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Term 4 - Week 4 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 6 November 2019

Entry to Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2021

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2021 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 8 October to 10.00 pm on 11 November 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online is available at <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective</u> <u>-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.</u>

The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

School Placement Test on <u>Thursday 12 March 2020</u> at a local school.

Parents are asked to email the High Performing Students Unit: <u>ssu@det.nsw.edu.au</u> or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries <u>not covered in the application</u> <u>information booklet</u>.

Reminders Stage 2 Shortland Golf Excursion

All students attending **must** bring a hat and drink bottle.

SCHOOL HATS will now be available for sale in the office, Bucket Hat Stage 3 and Broadbrim K - 4. **CASH SALES ONLY** \$14.00. As the warmer weather is approaching all students must wear a hat in the playground. <u>NO HAT</u> playtime will be under shelter.

REMINDER TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

All our wonderful library books are due back over the next few weeks so please begin searching through the shelves at home and help Mrs Butler by returning when you are finished with them.

The final date for student returns is Friday 30 November.

Xmas Book Fair

Our Xmas book fair will be held Monday 9 December -Thursday 12 December . No cash sales **<u>EFTPOS ONLY</u>**

News from the P & C

Thank you for the massive school support we received for the Digital Media Festival. With a huge amount of teacher and volunteer support we were able to raise just over \$1000.00. The P&C voted at last night's meeting to add this amount to the previous \$1200 from the Father's Day Stall and combined will be used to purchase new Classroom Readers. And in case you didn't get to the festival, our stall was totally the best!

| DATES TO REMEMBER | TERM 4 2019 |
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| Thursday 7 November | Stage 2 Shortland Golf Excursion |
| Monday 11 November | Swim School - 2 week intense program |
| Wednesday 27 November | Parent helpers Afternoon Tea |
| Wednesday 27 November | Final Combined Scripture assembly 2.00 pm |
| Friday 29 November | Last Assembly Gold Award Presentation |
| Tuesday 3 December | Year 6 Full Day Orientation |
| Thursday 5 December | Pre School Concert |
| Monday 9 December - Thursday 12 December | Xmas Book Fair EFTPOS ONLY |
| Tuesday 10 December | Year 6 Farewell |
| Thursday 12 December | Presentation Day |
| Friday 13 December | Gold Awards - Student Celebration |
| Tuesday 17 December | Party Day—ALL STUDENTS |
| Wednesday 18 December | Year 6 Clap out 2.00 pm |
| Wednesday 18 December | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL |

EVACUATION Practice

Over the next few weeks each stage will be walking to the High School to review the guidelines and plans for an emergency evacuation off site. All class teachers and some support staff will be attending with their students. Plenty of preparation and discussions will be held before we go. Stage 3 will start us off this week. Good luck lovelies.

However, due to numbers, weather conditions and organisation factors we are walking on different days. All visits need to be completed before Thursday 21 November. If you would like more information please discuss with your

child's teacher or see Mrs Butler.

We would appreciate your support to remind your child to remain calm and listen to their teacher on the day.

WPS Christmas Hamper Raffle

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Yes, it's that time of year when we ask our generous school community for donations for our massive Christmas Hamper Raffle. Last year saw over 35 hampers made and raffled off. This year we will continue our massive raffle, however, we would like to start a new tradition of giving 10% of raffle profits to a local charity working to help local families doing it tough over the Christmas season. Raffle books will go home with next week's newsletter and additional raffle books will be in the front office. The Hamper Raffle will be Drawn Friday 6th December at the twilight picnic.

Christmas Hamper Raffle- donation suggestion list

| Class | Items |
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| Preschool | Crackers / Savoury biscuits, bread sticks, nut mixes, gingerbread, soft drinks / poppers / cordials |
| Kindergarten | Sweet biscuits, shortbread, Christmas puddings, pudding pkt mixes, cake & muffin mixers, icing mixes, pancake mixers |
| Year 1 | Jams, Marmalades, maple / golden syrup, honey, minced tarts, UHT or packet custard, jelly packets |
| Year 2 | Pretzels, popcorn, chips, tinned / jarred fruit / vegetables, dried fruit, pickled onions / gherkins, olives |
| Year 3 | Lollies, candies, toffees, candy canes, sweets, chocolate, liquorice, fudge, truffles |
| Year 4 | Spreads, mustard, pickles, chutney, sauces – apple/mint cranberry, salad dressings, mayonnaise, gravy |
| Year 5 | Christmas – wrapping, serviettes, bonbons, paper plates, cups, tea towels, decorations |
| Year 6 | Tea, coffee, flavoured coffee sachets, juices, ice-block tubes, milk flavourings, UHT milk / cream |

The donation drop off box will be located in the front office.

Donation ideas are certainly not limited to those on the list but make a great range of variety for hampers. If any business would like to donate a prize to go into a hamper, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support The P&C fundraising team