

Springwood Public School



Week 6, Term 3, 2019
26-8-19

2019 Calendar

TERM 3 –2019				
Week 6 – 26/8/19	27-8-19	28-8-19	29-8-19 FATHER'S DAY STALL Dance Festival Rehearsal BAND DAY!	30-8-19 31st AUGUST – TRIVIA NIGHT!!!
Week 7 – 2-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	3-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	4-9-19 Star Student Assembly 9.30am SWIM SCHOOL	5-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL BAND DAY!	6-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL BMPSSA ZONE ATHLETICS Carnival
Week 8 – 9-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	10-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL Kinder dog safety program	11-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL	12-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL BAND DAY!	13-9-19 SWIM SCHOOL
Week 9 – 16-9-19	17-9-19	18-9-19	19-9-19 BAND DAY!	20-9-19
← STAGE 3 Camp to Bathurst! →				
Week 10 – 23-9-19	24-9-19	25-9-19	26-9-19 BAND DAY! HONOUR ASSEMBLY	27-9-19 Last day of Term 3
Term 4				
Week 1: 14-10-19 First Day of Term 4 – ALL STUDENTS Return today.	15-10-19 SPRINGWOOD SPECTACULAR!	16-10-19	17-10-19	18-10-19
Week 2: 21-10-19	22-10-19	23-10-19	24-10-19	25-10-19
Week 3: 28-10-19	29-10-19	30-10-19	31-10-19	1-11-19
Week 4: 4-11-19 P&C Meeting 7pm	5-11-19	6-11-19	7-11-19 Kindergarten Orientation Day 1	8-11-19
Week 5: 11-11-19	12-11-19	13-11-19	14-11-19 Kindergarten Orientation Day 2	15-11-19
Week 6: 18-11-19	19-11-19	20-11-19	21-11-19 Kindergarten Orientation Day 3	22-11-19
Week 7: 25-11-19	26-11-19	27-11-19	28-11-19	29-11-19



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Monday 26th August, 2019

Hello everyone,

Welcome to Week 6 at "The Place to Be". All going well, this will be my last week relieving for Mr Mehmet, with his scheduled return next Monday. We are all looking forward to his return. Before we get into the week ahead, a couple of general reminders to help the school run smoothly:

It is inevitable in a school of any size that problems and disagreements will arise. As a parent, the biggest gift you can give your child is to remain calm when they are not! If you feel your child needs your assistance to solve a problem, please contact their classroom teacher first. Their classroom teacher knows them best and will be communicate with any other teachers who may be of assistance. If a problem is of a more serious nature, then you should contact the Assistant Principal (AP) of your child's stage.

Our newsletter goes out every Monday (or occasionally Tuesday!) and it contains a great summary of what is happening in the school. Not every event has a separate note, particularly if it is a within-school event. I am struck by the irony of writing this in the actual newsletter, however up to half the phone calls to the office each week are seeking information that has already been published in newsletters or excursion notes.

The school has purchased a new Finance Module which will allow us to email accounts directly to parents. Within the email there will be a direct link to a secure payment function. This will allow you to view an itemised account and make payment on single or multiple items. This should make life easier for both parents and school administration staff. Permission notes will still need to be handed in through the letterbox. It is important that you contact email address is correct and that you actively use the address provided.

Two spots for the Swim Scheme have now become available – if your Year 1 or Year 2 child would like to attend the swim scheme – please see the office as soon as possible. A \$20 deposit is required to secure your place. The scheme is \$100 in total for 10 days of swimming lessons and transport by bus to and from the Aquatic centre – an extremely good value investment!

Gary Halpin

The Week Ahead...

Tuesday

Springwood Spectacular Auditions Begin – Auditions will be held across a number of days, beginning on Tuesday. Sign on sheets have already been sent around to classes.

Wednesday

Green Team Kitchen – Pizza Day (Please see below for details)

Thursday

P&C Father's Day Stall - Gifts will range in price from \$2 to \$10 – lots of goodies to choose from. Laybys will

be available for children who forget their money on the day. Parent volunteers are required – so if you have some free time please see Jasmine Cook on the day! (Please see below for details)

Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival Dress Rehearsal – Students in Gold, Senior Boys and Junior Dance will be attending the dress rehearsal at the Joan Sutherland Centre. We wish them the best of luck.

