

WHAT'S ON

2019
Term 4

Week 6

Tuesday 19 November

Third Kinder Orientation afternoon 1-3pm

DigiEd Yrs 5/6

Wednesday 20 November

School Disco 4-6pm

Week 7

Wednesday 27 November

AGM of P&C 7pm in the library

Sunday 1 December

Carols at the Rotunda

CANTEEN

Week 6

Monday 18 November Melinda Bowden
Helen Pundi
Natasha Geisler

Week 7

Monday 25 November Tanya Montford
Maxine Ince
Melinda Bowden

Stroud Public School Newsletter

Care, Respect, Responsibility and Fairness

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TERM 4 WEEK 5

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019

Principal's Report

It has certainly been an interesting week! Our thoughts go out to all the families near Taree and Forster who have been impacted by the fires. The fire threat is certainly not over as the weather is expected to heat up again next week. The safety of our students and staff will always be our priority. Thank you to all our parents for your understanding and support this week.

A few reminders for this week:

- Carols at the Rotunda has been changed to Sunday 1 December*
- the Annual General Meeting for the P&C is on Wednesday 27th November at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.*

- Kindergarten Orientation afternoon for both new parents and students 1-3pm on Tuesday 19th November*

Over the next weeks the school will become a very busy place so make sure you keep track of our events.

Enjoy your weekend,

Carolyn and Staff



Jake won the prize for the quiz and Aliya and Maddox laid the wreath.

School Events

Unfortunately our Remembrance Day Ceremony organised by the historical society had to be moved to our school hall due to the heavy smoke in the area. Thank you to the organisers for understanding our situation and we were happy that the service could still go ahead in our school hall. Thank you to Pauline Ibertson, Brian Eastoe, Father Martin Davies and John Chadban who all contributed to the day. A big thank you also to the Men's Shed for providing the BBQ for the students. We really appreciate your contribution to our school.





Remember our 4 bees:

Be caring,

Be respectful,

Be responsible and Be

Fair

Remember
to wear
your hat!

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week the learning awards have been awarded to Logan (fantastic contributions in poetry), Taj (consistent high achievement in Fast Maths), Blade (fantastic answers in novel study), Lucy (consistently neat bookwork), Erin (always trying and never giving up), Payton (good work with the yellow box), Hunter (always having a go) and Charlotte (fantastic progress in Fast Maths).



Disco reminder!



Please send in your money for the disco in an envelope with your child's name on it.

School Sport Activities

Jump Rope for Heart

I will put in the photos from Jump Rope for Heart next week. Please send in the sponsorship money as soon as you can.

Thank you for your support of this charity.

Term 4 Week 6	
Tuesday	Dance
Wednesday	Skipping
Thursday	K-6 sport
Friday	Skipping

School Information and Reminders

Year 6 Dungog High School Orientation Information

Please book in the orientation program at Dungog High School on 27th November and 3rd December.

Book Club

Please send in your Book Club orders by next Friday 22nd November.



Please remember to send
fruit or vegetables to
school for our fruit break

Learning News

Years five and six had a very enjoyable day yesterday participating in the DigiEd workshop.

This workshop allows students, using the stopmotion/claymotion process to story board, animate (using the latest digital software), edit (adding of titles, credits and music) and upload their movie for digital download.

We will be seeing their results at our Awards Assembly in week 8.



Community Information

Please find attached to the newsletter information on:

- ♦ Mid Coast Council VERY HIGH water restrictions in place.

Birthdays

No birthdays this week!



Wattle Whispers

This week our learning has been interrupted but we have been learning about the sound 'ar' as in car.

In maths we have been revising 2D shapes and data.

We have also been doing lots of skipping practice for Jump Rope for Heart. We hope you liked our skipping!

VERY HIGH RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE*



Residential

You can only use water outside for a total of 10 minutes every second day.

Before 9am or after 4pm you can:

- use handheld hoses, watering cans or buckets (10 minutes only)
- top up your swimming pool (10 minutes only)
- wash a car or boat with a bucket only and trigger hose for rinsing (10 minutes maximum).

There is a total ban on all sprinklers and watering systems.

How every second day works

- If your house is an even number then you can water on the even days of the month (the 2nd, 4th, 6th etc).
- If your house is an odd number, then you can water on the odd days of the month (the 1st, 3rd, 5th etc).
- There is no residential outside water use on the 31st of the month.

* Water Restriction levels current on the date printed above. Please check the website below for updates to water restrictions.

1300 133 455

Public areas

Parks, gardens & non-active playing surfaces:
An 80% reduction on regular use is required, with users to develop a water management plan to achieve this target.

Active playing areas:

An 80% reduction on regular use is required, with users to develop a water management plan to achieve this target.

Bowling greens & golf courses:

Handheld hoses can be used on greens only enough to keep grass viable (MidCoast Council will work with operators to develop management plans for use).

Garden ponds:

Topping up by watering cans or buckets only to sustain fish or bird life.

Fountains:

Total ban.

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast. If rain is on the way, please don't water outside!

midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterrestrictions

11 November 2019

Dear resident,

We are contacting you today because we are facing an extremely severe drought for our region, in fact the worst in 75 years of river flow records. Our rainfall has been the lowest in 130 years of data collection.

