



# Aldgate Primary School

## Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 2

10/5/18

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Mother's Day Stall– Friday 11th May**

Nothing says 'I love you mum' like a bath bomb, decorative candles or succulents. Tomorrow's Mother's Day Stall will have gifts ranging in price from two to five dollars. Funds raised will go towards a new playground.

### **NAPLAN**

Next week the years 3,5 and 7 students will be participating in NAPLAN. NAPLAN does get some bad press at times but it can be a useful planning tool. As I mentioned in an email earlier this the week NAPLAN is now attached to funding; based on the schools performance . The model used provides funds for both low and high achieving students, this will allow us to provide both support and extension for identified students.

We try and maintain a low key approach to the testing regime with the aim of reducing anxiety in the students. We will have extra staff on hand to ensure the process runs smoothly and so students feel supported. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

### **Canberra Trip**

I can't remember a more positive educational experience . There is more information about the trip in this newsletter but I thought it was worth mentioning how worthwhile the trip was. Myself and Leanne Costello were so impressed by the quality of the places we visited and how polite and well behaved the students were. It will be a trip the students in the younger years will really look forward to.

### **Life Education**

The Life Education van is visiting the school in two weeks time. Some of the topics being covered include cyber safety, safety rules and friendship. These programs are a valuable part of a child's education and are supportive of our school values.

### **Parent Workshop**

During term three we will be offering parents an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the dangers of the internet through a workshop called Over Exposed Under Prepared. More information to come.

Kind regards,  
Kevin Kennedy  
Principal

11/5 Footsteps

15/5 NAPLAN

16/5 NAPLAN

17/5 NAPLAN

18/5 Footsteps

21/5 Life ED Van

22/5 Life ED Van

22/5 Cross Country

23/5 Life ED Van

24/5 Life ED Van

25/5 Footsteps

29/3 ICAS Science

31/5 Cake Stall

14/6 Swimming R-5  
17/6 Footsteps

11/6 Queen's  
Birthday PH

12/6 Swimming R-5

# 2018 Canberra Trip



The Canberra Trip was an awesome experience. We had to be at the airport by 5:30am but the early start was worth it as we had a great first day. We visited the War Memorial and the Museum of Australian Democracy.

We then headed to our accommodation, which was very comfortable and the food was delicious.

Over the next few days we visited Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Royal Australian Mint, the Electoral Education Centre and the National Museum of Australia. They were all very interesting and fun

We also went to Government House for a tour of the residence, we met his Excellency the Governor General Peter Cosgrove. He was very nice.

Before we knew it was time to fly home. Thanks for the memories Canberra.

A big thanks to Mrs Costello and Mr Kennedy for coming along. Also a really big thankyou to Fiona for all the hard work behind the scenes getting the trip organised.



# 2018 Canberra Trip



# Oliphant Science Information

Calling all budding Scientists and STEM enthusiasts

*The Oliphant Science Competition is back in 2018*

Do you have a scientific question you want the answers to?

Is there an area of science you want to explore more deeply?

Do you love investigating “What’s it all about and Why it is so”?

Then the Oliphant Science Competition is a wonderful opportunity for you to further develop your interests and critical thinking in science through a range of engaging scientific areas. Get ready to explore and answer your questions in a creative manner and maybe win a great prize along the way (even cash!).

Although this is an “out of school” based competition, I will be available to provide advice and guidance to Aldgate’s competition participants during the competition.

Regards Mr Strevens



See Mr Strevens for an information pack today! Science Rules

## Key Information

Enter as an individual or in a group (2-3)

(please note that not all categories allow group entries—check info pack for details)

This year it's **FREE to Enter** (APS will subsidise all costs)

**Tuesday 19th June - Registration forms due**

### KEY DATES - Term 3

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Science Writing, Scientific Inquiry, Games and Multimedia entries are due

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August - Computer Programming & Robotics entries are judged at the SASTA Office (student's will need to demonstrate their Program/Robot)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Crystal Investigation, Models & Inventions, Photography and Posters are due (give to Mr Strevens)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 12noon - 4.00pm - Open Day Exhibition at Festival Functions - 292 Findon Road, Findon

## The 2018 Award

### Categories

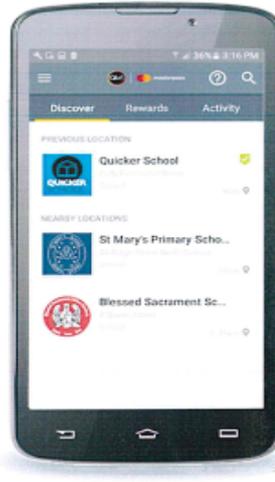
Individual entries only

- Science Writing
- Posters
- Programming & Robotics
- Crystal Investigation
- Games
- Models & Inventions
- Multimedia
- Photography
- Scientific Inquiry

# Maria's Kitchen is going online for ordering

## Maria's KITCHEN On-line Ordering

In Term 2, Maria's Kitchen will be introducing on-line ordering. Order and pay on your phone or tablet! Anywhere, anytime!



- Download the free QKR app & register
- Find Maria Kitchen—lunches only
- Register your children
- Enter their student's profile
- Add a payment card
- Browse and order from the menu

This application is for ordering and paying for school lunches only.  
 Please do not pay other school fees via QKR as payment will be lost

For all enquiries, please contact Maria directly at  
[mariaskitchen@bigpond.com](mailto:mariaskitchen@bigpond.com)  
 or phone 0403 163 576

### Free Furniture

We are replacing some of our old school desks with more space efficient ones. As a result we have about a dozen surplus desks to be given away. They are in good condition.

The desks are located undercover next to the recycling shed in the staff car park.

Please help yourself.



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