



Congratulations Freeman House  
Meet Fortunato & Angel - Freeman House Captains



*We acknowledge and pay our respects to the elders, both past and present who have walked this land before us and now walk alongside us. We honour their totem Biraban the Eagle Hawk and his little brother Wiripaang which our school is named after.*

## SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome to week 6 of this Term's learning. The children are all well in to the swing of routines and are showing exceptional results in their classroom learning application and ability. Attitude, effort, results...we are soaring high on the wings of success!

There are so many whole school and community events happening in the coming weeks, to stay on top of them all I encourage you to note them on your calendars and regularly access our Facebook page and School App.

On Monday 18th March our WiriMob are hosting an afternoon tea in the sensory garden, invitations have been posted out. Please remember to return your RSVP slip to school to assist us with catering. We look forward to sharing a cuppa and having a yarn about your child's culture. We sincerely thank the Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council who have donated hampers and a lucky door prize for those that attend. Members from the Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council are also discussing the rejuvenation of our Bush Tucker Garden behind the library and look forward to gaining some community support with this project at this time.

On Thursday 21st March Wiripaang PS will be acknowledging Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, please see invitation further on in the newsletter. We would like to see our students wearing something orange on this day for a gold coin donation to the SRC's nominated

charity. Please join us for a picnic lunch, afterwards stay and participate in the Peer Support lessons and hear what all the buzz is about as our stage 3 students lead their groups.

Another popular event on its way is our Easter Hat Parade - Mrs Dunne is again inviting families in to the library to assist their child in decorating their hat ready for the parade in the last week of term. It will be magnificent! This was a popular community activity last year and we would appreciate you helping us to create the hats again.

We are starting to trial and form teams for our inter-school netball, soccer and rugby league competitions that take place in Terms 2 and 3. The kids are very excited and willing to be involved. It is a timely reminder also that if students aren't following the expected behaviour procedures during the week then unfortunately they will not be able to participate in that weeks game. It's a well deserved reward to proudly represent our school in these competitions and I want to ensure I'm sending respectful, responsible students along. I have included our PBL reward system for reference again in this fortnights newsletter, as I am very excited to say that we have some students very close to achieving the first Wiri Bronze Pin. Make sure students store their merits somewhere safe as they deservedly earn them.

Wiri is an amazing and exciting learning community I am so pleased you are all part of it!

Kind regards, Emma Stothard—Principal

## UPCOMING DATES

### Term 1—2019

- Thurs 7th Mar—P&C AGM Meeting Library 6pm
- Sun 10th Mar—Bunnings BBQ (Staff)
- Mon 18th Mar—WiriMob afternoon tea
- Wed 20th Mar—U10's Knights Knockout Rugby League
- Thurs 21st Mar—Harmony Day
- Thurs 28th Mar—Whole School Photos
- Tues 2nd April—PSSA Rugby League gala day
- Thurs 4th April—P&C Meeting Library 6pm
- Tues 9th April—Easter Hat Parade
- Fri 12th April—Soaring High Day K-6
- Fri 12th April—Last day of term 1

### Term 2

- Tues 30th April—Starts for students
- Fri 3rd May—ANZAC Day Assembly

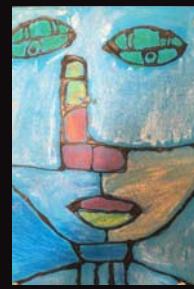
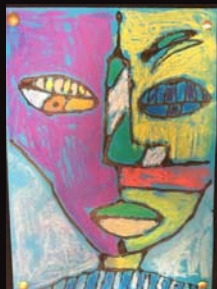




# THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

## 1D

1D have been learning about all types of visual art mediums through the investigation of portraits. They have been creating self-portraits using chalk, paint, watercolour and learning about cool and warm colours. Our amazing display in the school foyer is worthy of an art gallery.





## Peer support news

### Week 6 Focus – Types of Friends

Types of friends is the focus in Peer Support this week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through various activities children will identify that their friends can fall into the categories of 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons.

Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.



### Week 7 Focus – Being Supportive

This week in the Peer Support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each others lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session.

Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.



This section of our newsletter is dedicated to sharing aspects from our School Management Plan. Please don't hesitate to ask any member of staff for more information regarding any focus area. Reporting of these areas will occur during P&C meetings and Wiripaang PS Evaluation Team Meetings.

**This fortnight our focus is on Student Voice, improvement measures and improvement strategies.**



## School Management Plan 2018-2020 Strategic Direction 1: Learning for the future (Student Voice)

**Purpose:** To develop confident, resilient, adaptable learners, fostering growth in social and emotional capabilities. Engaging students in their learning to ensure they are confident in making decisions and strengthening relationships that empower their future.

### Our improvement measures:

- ☒ All students achieve expected learning growth,
- ☒ Wellbeing data indicates improved relationships between students and with a trusted teacher(s)/adult staff member,
- ☒ Improved engagement from community with their child's learning,
- ☒ Attendance data that shows a trend of improvement aiming towards a consistent 95%.

### How will we achieve these improvements?





- ☒ Fortnightly Student Representative Council (SRC) meetings where each class is represented by 2 students to present and discuss whole school matters of interest.
- ☒ Wellbeing and social programs K-6 support student confidence in themselves and in relationship building, eg. ShineGIRL, MACHIL, Peer Support and Rock and Water.
- ☒ Students complete surveys and participate in discussions with staff so we hear regularly about how they feel about life at school and how we, alongside their families can make it a better place to belong and learn. Students and families receive regular feedback (verbal, written, formal and informal) from staff about their learning.



**Wiripins – Where to next?** Assembly award certificates to be presented at fortnightly assembly

**Class Award Ratio per week:**

0-10 students= 1 award  
11-20 students= 2 awards  
21-30 students= 3 awards

<b>Step 1 (Teal):</b> Once a student collects 10 assembly award certificates (of any combination), they receive a Wiripin.	
<b>Step 2 (Bronze):</b> The next 10 assembly award certificates students collect will put them at bronze level.	
<b>Step 3 (Silver):</b> The next 10 assembly award certificates students collect will put them at silver level.	
<b>Step 4 (Gold):</b> The next 10 assembly award certificates students collect will put them at gold level.	

Wiripaang Public School Values Chart Everyone - Everywhere - Every time			
Respectful			
Talk- Pkide in Your will	Miss- Talk	Treat Everyone Fairly	Yes & Allow the Environment
			
Responsible			
Right Place and Movement	Safe Play	Healthy Habits	Make Use
			
Learners			
Persistence	Compassion	Quality Work	Ready to Learn
			

# Wiri Awards



Ruby D  
Etthan T  
Christina C  
Jacksun S  
Emily J  
Aaron S  
Dean Q  
Arliyah A  
Breeze N

Korbyn B  
Kobi B  
Samuel C  
Zoie P  
Dustin B  
Lilliarna W  
Max C  
Aurora E

Ruby-Rose M  
Ryan C  
Jake N  
Charlotte B  
Toby H  
Noah H  
Oliver R  
Jorja A

Glen M  
Anna H  
Heidi R  
Phoenix  
Haylie B  
Jehrome L  
Isabella B  
Jarrod B

