



Principal: Mrs Lisa Monaghan

Newsletter



Term 1, Week 3
14 February, 2019
Dates for your Diary

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Week	Date	What's Happening
3	Friday 15 February	- Assembly 2:10pm (5/6C item)
4	Monday 18 February	- Swimming Carnival (8-13year olds)
	Wednesday 20 February	- Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite representative at school at 9:10am
	Thursday 21 February	- Zone Swimming - Children's University Information Session 2:30pm in Library
	Friday 22 February	- Zone Swimming - No Assembly
5	Wednesday 27 February	- Parent Information Sessions K-2 5:30-6:30pm - Parent Information Sessions 3-6 6:30-7:30pm
	Friday 1 March	- Clean Up Australia Day - Assembly 2:10pm
6	Tuesday 5 March	- School photos
	Wednesday 6 March	- Silly Sock Day
	Friday 8 March	- Assembly 2:10pm (4/5K item)
7	Monday 11 – Friday 15 March	- Parent Teacher Interviews
	Thursday 14 March	- Selective High School 2020 Exam
	Friday	- Assembly 2:10pm (5/6T item)
8	Thursday 21 March	- Harmony Day
	Friday 22 March	- Assembly 2:10pm
9	Friday 29 March	- Assembly 2:10pm (K-2 singers)
10	Thursday 4 April	- Cross Country Carnival
	Friday 5 April	- Respect, Inspire, Succeed Assembly 2:10pm
11	Friday 12 April	- Easter Hat Parade K-2 - Crazy Hat Day 3-6 - No Assembly

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Principal Report

What an amazing two weeks we have had. On Monday our Director of Educational Leadership, Sharon McFarlane, spent the day at our school. Mrs McFarlane had the pleasure of meeting our school leaders, being a part of maths groups, writing lessons and getting to know students and staff. We understand how busy she must be looking after 20 schools but the time she spent at Redhead Public School meant the world to staff and students. Mrs McFarlane stated that she loved being in our school and she told staff how much she missed being in a classroom and would love to come back and spend more time with our gorgeous students.

Student Wellbeing and Safety

My number one goal is always the safety and wellbeing of our students at Redhead Public School. Redhead Public School has had problems with the perimeter fence for the past 4-5 years due to erosion from sea salt air and the fence panels not being originally made from the correct metal. Last year, on the 14th December, I received a new proposed Scope of Works to rectify our fence from the Department of Education's Asset Management Team. This Scope of Works has been signed and approved and we are waiting for the new fence work to commence. Please be aware that there are a lot of broken panels and if you see anyone on our school site over the weekends or after school please contact School Security on 1300 880 021.

Enhancement Packs

The response from parents has been amazing this year, thank you. Well over 231 book packs have been sold which means these students are well resourced for the year ahead. Please contact the office urgently if you have not purchased your child's enhancement pack to arrange a payment plan. Thank you for setting your children up for success by purchasing these packs so quickly. We appreciate it. **Mrs Lisa Monaghan**

School Photos

Our school photo day is Tuesday 5 March. Photo envelopes have been sent home with your child today. Please note all money for the school photos is **paid directly to MSP Photography** either on the day in the envelope provided or online via the MSP website mentioned below. Please do not pay online through the Redhead Public School website.

All students will have their photo taken. These photos are used for student reports. Photo packages that will be available to purchase are:

Premium Pack - \$48

Classic Pack - \$45

Value Pack - \$42

Essential Pack - \$40

Basic Pack - \$37

Group Only - \$25

Family photo envelopes are available from the school office.

Details of these packages can be viewed online at www.msp.com.au

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Children's University

Children's University will again be happening at Redhead Public School in 2019. The Children's University program has been offered to children across the Hunter and Central Coast. For 2019, the program at Redhead Public School will be offered to students in Years 2-6. Interested parents and students are invited and encouraged to attend the launch of the program for 2019. We will be meeting in the school library at 2:30pm, Thursday 21 February. A note with further information is attached. Please complete the form for new and interested parents and also for those continuing in the program, if you did not complete the form at the end of 2018.

Those students who were involved last year may continue with the program. I will be handing out information of activities and events the students may participate in this year. Remember any activity that your child has participated in from Term 4, 2018 to January 2019 may be recorded on your passport. Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the launch. **Mrs Church**

Library Week 3

Welcome back for another exciting year. Borrowing has begun. Please remind your child/children to pack their library bag on their library day.

I have received students' Literacy Pro usernames and passwords and will begin testing them this week. The initial test will give students a Lexile level which gives them an indication of books in the library and online which are appropriate for their reading level. You will notice in the Book Club catalogues that some of the books include Lexile levels. There will be more information about Literacy Pro and how you can use it at home later in the term.