NOTES SENT HOME	FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATES
Swim School (Year 1 and 2)	Friday 27 th August
Stage 3 Bathurst Overnight Camp	Friday 6 th September

GREEN TEAM KITCHEN

PIZZA DAY

Wednesday 28th August

Available at lunch time only

PIZZA - \$1.50 per slice

Ham & Cheese Pizza

Cheese & Mushroom Pizza

Cheese Pizza

All pizzas will have a tomato base sauce

GARLIC BREAD - \$1.00 per slice

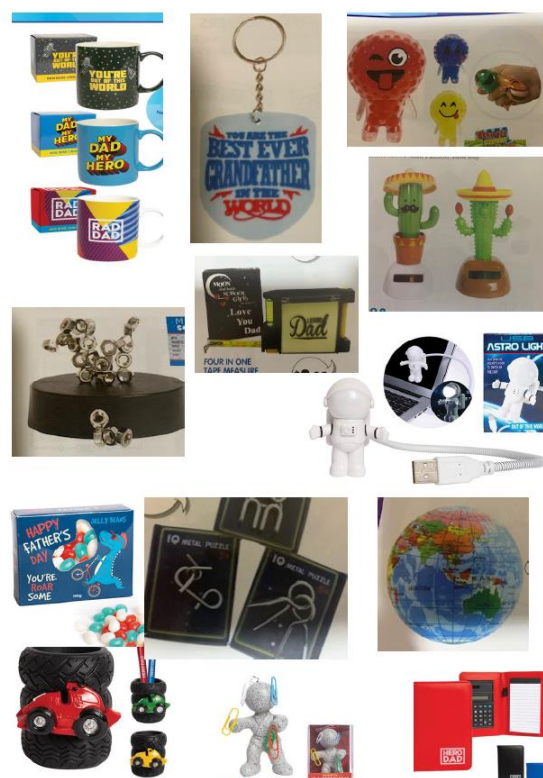
CHEESY GARLIC BREAD - \$1.00 per slice



Father's Day Stall

The Father's day stall will be held this Thursday in the school hall. Prices range from \$2 to \$10.

Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated from 9am to 1.30pm – Please see Jasmine in the hall.



The Week That Was...

Monday

Girls Soccer Knockout – Miss Sloan and Miss Sanders took three enthusiastic teams of girls to participate in the Blue Mountains PSSA soccer Gala Day. It was freezing at Wentworth Falls, with snow falling during one of the matches.

Senior Girls had 3 wins and 1 draw

Year 4 Girls had 4 wins

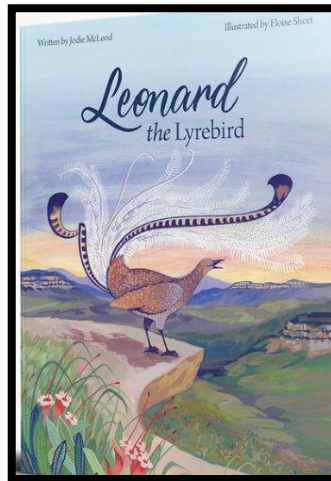
Year 3 Girls had 1 draw and 3 losses

Congratulations to all of the girls who showed a positive competitive spirit all day!



Wednesday

Springwood Public School Book Week 2019



We had a wonderful visit from the Blue Mountains children's book author Jodie McLeod and illustrator Eloise Short (Mr Toohey's wife).

We learnt how their story of *Leonard the Lyrebird* was created.

The children were captivated by the story and were inspired to create their own stories.

If you would still like to purchase a signed copy of the book, head to www.etsy.com/shop/LeonardtheLyrebird

please apply the code **LOCAL** upon checkout to waive postage fees.

If you'd like a personalised message in your book, include a note to Jodie when you make your purchase.

Our school library received a generous donation of a map of Lieutenant James Cook R.N Bicentenary 1770-1970 from Cillian and Arlen Dunne's grandparents, Terry and Margaret Dinneen.



Kindest Regards Miss Millar - Teacher Librarian

Thursday

Education Week Open Day

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and other community members who joined us to celebrate our Education Week Open Day. The performers displayed their talents before an appreciative crowd and we received lots of positive feedback. We look forward to seeing many of these acts in costume and under lights at Springwood Spectacular at the beginning of Term 4.



Friday

Premier's Debating Challenge District Final – Seth, Finn, Zoe and Stella from year 6 ventured down to Glenbrook to debate the topic "All food sold in school canteens should be vegetarian". Our team lost in what was a very close debate, with both teams formulating articulate arguments and presenting a wide range of effective rebuttals. We are very proud of our debaters this year and thank Miss West and her team of teachers for the many hours dedicated to the debaters' development.