We will require everyone to assist in conserving water, so together we can get through this drought.

What are the current water restrictions?

From Monday 11 November, Very High – Level 3 water restrictions will come into force across the entire MidCoast region. The Fact Sheet (see reverse of this letter) outlines what to do during water restrictions, and our information page has very comprehensive information about water restrictions, including a Q and A section: www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterrestrictions

What will happen next?

Weather is unpredictable, but using weather forecasts and our water usage modelling, we anticipate that conditions may get worse before they get better. At this stage, it is possible that a further increase in water restrictions to Severe (Level 4) will be needed in December. Visit the website link above to find out more about Severe water restrictions. We have to face the possibility that some of our smaller water supplies may enter emergency restrictions. This has never occurred before in our region. We are making plans just in case emergency supplies need to be accessed.

Why change levels now?

Moderate water restrictions started on 2 September. Up until mid-October, water use remained below our daily target. Over the last two weeks, as temperatures have risen we have seen an increase in average daily water use. River flows have declined to the point where we are no longer able to fill water storages across the region and as a result our storages are now dropping. In the case of Tea Gardens, the aquifer levels have dropped over recent weeks despite some good showers in the area. This combined with forecasts for dry conditions to continue through December has prompted us to change the restriction levels to Very High.

How can I help?

We need everyone to comply with water restrictions.

- Spread the word - apart from following restrictions yourself, you can help by making sure your neighbours are aware too.
- You can explore more ways to save water at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/savewater
- Check if your workplace, school and the businesses you shop at, are following restrictions - there is information on our website to help everyone save water.
- If you are using rain water or bore water outdoors, put a good sign out for everyone to see and tell your neighbours.

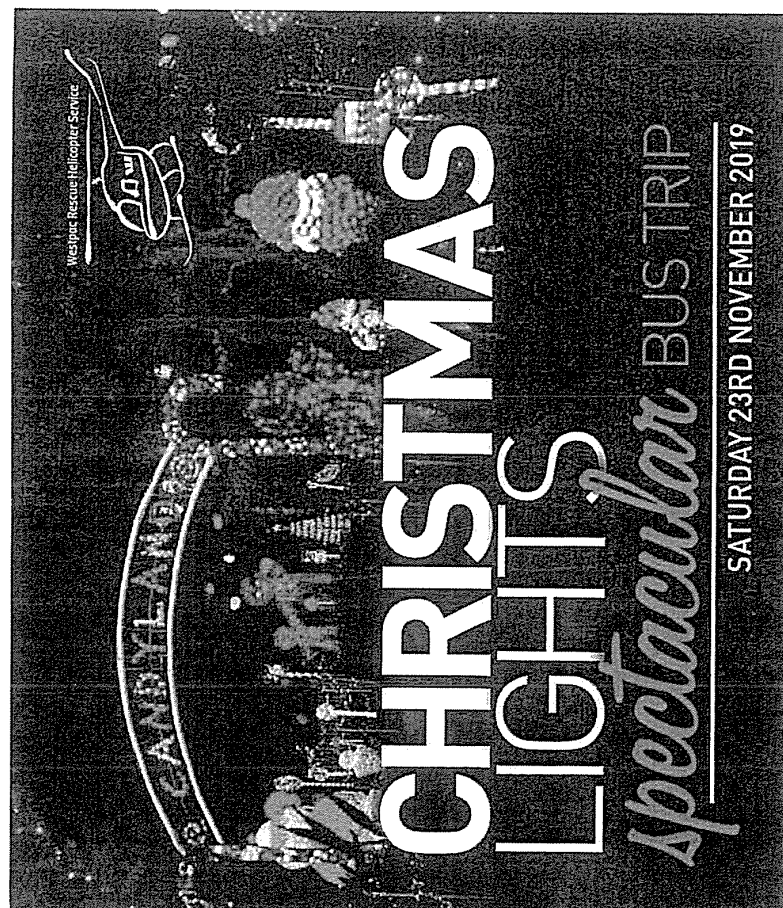
How can I keep up to date?

- You can nominate here to receive our weekly news wrap email, which will provide water restrictions updates, along with all Council's weekly news: midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Part-of-your-everyday/Stay-updated
- The most current information will be available on our website on the water restrictions page above. We will also keep you informed via our Facebook page. You can also check local newspapers, radio and TV and look out for roadside electronic message boards.

Thank you - we greatly appreciate your efforts to pull together as one community and get through this drought.

MidCoast Council

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Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Spectacular BUS TRIP

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2019

JOIN US for this wonderful opportunity to view the Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular.

TIME: Departing 4pm from Billabong Park, Gloucester (Public toilets on Dension Street)

COST: \$50 per person* (inclusive of bus trip and entry into the Christmas Lights Spectacular)

Tickets available from Gloucester Health Foods. Bookings Close - 15th November 2019

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Please contact Lorraine Groves on 0427 581 904

*Please note: Due to safety reasons we can only accommodate children 4 years & up. Booster seats are required for children aged 4, to be supplied by attendees. Unfortunately, no refunds will be issued once payment is taken.

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