Ethan T  
Sean R  
Lachlan P  
Zoe M  
Brandon R  
Daniel H  
EthynH  
Mason C



# Tell Them From Me Survey—the voice of our students Term 1, 2019

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

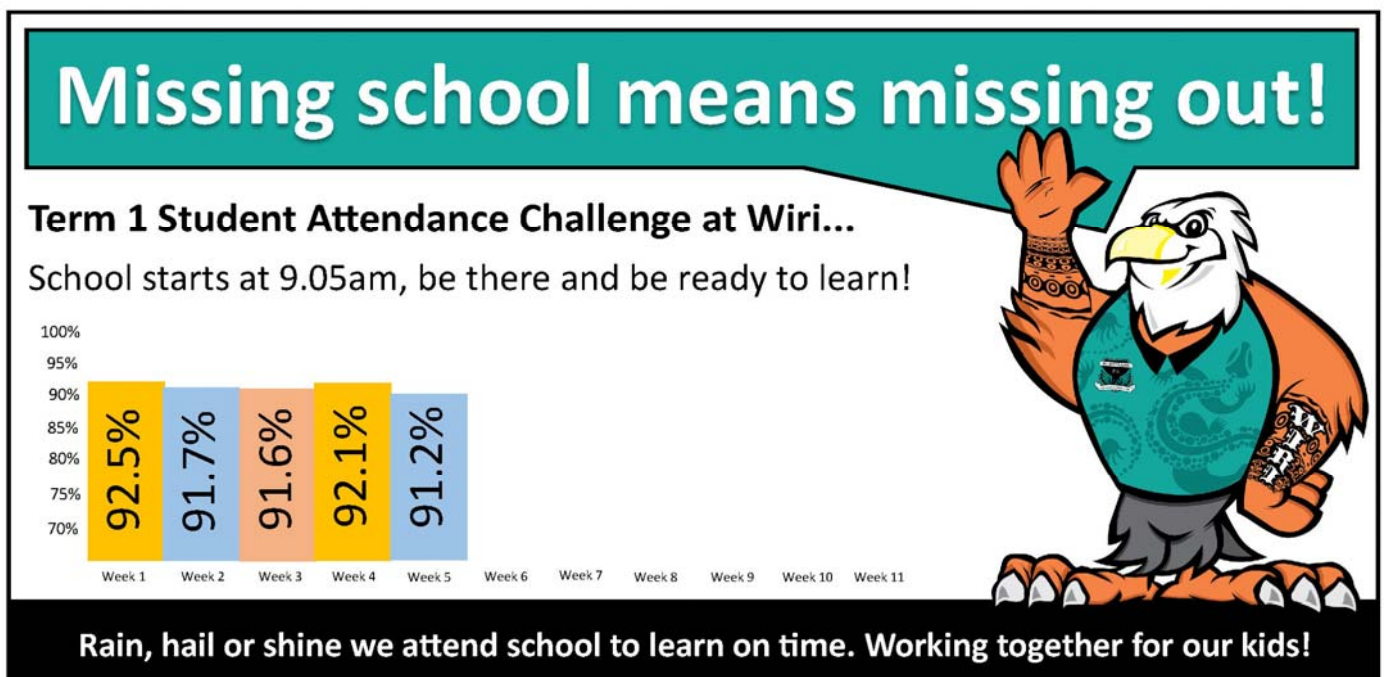
More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 11 March and 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is found further on in this newsletter. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 8th March 2019. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Donna Summers – Assistant Principal  
Leading the School Evaluation Team



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Wiripaang Public  
Shoot Code: 195458

Qty Ordered	<b>A Pack</b>	<b>\$65</b>	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.	Softcover Album 8x10" 30 page to store many years of photos.
Qty Ordered	<b>B Pack</b>	<b>\$45</b>	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.	Softcover Album 8x10" 30 page to store many years of photos.
Qty Ordered	<b>C Pack</b>	<b>\$38</b>	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.	Free low res Digital Image of individual.
Qty Ordered	<b>D Pack</b>	<b>\$26</b>	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.	There are no individual photos in this package.
Qty Ordered	<b>E Pack</b>	<b>\$22</b>	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.	There are no individual photos in this package.
Qty Ordered	<b>F Pack</b>	<b>\$65</b>	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.	Handcover Book includes Title Page, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo, Principals Message & Autographs Page.
Qty Ordered	<b>Photo Album</b>	<b>\$25</b>	8x10" 30 Page Photo Album	A great way to store your child's photos over the years.	

Any orders received later than 10 days after photo day will incur a late fee.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

Sorry No Change given

Or Payment enclosed with siblings.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return envelope on photo day with money enclosed. Please DO NOT return envelope if using online ordering system.

Family photo envelopes are available from your school office or order online.

