



St George School 2019 Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

Date: 26 March 2019

Key Dates:

**9 April – Anzac Day
Assembly**

**11 April – Primary classes
Easter hat parade and Easter
egg hunt**

12 April – Last day of term 1

**29 April – school reopens
for school staff – school
development day**

**20 April – students return to
school**

**1 May - Sailability
commences at Kogarah Bay**

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

This term has progressed very rapidly. The end of term is upon us. First term is always a busy term for school staff with setting up classes, establishing learning priorities for each student's learning plan, reviewing health care plans and more. We are looking forward to continuing learning over the next three weeks.

For your information, school finishes on **Friday 12 April 2019** and students return on **Tuesday 30 April 2019**.



Anzac Day

As ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays, we will hold a special assembly on Tuesday 9 April at 11.30am to commemorate ANZAC day.

During the assembly, both the primary and secondary classes will participate with work prepared in class that captures the courage and sadness of war and the significance of Anzac Day.

Harmony Day

On Thursday 21 March we celebrated Harmony Day with the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. We held a special assembly with songs and a parachute game. Staff and students wore orange, the official colour to represent Harmony day. The parachute symbolised all under the same roof having fun and enjoying each other's friendship and company.

Sailability

Next term our students will participate in Sailability on Wednesdays. Sailability occurs at Kogarah Bay and is supported by a team of volunteers who are experienced in sailing. Students are given one-to-one support. It is a wonderful experience for the students who get the opportunity to experience sailing, a mainstream sport, in a safe and secure environment. Special thanks to the volunteers at the Kogarah bay Sailing Club. A roster has been developed and, weather permitting, your child will have the opportunity to participate in sailing twice during the term.

Your class teacher will forward an excursion permission slip and follow the usual procedure for excursions.

Election day fundraiser - Saturday 23 March 2019

Last Saturday staff at St George School held a fundraiser at school to raise funds for the year 12 formal at the end of the year. Clare Pritchard and Annette Fuller coordinated the day. We had a BBQ for breakfast and lunch, tea & coffee stall, cake stall, jam stall, book stall and bric-a-brac stall. Special thanks goes to all the staff who supported the day and to the staff and volunteers who donated goods.





Happy Birthday to our March birthdays

Dean Parratt turned 14 on
7 March

Zeinab Saleh turning 10 on
12 March

Anthony Qiu turning 9 on
13 March

Ben Rein turning 13 on 16
March

Ashleigh Kelly turning 13
on 17 March

Adania Evans turning 12 on
24 March

Lachlan Guiotto turning 15
on 26 March

Athan Loucas turning 9 on
30 March

Celebrating Ability

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to all the award recipients for first term. This fortnight, the Harmony Day assembly replaced the award presentation. Our next awards assembly will be held on Tuesday 2 April 2019.

Musica Viva performance today

Today the students will participate in the Musica Viva performance of Da Vinci's apprentice. Through participation student will explore and imitate sounds, pitch and rhythm patterns using movement and body percussion.

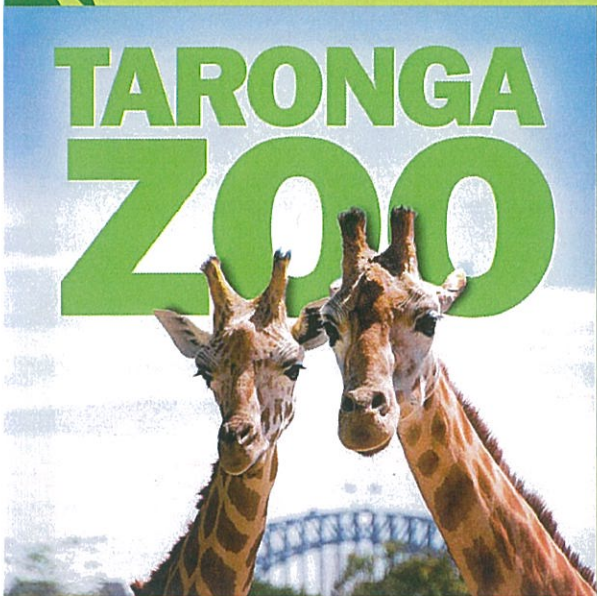
Community Notices

The Benevolent Society Young Carers Program – the Benevolent Society is a charity, not-for-profit and non-religious organisation helping families and people with disabilities.