Things you should know...

Tell-them-from-me Survey

It is that time of year again, when students from years 4-6 will complete these surveys in class time. Data is collated off site and at no stage are individual students identified. If for some reason you DON'T want you children to complete one of these surveys, please return the attached note to the office.

Springwood Spectacular

Please read the included Parent Package to ensure you have all the necessary information for Springwood Spectacular.



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Springwood Spectacular, 2019 – Information Package

With the excitement of our annual Springwood Spectacular approaching, the following package of information is designed to answer many of the questions you may have, particularly those who are relatively new to the school.

There will be two separate concerts again this year to accommodate a growing school and the resulting larger audience.

Concert 1: K-2 Concert 6-7pm (Students to arrive at 5:30pm)

Concert 2: 3-6 Concert 7:30-9:00pm (Students to arrive at 7pm)

What is Springwood Spectacular?

Springwood Spectacular is our annual Performing Arts Showcase evening and has been running for about 20 years. It is a night where individual, small group and larger group items are performed on stage, under lights and in front of an appreciative audience. We aim to give participants a taste of a “professional” show, with a full dress rehearsal, holding rooms and quick changes between acts. This year the concert will be held on **Tuesday 15th October** (Week 1, Term 4) at Springwood High School.

Who is involved?

Springwood spectacular is NOT a whole school performance, however all students in K-2 will be involved in grade based items. This reflects the difficulty younger students have in successfully auditioning in small group or individual items.

As students get older, there are more opportunities to join Creative Arts groups within the school and students are better able to develop their own performance pieces with their peers. Teachers with a particular interest in the Creative Arts will often work across classes, grades or even stages in these groups. Year 6 students who don't have performance aspirations often help back stage or with sound and lighting on the night.

Many groups, be they teacher or student led, have been practising for much of the year!

Which teachers are involved?

Springwood Spectacular is led by a committee of teachers. Some teachers in the school take Creative Arts groups and will be directly involved with the preparation of acts, however please understand that there are many areas to be covered in a school and not every teacher can specialise in the Creative Arts due to commitments in other areas. On the night, all available staff will be working to make the night a success. While some of these jobs are obvious to all, many are behind the scenes. Most teachers will be too busy for a chat on performance night!

Program cover art competition

Students are invited to submit an A4 page (portrait) cover design for this year's program. The cover must include as a minimum the name Springwood Spectacular, the year 2019 and our school name. All other design elements are left in the hands of the child. Colour is recommended. Entries are due by the end of Week 9. The committee will judge entries, with the winner announced at the honour assembly in Week 10. Commemorative programs, which will include photographs of performers, will be on sale on the evening for a gold coin donation.

When do tickets go on sale?

Tickets to both concerts will go on sale on **Tuesday 24th September (week 10) at 8:30am** and will be available at tables under the Coolabah Hall as cash only sales. Tickets for a single concert and will be \$10 each. This year we are introducing a \$15 ticket that will give you entry to both concerts. There will be 500 tickets available for each concert. There is **NO NUMBERED SEATING**. As tickets usually sell out within 48 hours, families are limited to 3 tickets per concert during the initial two days of sales.

SPS children not involved in the show can be supervised in the SHS Library by holding room staff if you are not able to purchase them a ticket.

Do I need a separate ticket for each concert?

Yes. \$10 will buy you a ticket for one show and \$15 will get you a ticket to each show

Is there a dress rehearsal?

All participants will be bussed to Springwood HS during the day of the performance for a full dress/technical rehearsal. A permission note will be sent home once auditions are complete. There will be no cost for the bus as it will be covered by ticket sales.

Can children be picked up from the holding room early?

While children *can* be picked up from the holding room (Springwood High School Library) early, this practice is discouraged as teachers in the holding room will be focussed on organising upcoming acts to ensure no student misses their performance. Students in the holding room will be watching a live feed of the actual show so they won't be missing out! *Children who are picked up early from the holding room will not be able to return to the hall with parents to view the rest of the concert.*

Is photography allowed during the concert?

Photography will not be allowed during the performance. A copy of your child's performance will be available following the concert. Stay tuned in Term 4 for details.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the office and they will direct you to the appropriate committee member.

Kind regards,

Springwood Spectacular Committee

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Kindergarten Orientation for 2020



Thursday 7th November, 2019
Thursday 14th November, 2019
Thursday 21st November, 2019
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Guitar Lessons.