THE MESSAGE OF HARMONY DAY IS EVERYONE BELONGS.

Hi! Hello! Ni hao! SALUT!

**TAKE ACTION EVERY DAY**  
BULLYING NO WAY!

Join us as we acknowledge Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

**Thursday March 21st from 1.30—2.55**

**Harmony Day** is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of **CULTURAL RESPECT** for everyone who calls Australia home. The National Day of Action Against Bullying, is a day when schools and communities across the country stand **united** against bullying and violence.

At Wiri we respect the **differences** that make us unique and special and this year we are celebrating Harmony Day and Action Against Bullying and Violence by engaging in activities that celebrate belonging.

Come and join our celebrations beginning with sharing lunch with your child/ren and their friends. We will have a short assembly and then break into our Peer Support groups. We would LOVE our families to come and see how we all belong at Wiri!

**We encourage everyone to wear orange to show their support!**

Wear orange or cultural dress for a gold coin donation that will go to a foundation of the SRC's choice. They will vote on this before Harmony Day. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and *encouragement* of mutual respect.

## A note from the office

Office hours are 8.30-3.30am. Please be aware of these times when contacting the school.

- School photos are on 28th March, please see above for prices, envelopes will go home the week before but you can order online at any time using the Wiripaang PS shoot code 195458.
- Support Unit swimming program full payment is now due.
- Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion deposit and note due.
- Please keep the office up to date with any new phone numbers and medical details as they arise.
- From term 2 we will no longer be distributing a bulk paper copy of our newsletter to students. In

✂ preparation for this change, should you require a paper copy please fill out the slip below and return to the office.

I request a hardcopy of the newsletter to be sent home each fortnight

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class \_\_\_\_\_



## Sports news

### Rugby League

It was an excellent start to the 2019 rugby league school competitions for Wiripaang students as we entered three teams in this years Paul Harragon Cup. Always a tough competition, the teams were set and ready, hoping to defend their 2018 title. All three teams showed great sportsmanship and represented the school with pride. With a very tight finish in Pool A, Wiripaang missed out on a back to back final showdown with a count back on points to see who went through. An amazing day out and some excellent skills on show! Great effort Wiri. Mr Thompson



### Swimming Carnival Awards

At our school assembly last Friday our swimming carnival awards were handed out, well done to our ribbon and award winners and to Freeman house who won the swimming house champions trophy.





## Wiri celebrates

KL had fun getting to know the BeeBots and beginning their Coding journey. Our leaders of the future world!



Whether it's swimming, phonics or creative artworks WS, WM and WF give it their best and always with a smile.







# Wiri's Library

What a busy term we are having in Wiri's library. We have been excited to welcome our robot friends this term and lessons have focussed on all things technology. As coding has now become a mandatory element of the curriculum we have spent our library sessions learning how to code and having lots of fun along the way!



## Library Timetable

This is the Term 1 library timetable. Please bring a library bag on your library day and ensure that books are returned each week.

	9.30-10.30	10.30-11.30	12.00-1.00	2.00-3.00
<b>Monday</b>			KL	2H
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/2S	3/4S	3/4M 1—1.30 1D	5/6T
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-10 WM		WS	5/6P
<b>Thursday</b>				WF

## Easter Hats

It's that time of year again when we get our creative thinking caps on and begin to design our Easter creations. We are excited to invite our parents and carers to come to the library during week 9 and 10 to help us decorate our Easter Hats for the hat parade which will take place on the last Tuesday of term.



All classes will decorate their Easter Hats during their library time in week 10, (week beginning Monday April 1st), see the timetable above for days and times of sessions.

**Exception: 1D will decorate their hats on Monday April 1st @ 10.30—11.30am**



If you have any crafty bits and bobs you wish to add to your child's marvellous creation, you are welcome to bring them along!

## Book Fair

There will be a Book Fair in the library during the last week of term. Further information will be posted in future bulletins. There will not be a Book Club brochure sent home this term.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC begins again this week— Monday March 4th. Students from years 3-6 who are interested in completing the challenge come see me for further information. K-2 students will complete it as a class.

