that are seeking help.



Pictured above: Kiandra, Lily, Ronan, Julie and Byrom

## NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Thank you to those families that have returned their newsletter surveys. In the interest of saving paper and printing costs, this will be the last newsletter that every family receives a paper copy.

**From next week, only families that have requested paper copies will receive them.**

### Book Donation

Thank you to Austin Brown for his recent donation of a new book to our school library.. The book title is "The Magic Misfits" and the author is Neil Patrick Harris.



### RADIO NEWS



**Tune into 96.3 Sounds of the Mountains , next Tuesday at 10.45am to hear Kiandra and Byrom bring you the news from APS.**



**Bendigo Bank**

**Proud supporter of  
ADELONG PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## School Swimming Carnival Tomorrow

The school swimming carnival will be held tomorrow, 9 February 2018 at the Adelong Aquatic Centre. Students from Years 3 to 6 will attend.

Pool entry for the 2018 Swimming Carnival is free.

Students will walk to the pool from the school. The carnival will commence at 9.30 am.

The Carnival Program is attached to this newsletter.

**\*HELP NEEDED at 8.15am to set up shade shelters at the pool.**

## Swimming Carnival Sausage Sizzle Lunch

The P & C will be selling Sausage Sandwiches for lunch at the Swimming Carnival Tomorrow.  
\$2.50 per sandwich



## Attention Kindergarten Year One

There will be NO CANTEEN tomorrow.

## Coles Sports for Schools is back!



We're excited to announce that the Coles Sports for Schools program is back for 2018 and our school has registered! The program gives all schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear just by collecting vouchers from Coles.

### How does it work?



#### Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



#### Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



#### Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.





## Children's Mosaic Classes

**Monday and Wednesdays**

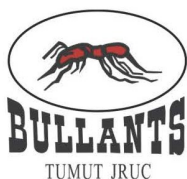
**3.45-5.15 pm**

**\$25.00 per Class including  
Afternoon Tea**

**The Art of Hair and Mosaic**

**143 Wynyard Street Tumut**

**Call Kerrie 0407 265 828**



**" Rugby a game for all shapes and sizes "**

The Bullants would like to invite your family to be part of rugby 2018.

We offer rugby for boys from U7 - U16.

We have a fast paced touch rugby 7's comp for girls U7 - U16/17 and tackle 7's events for the girls who wish to play tackle.

Rugby participation numbers across the zone have exploded, we suggest it is time for you to come and see why !

Our club has no issue if your children wish to play another winter sport as well as Rugby

Play a game in the opening round as the Bullants will host the first round of the competition at our home grounds on Sunday April 8th, this will involve over 80 games of rugby and touch 7's so a great introduction to our competition and an opportunity to give rugby a crack as part of a Bullants team.

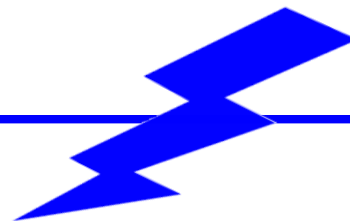
Please call for information on how to have a crack at Rugby in 2018 for girls and boys.

First rugby training and registration starts Friday 2nd of March. 5.30pm Jarrah oval

President Jock Mason 0418649203

Secretary Jon Harpley 0402028056

Touch 7's Sarah Roche 0427282745



## **Come for a Shocking Night Out!**



Family Science Show

# **Lightning: So Frightening**

*Thursday March 15, 2018  
7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.*



**Franklin Public School, Tumut**

For Keen Science Students (Primary and Secondary) and Parents/Guardians

### **Increase your Interest and Enjoyment in Learning**

- What is the difference between volts and amps? Which one is deadly? Does a lightning flash travel upwards or downwards? Why shouldn't you lie down on the ground when there is a thunder storm around? Why do so many people die unnecessarily after an electrical accident or being struck by lightning? And more.

### **Highly Visual and Entertaining**

- See the long sparks from a one-half-million-volt Tesla coil, the effect of electricity on your muscles (ouch!), how lightning caused an Italian church to explode, what happens when lightning strikes a car, and more, and hear some fascinating stories involving lightning.

### **Examine Interesting Phenomena Using Equipment That is Not Readily Available**

- Study different types of lightning strikes to people and other animals, ways to protect yourself from being struck by lightning, why lightning can affect different types of trees in different ways, and more.

Cost: \$12 per person.

**Presenter:** Dr Peter H. Eastwell

Director, Science Time Education ([www.ScienceTime.com.au](http://www.ScienceTime.com.au))

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### **To Book**

To book, please email the name(s) of those in your group wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to [tumut@sciencetime.com.au](mailto:tumut@sciencetime.com.au) by **March 13**. You will receive confirmation of your booking by return email. Payment will be by cash (\$12 per person) at the door on the night, please. Booking is important to ensure that the show is not overbooked or that you are alerted in the event that bookings are insufficient to support the show.

# EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**





# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/goto/school/a-z/attendance.php>

#### **The school leaving age:**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

[www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

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- All students must come to school first as sports ages for 2018 will be written on their hands.
- Students can only swim in either the 50m or 25m event for each different stroke. They cannot swim in both.
- The carnival will commence at 9.30am.
- All 50m events will be timed for relays.
- If there are several heats in both the 50m and 25m races, final places will be awarded on times.
- House points are awarded for entering races.
- Only 50m and 100m placegetters (1st & 2nd) are eligible to participate in the Highlands District PSSA carnival.
- Due to council regulations, **no-one** will be permitted to take photos during our swimming carnival, except for the school photographer.
- Students will return to school after the carnival in time to catch buses. Parents may, collect children, but please inform their teachers and sign your child out.

## Officials

Supervision, Announcer	Mr Pilgrim, Mrs Waters
Marshall & Photographer	Mrs McDonald
Chief Timekeeper & Starter	Mrs Hall

*Thank you to all the wonderful people who have helped us with the running of this carnival. We could not run these events without you.*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

*From all the staff and students at APS*

**Thank  
you!**

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you!**

# *Adelong Public School*



## *Swimming Carnival*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018



### Pool Entry

Students swimming - free

Spectators pay at the Pool - free

Adelong Public School - 2018 Swimming Carnival  
at Adelong Pool - 9.30am Start

## Order Of Events

- 1 12/13 Yr Boy 50m Freestyle
- 2 12/13 Yr Girl 50m Freestyle
- 3 11 Yr Boy 50m Freestyle
- 4 11 Yr Girl 50m Freestyle
- 5 10 Yr Boy 50m Freestyle
- 6 10 Yr Girl 50m Freestyle
- 7 9 Yr Boy 50m Freestyle
- 8 9 Yr Girl 50m Freestyle
- 9 8 Yr Boy 50m Freestyle
- 10 8 Yr Girl 50m Freestyle

- 11 All Age Boy 100m Freestyle
- 12 All Age Girl 100m Freestyle
- 13 12/13 Yr Boy 25m Freestyle
- 14 12/13 Yr Girl 25m Freestyle
- 15 11 Yr Boy 25m Freestyle
- 16 11 Yr Girl 25m Freestyle
- 17 10 Yr Boy 25m Freestyle
- 18 10 Yr Girl 25m Freestyle
- 19 9 Yr Boy 25m Freestyle
- 20 9 Yr Girl 25m Freestyle
- 21 8 Yr Boy 25m Freestyle
- 22 8 Yr Girl 25m Freestyle

Recess - 10mins

- 23 Senior Boy 50m Breaststroke
- 24 Senior Girl 50m Breaststroke
- 25 11 Yr Boy 50m Breaststroke
- 26 11 Yr Girl 50m Breaststroke
- 27 Junior Boy 50m Breaststroke
- 28 Junior Girl 50m Breaststroke
- 29 Senior Boy 25m Breaststroke
- 30 Senior Girl 25m Breaststroke
- 31 11 Yr Boy 25m Breaststroke
- 32 11 Yr Girl 25m Breaststroke

- 33 Junior Boy 25m Breaststroke
- 34 Junior Girl 25m Breaststroke

- 35 Senior Boy 50m Backstroke
- 36 Senior Girl 50m Backstroke
- 37 11 Yr Boy 50m Backstroke
- 38 11 Yr Girl 50m Backstroke
- 39 Junior Boy 50m Backstroke
- 40 Junior Girl 50m Backstroke
- 41 Senior Boy 25m Backstroke
- 42 Senior Girl 25m Backstroke
- 43 11 Yr Boy 25m Backstroke
- 44 11 Yr Girl 25m Backstroke
- 45 Junior Boy 25m Backstroke
- 46 Junior Girl 25m Backstroke

Lunch - 20mins

- 47 Senior Boy 50m Butterfly
- 48 Senior Girl 50m Butterfly
- 49 11 Yr Boy 50m Butterfly
- 50 11 Yr Girl 50m Butterfly
- 51 Junior Boy 50m Butterfly
- 52 Junior Girl 50m Butterfly
- 53 Senior Boy 25m Butterfly
- 54 Senior Girl 25m Butterfly
- 55 11 Yr Boy 25m Butterfly
- 56 11 Yr Girl 25m Butterfly
- 57 Junior Boy 25m Butterfly
- 58 Junior Girl 25m Butterfly

- 59 Junior & Senior Boys/Girls 4 x 50m Individual Medley
- 60 Junior & Senior Boys/Girls 4 x 25m Individual Medley

- 61 Senior Boys & Girls 4 x 25m Relay
- 62 Junior Boys & Girls 4 x 25m Relay