For more library news you can visit our library blog: <https://rpslibrary233008980.wordpress.com/> Mrs Rhodes

Band Week 3

I have had a brief meeting with students who are interested in joining our school concert band and given out band policy notes. Tuesday morning rehearsals will begin in Week 4 (19 February) at 8.10am in the hall. Please feel free to come and see me during this time if you have any questions or your child would like to try out the instruments. I can assist with helping you find a private music tutor and/or instrument hire. Please remember to return signed commitment forms as soon as possible. **Mrs Rhodes**

School Banking

School banking has commenced for 2019. Please drop your bank book to the office on Tuesday mornings. Karen from the Commonwealth Bank will be at school next Wednesday 20 February at 9:10am if any parents are wanting to open an account. Alternatively, you can open a Dollarmite account online through the Commonwealth Bank or at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

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DANCE *for* FUN KIDS



Our story

Dance For Fun Kids is a humble and welcoming dance studio that has been created for everyone and anyone who would love to experience the happiness of dance.

Dance For Fun provides casual drop in dance classes that are purely for FUN. It doesn't matter if you have never danced or how well you pick up the steps because we cater for everyone. We take pride in providing a space full of good vibes and with a new routine each week we make it super easy to join in on the fun!

Dance For Fun Kids aims to enhance the lives of the younger generation and build friendships here in Newcastle.

What's the investment?

Option 1 \$10 per class

Option 2 \$90 per term
(1x free class per 10 week term)

Please note: No eftpos facilities available.

All payments are to be made in cash upon arrival of class.

All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.

How do I join?

Class timetable:

Monday 3:30pm-4:15pm	Tuesday 3:30pm-4:15pm	Wednesday 3:30pm-4:15pm
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Let us know your interested! Email an expression of interest to: danceforfunnewcastle@gmail.com

Please include your child's name, age and any medical history. There will be information forms and waivers to sign at the beginning of your first class.

Why dance with us?

We understand there are a variety of dance studios to choose from, so why Dance For Fun Kids? We offer a judgement free environment full of encouragement that will leave children feeling confident and inspired.

With a variety of routines a term, we give the opportunity to come and enjoy some fitness and fun. Our program at Dance For Fun Kids will improve your child's fitness, coordination, body awareness and flexibility in a social setting. Our classes include a mixture of jazz and hip-hop movements to upbeat and popular music.

Creator and founder, Kahli Saunders is a university qualified primary educator, holding a Bachelor of Teaching (Honours). She has extensive knowledge, skills and experience instructing and inspiring children through dance. With over 15 years of experience in dance and movement, Kahli aims to be an active role model for everyone by providing a safe environment that fosters creativity and innovation. Kahli ensures to incorporate her teaching knowledge from the NSW Creative Arts and PDHPE Syllabus throughout her classes whilst exploring the elements of dance and physical activity.

What do I wear/bring?

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and some comfortable clothes to wear for dancing such as a singlet or T-shirt, with shorts or pants. Children can wear light weight joggers or dance shoes if they have these already.

For any further information, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to meeting you and creating some fun memories through dance!

Kahli Saunders
Dance For Fun Newcastle



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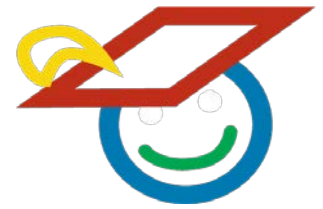


[@danceforfunnewcastle](https://www.instagram.com/danceforfunnewcastle)



Dear Children's University students for 2019,

COME AND JOIN THE EXCITING WORLD OF CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY LEARNING.



Children's University Newcastle is affiliated with the University of Newcastle and the Centre of Excellence for Equity in Higher Education. *The program is open to students in Years 2 to 6 at Redhead Public School.* I would like to gauge the number of interested students for 2019.

The Children's University concept is relatively simple. It offers superior educational experiences for children aged between 7-14 years outside of school and recognises their achievements through the award of formal certificates and graduations. Children's University provides extra-curricular learning opportunities to children aiming to engage children in learning in its broadest sense whilst developing confidence and aspirations. The model leverages local educational and learning activity providers (including sports clubs, museums, galleries, school clubs) and has a strong emphasis on experience as a significant learning tool, acknowledging the value of the range of different learning experiences and environments in which children engage. All learning activities must have a link in some way to a university course eg. Football club = sports engineering, physiotherapy, management, teaching, sciences etc.

Each child is issued with a **Passport to Learning** from their school in which the hours of validated activities are recorded. Once they have reached the required number of hours children will graduate from the Children's University. Certificates are presented at graduation ceremonies held once a year at University of Newcastle's Great Hall. Children's University is child led, meaning that children choose what activities they would like to participate in, and participation occurs on a voluntary basis. You can learn anywhere - not just in a classroom and you can learn from all sorts of people in all sorts of situations.

Children's University is an annual commitment by schools, children and their families with participation by choosing to opt-in. For each participating child there is now a yearly membership fee of \$15 commencing in 2019. Any questions please come and talk with me.

My child _____ in class _____ would like to **participate or continue participating** in the Children's University program in 2019.

I _____ will be attending the launch in the school library with my child _____ from class _____ on Thursday 21 February, 2019.

Mrs Lynne Church – Children's University Co-ordinator