*See you in the library ~ Miss Dunne ☺*





PRIME MINISTER

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Dear parents, carers and the school community,

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. Schools, governments at all levels, the Australian community and, first and foremost, parents take this obligation seriously.

As parents, we know that it can be challenging to raise children today in a world where risks to safety can appear not only on the street but online. And it is not always easy to navigate when the online world can have real world physical and mental health impacts.

That is why our Government has developed resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible and respectful adults:

- [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) – resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) – support for students, parents and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.

You can also visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for education and advice for kids, parents and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.

Whatever age your kids, it is never too late to make changes to improve their welfare. With the fresh start that a new school year brings we encourage you to use these resources for practical advice on keeping your family safe and well through the year.

Yours sincerely

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SCOTT MORRISON

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Tehan'.

DAN TEHAN



## P&C News

### P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Our P&C AGM for 2019 will be held on Thursday 7th March at 6pm in the library. This will be a short nomination meeting. The first meeting for 2019 with our new committee will directly follow the AGM.

ALL POSITIONS WILL BE DECLARED VACANT.

We are looking for some new volunteers to join our already dedicated team. P&C stands for 'Parents & Citizens' Association. This is a voluntary group of parents who work to raise money and provide extra resources for their school.

Joining the P&C is not a time consuming role but a rewarding one in which you can collaborate with likeminded parents to organise fundraising events that support our school and students. Meetings will generally run for 1 hour. Parents/Grandparents/Family and Friends all welcome to join. The cost is \$1 which is payable prior to the start of the AGM in order to vote. We hope that you can join us and become part of our team supporting our kids and our wonderful school.

Chocolate Fundraising money is now due, please return to the office as soon as possible. If you are having trouble selling your box then please return all to the office.



## Community Announcements

**SPORTING SCHOOLS FUNDING FOR TERM 2 WILL BE OPEN MARCH 4 – 15**

The Newcastle Jets are pleased to offer football to schools throughout Northern NSW through the Sporting Schools program.

**THE AIM OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE TO ENGAGE AS MANY CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE IN A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Our coaching team cater for all abilities with programs that give children confidence, build their skill set and teach resilience. Since taking over the program we have restructured our pricing to make the football program more feasible for schools and accessible to even more children.

To apply for your Sporting Schools Grant visit [sportingschools.gov.au](http://sportingschools.gov.au)

**SPORTING Schools**

**Sporting Schools**



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**NEW @ WiriEats**

**Twisted Watermelon and Mango  
Frozen Yoghurt \$2.20ea**



*You are invited...*

**PCYC Lake Macquarie is having its  
Annual General Meeting on  
Tuesday 19th March from 6-8pm.**

**All members and guests are welcome.**

**If you would like to be a part of our  
Advisory Fundraising Committee for 2019.**

**Contact Martin on 0421 611 449.**



Centre For Hope  
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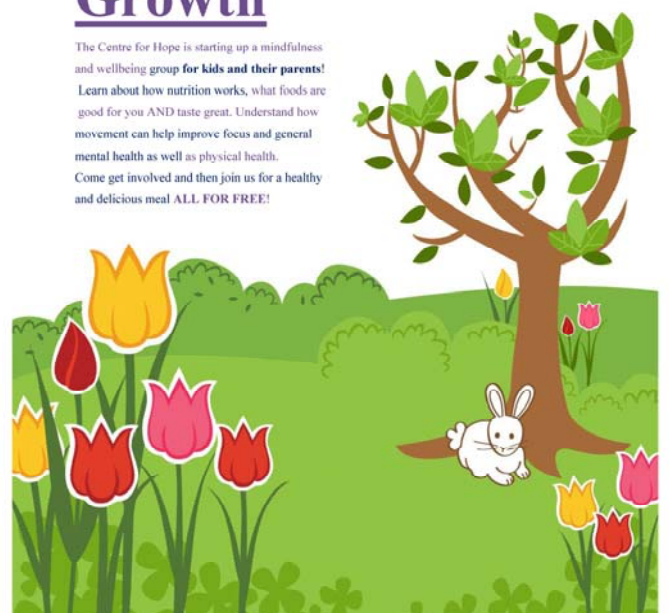
**Where:** The Drop, 1 Corona St, Windale, 2306