Positions are now available in the Friday morning guitar lessons with Eddie Boyd. Eddie is a graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and has close to 10 years of guitar teaching experience. Group lessons and private lessons are available.

Contact eddieboyd92@gmail.com for more information.

Springwood & District Preschool Kindergarten

Open Day 2019

Saturday 31st August

10am to 1pm

Meet the staff and parents and see our extensive range of resources and high quality educational programs. We cater for the individual child and have highly competitive fees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION... Phone: 4751 3360

Email: admin@springwoodpreschool.org.au

www.springwoodpreschool.org.au





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

Dear Parents and Carers

FOR YEAR 4-6 CHILDREN ONLY

In Term 3, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey part 2. 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.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify 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 Thursday the 23rd of August, 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>

Mehmet Mehmet
Principal
Springwood Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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

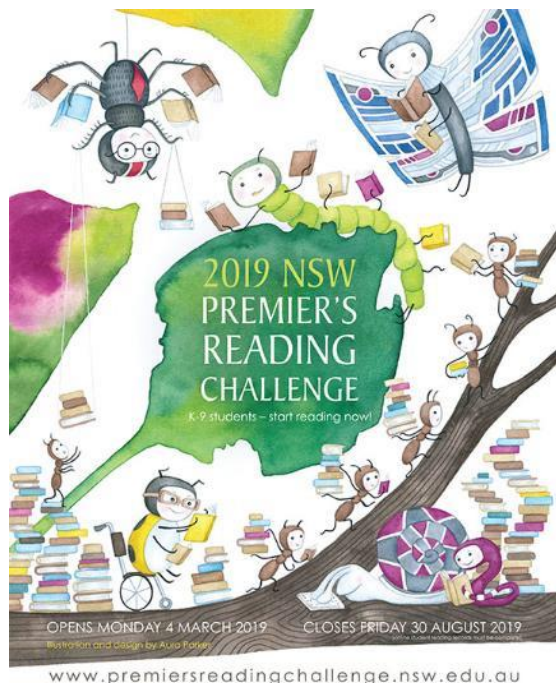
If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to our school by Thursday the 23rd of August, 2019.

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

Name of student/s Roll class/es.....

Name of parent/carer

Signature of parent/carer Date



Dear Parents,
The Premier Reading Challenge for 2019 is coming to a close, as of Friday 30th August.

PLEASE NOTE:

All K-2 students will be completed online through the library.

3-6 students will need to do their book list online.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students' are required to logon, using their school user name and password.

If you have any questions email

pauline.millar@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindest regards,

Pauline Millar



Springwood Boys and Girls Club presents...

Car Boot Market Day!