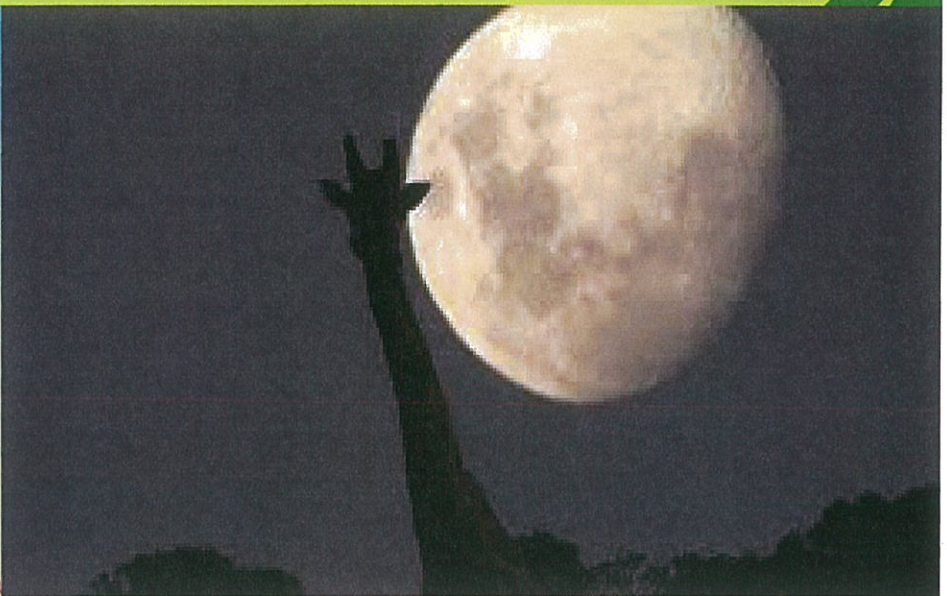
The Young Carer program is for those aged 8-18 who are caring for someone. The program aims to support the young carer in education, taking a break, linking in with other services, social activities and emotional support. This can include siblings of students at St George School who assist with the care of their brother or sister.

The program also has a Young Carers Camp 2019 – Taronga Zoo Snooze. Information is attached.





TARONGA ZOO



Young Carers Camp 2019

ZoosnooZ @ Taronga Zoo in April

Group 1 (13 yrs- 16yrs):

Depart on Monday 15th April at 3:30 pm

Return on Tuesday 16th April at 3:00 pm

Group 2 (9yrs-12yrs):

Depart on Tuesday 16th April at 3:30 pm

Return on Wednesday 20th April at 3:00 pm

Pick up and Drop off:

Level 2, 7-11 The Avenue, Hurstville NSW 2220

Activities :

Animal encounters

Night Safari walking tour

Fruit supper and set up for bed

A special 'Meet a Keeper' experience

Morning walk to see the Zoo waking up

Wild Ropes

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Please contact Sorca or Kimberly on 9504 6610
to register ASAP, the camp forms need to be returned by 22 March 2019



Respite is having a break from your caring role.

Social activities

We support young carers take a fun break through coming along to our school holiday activities and regular social group. It's a great chance to meet new friends!

Emotional support

We are available to talk through whatever is bothering you and help problem solve.

Linking to other services

We can put you in touch with services including counselling, home help, OT assessments, mental health support, financial assistance, support groups, other social groups, online websites and youth services.

What do Young Carers do?

Young Carers are young people under 25 years of age, who provide emotional, social or personal support to a family member with any health issue. They may care for someone by:

- Shopping, cooking, cleaning,
- Paying bills
- Helping with showering and dressing
- Giving medication
- Providing emotional support

Want to get in touch?

You can contact Young Carers Program at:

T 1800 917 139

T 1800 052 222

E access@benevolent.org.au

What is the Young Carers Program?

The Young Carers Program supports young people aged 8 – 18 who provide emotional, social or personal support to a family member with any health issue. To be eligible for the program, the young person must also be in school (or doing equivalent at TAFE). When Young Carers complete Secondary education, they will finish up with the program.

The program is available to young carers living in the local government areas of Botany, Randwick, Sydney, Waverley, Warringah, Kogarah, Rockdale, Hurstville and Sutherland.

What the Young Carers Program

The Young Carers Program offers:

Support with education

We support young carers and their families, talk to teachers and schools to help understand the issues around school. We can also provide tutoring assistance to young carers who are struggling at school.

Providing a break

We support young carers take a break by coordinating a substitute worker in the home. We also support young carers take a break by assisting with the costs of lessons and activities.