**When:** Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 7:30pm



## Steps Towards Growth

The Centre for Hope is starting up a mindfulness and wellbeing group for kids and their parents! Learn about how nutrition works, what foods are good for you AND taste great. Understand how movement can help improve focus and general mental health as well as physical health. Come get involved and then join us for a healthy and delicious meal ALL FOR FREE!





## **April 2019**



## Day Camps \$50

- Daily Camps \$50**
- Incursons & Excursions \$65
- Coach Fee / Hike Bus \$10
- Late Collection Fee \$35pc child per minute
- Excursion **Green** Shirt \$15
- Daily Incursion and excursion fee of \$65 is inclusive of excursion costs and travel under 25km*
- Daily Fees reduced by Child Care Subsidy**
- NO Cancellation Policy for Vacations Care
- Excursions and Incursions and 24 hours for Day Camps.

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- Day Camps.

## Risk Assessments

**Educators complete a full risk assessment prior to the activity taking place.**

The companies'/locations Risk Assessment and Public Liability and WWC are obtained.

### Ratios

- 1:15 in service  
1:10 on excursion  
1:5 water activities

## How to Book

Phone - 0412 728 915

Email—[stpaulsgateshead@fairplaycsh.com.au](mailto:stpaulsgateshead@fairplaycsh.com.au)

Family Lounge - [www.fairplayqosf.com.au](http://www.fairplayqosf.com.au)

You will be required to complete a booking form to confirm bookings

Things your children will need daily

- Send your child each day with a packed recess, lunch, snack and drink bottle.
- A wide brimmed hat and sun safe clothing
- **Enclosed shoes, No thongs, sandals and ballet flats.**
- **Positive Attitude**
- **Green Fair Play shirt for Excursions. (Compulsory)**
- **Sunscreen to be supplied if your child is sensitive to sunscreen.**

### Operational Hours & Location

7am - 6pm  
(Please confirm with Centrelink your approved hours for care)

St Pauls Primary School  
Felton Street, Gateshead NSW 2290

## Play, learn & grow

together in a quality service where kids can be kids.



<p><b>Monday 23rd</b></p> <p><b>All Hands on Drums</b></p> <p>Join in on the fun with Tom Harding &amp; create music with drums &amp; get everyone singing and dancing.</p> <p><b>Create your own Instrument</b></p> <p>Create your own unique instrument using materials at COSH to use in the Talent Show.</p> <p><b>Insulation</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 24th</b></p> <p><b>Kurti! Kurti! Indoor Pool</b></p> <p>Enjoy the inflatable pool obstacle course &amp; a hours of non stop splashing in the pool.</p> <p><b>Lunch in the Park</b></p> <p>Enjoy the Autumn day while you eat your lunch in the park.</p> <p><b>Excursion</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 24th</b></p> <p><b>Movie Marathon</b></p> <p>"Wonderpark"</p> <p>Relaxing in style and enjoy a gold class movie experience, seeing the latest flick.</p> <p><b>Popcorn included</b></p> <p><b>COSH Arcade</b></p> <p>Design and create your own game for people to play.</p> <p><b>Excursion</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 25th</b></p> <p><b>Battle Bats</b></p> <p>Get up close and personal and hands on with reptiles from around the world and native Australian animals in the natural bush setting</p> <p><b>Wind down, and relax for the afternoon with art, craft and tech time.</b></p> <p><b>Excursion</b></p>
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**Fair Play COSH Gateshead**

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Centre for Education  
Statistics & Evaluation

***Tell Them From Me* student survey:  
Information and consent form for  
parents and carers**



Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 1 2019, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want** your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

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***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

I **DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....

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