Saturday 28th September, 9am - 1pm



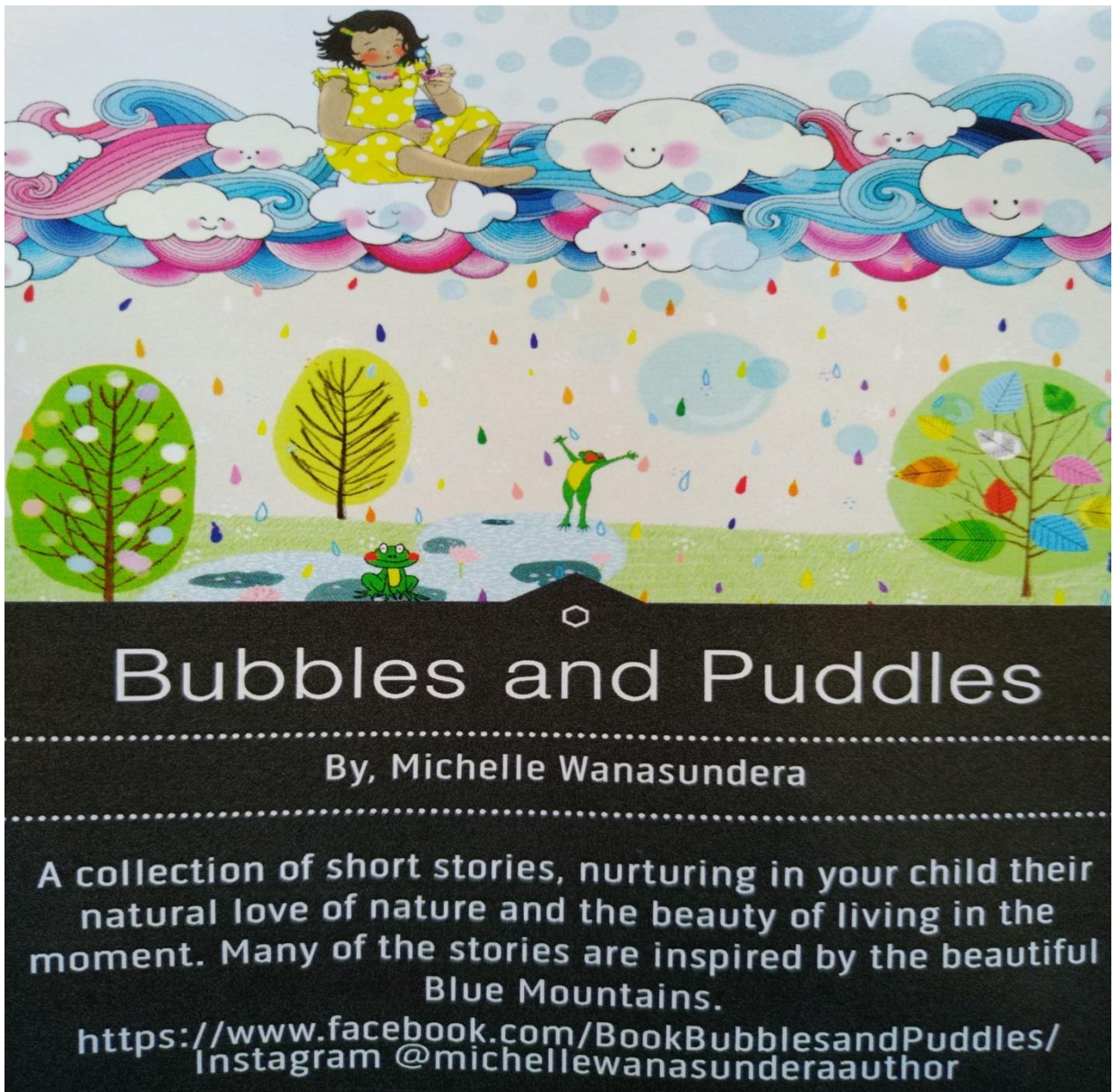
Have items you would like to sell but no time for Gumtree?
Great way to involve the kids and enjoy a fun day out.

Limited spots available @ \$20 per car space

Contact: hallbooking@sbagc.com.au



Know a face painter or coffee barista? We would love to hear from you.



Michelle Wanasundera is a local author, and parent at Springwood Public. She's offering a Book Week special price of \$15 for her Bubbles and Puddles hardback (RRP \$20) for SPS students and locals of Springwood and Winmalee (delivered).

Go to [bubblesandpuddlesbook.com](https://www.facebook.com/BookBubblesandPuddles/) - and enter code: BOOKWEEK in checkout.

Books will be delivered to your child's classroom. Please leave a note if you would like it signed.

Bubbles and Puddles is a collection of 12 rhyming stories - based on slowing down, enjoying our beautiful Blue Mountains, with a little magic sprinkled in. The stories hold tips for managing various challenges children face - such as popping worries away in 'Belly Bubbles.'

Children's Book Author, and radio host for Northern Beaches 'By the Book', Brydie Wright:

Would heartily recommend this collection of holistic poetry for sensitive and creative children, of primary school age. Keen readers ages 5-6 will need their parents help and there is a lot of text, so breaking it down to one or two poems before bed, may be the best way to foster appreciation and a love of repeat reads.

For middle-primary readers, able to read independently and developing an interest in poetry, this book is the kind I can see them reaching for frequently, depending on their mood and which poem resonates on any given day.

The dream-like illustrations (which conjure up fairy tales of yore), are pure escapist joy and will help ensure this book's long shelf-life, along with the heartfelt verse, which pays tribute to the way the author's daughter, Amali, views the world.

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Trivia Night



It's on again folks! The Springwood Public School Annual Trivia Night! Saturday the 31st of August.

Get your team together! Tables of 8 or come as you are and we'll put you into a team!

Only \$25 a head, this is one of our annual fundraisers in conjunction with your P&C. This year we are looking at raising funds towards our new school hall, so all donations accepted and appreciated.

**Put your names down in the office by Friday 23rd of August. There will be questions, games, music, prizes and much more! Best dressed team and table will also be awarded as well as lucky door prizes and much more!
Put it in the diary and book the babysitters!**

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- Wed 8:45 Yr1-3 Class
- Thur 8:45 Yr 4-6 Class
- New Adults Group Class also starting this Semester!

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Call: 0411 498 878**



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