



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STUDENT Events

Week 6 Monday 5th March

Clean Up Schools Day

Week 8 Wednesday 21st
March

Harmony Day

PARENT/CARER Events

Week 5

28th February:

- 6:30pm Parent meet & greet
- 7-8pm class tour

Week 7

14th March

- Transition to post school parent information night

Week 8

21st March

- 7pm P & C Annual General meeting

Week 9

29th March

- Easter Hat Parade— junior school
- Purple Day – senior school

Week 10

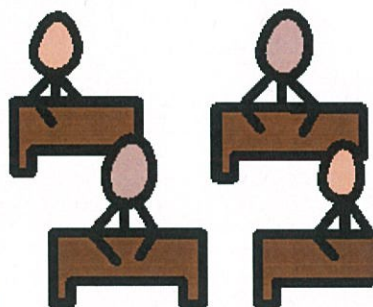
4th April

- School Captain & prefect assembly

Welcome back and to our Fisher Road students, families and to our new students and their families

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families to Fisher Road School. Our new students in the junior school; Harvey, Kareena and in our senior school: Chantelle, Liam and Callum.

We hope you all had a happy and safe time over the break.



Thank you to all for your patience as we sorted students into their classes. There are so many factors to consider when we place students and we try to ensure the best fit! Class invoices should be ready to send home next week.

There are lots of dates to save in you diary. We would love to see as many of you as possible at our school events.

Parent information evening will be held on Wednesday the 28th of February. Join us for nibbles in the foyer and front gardens at 6:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet and greet the school staff.

At 7pm, visit your child's classroom and teachers will deliver information about your students class, timetable and year ahead. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our parent information night.



Every student can learn, just not on the same day or the same way. George Evans

A smooth start to 2018

What a fabulous start to the year. Students have returned to school happy, settled and ready to learn. Classes are busy making plans for their year.

Caroline White—Relieving Assistant Principal

Welcome to Caroline White stepping into the Relieving Assistant Principal role for Semester 1. Caroline is dedicated hard working member of the Fisher Road Team. We look forward to having her assist leading the school in 2018.

Buddy classes

This year, your students class will be working closely with a buddy class. Classes are planning activities together, sharing skills and programs. Students may join their buddy class for a session when relevant activities are scheduled to support their learning in meeting their goals.



Positive Behaviour in learning

The PBL team have some fabulous new certificates designed by the school and professionally printed. One student per class is awarded a PBL certificate each week at assembly. The awards are under our school behaviour expectations of I Learn, I respect and I care.

We have new PBL flags at the front of our school displaying our PBL expectations of I Respect, I Learn, I Care.

Dino Halcrow

If you have had a chance to pop into the school you may have seen the bubbles painted on the wall at the front of the school. We have been lucky enough to engage Dino Halcrow to work with us. He is an artist I met a few years ago and has recently moved to Lake Macquarie. He has been coming down in his free time to work with us to brighten up our school. He is a fabulous artist with a big heart. Thank you so much Dino.



Future Park

Many classes are visiting the Powerhouse Museum to see the "Futurepark" display. It is worth a look if you are looking for an outing on the weekends. It is being held until March and is described as "A giant Sensory Room".



Arianne McCombie (Relieving Principal)

Our Wonderful Staff



Arianne



Caroline



Matt



Nick



Donna



Fran



Alena



Jen



Wendy



Rebecca



Justine



Julie



John



Carmel



Ebony



Tess



Sally



Virginia



Jenny



Trish



Sue



Maria



Kari



Leisa



Sue



Mandy



Francine



Sue



Shayne

Working with Externally Funded Service Providers

Fisher Road School has updated school procedures to comply with the Department of Education guidelines 'Working with Externally Funded Service Providers'.

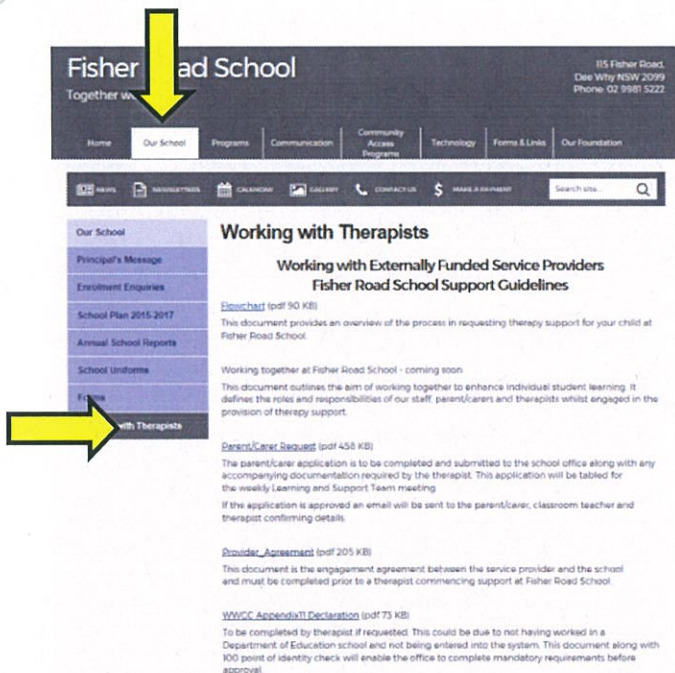
All documentation is available to download from the school website and includes an explanation flowchart of the entire process, Parent/Carer Request, Provider Agreement, WWCC Appendix 11.

The school is also finalising 'Working together at Fisher Road School', a document that will outline the aim of working together to enhance individual student learning and define roles and responsibilities of our staff, parent/carers and therapists whilst engaged in the provision of therapy support.

The teachers at school are all aware of this process and are available to discuss this provision with you if you are considering applying.

For any requests to be considered for approval, the provision of therapy must integrate with the delivery of curriculum and educational supports as part of reasonable adjustment for the student, taking account of the operational requirements and education objectives and priorities of the school.

If this is a consideration please speak with your child's teacher.



The screenshot shows the Fisher Road School website. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Our School', 'Programs', 'Communication', 'Community Access Programs', 'Technology', 'Forms & Links', and 'Our Foundation'. The 'Our School' menu is expanded, showing a sidebar with links to 'Principal's Message', 'Enrollment Enquiries', 'School Plan 2015-2017', 'Annual School Reports', 'School Uniforms', and 'Working with Therapists'. The 'Working with Therapists' page is displayed, featuring the title 'Working with Externally Funded Service Providers' and 'Fisher Road School Support Guidelines'. It includes links to 'Flowchart (pdf 90 KB)', 'Parent/Carer Request (pdf 458 KB)', 'Provider Agreement (pdf 205 KB)', and 'WWCC Appendix I Declaration (pdf 75 KB)'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Working with Therapists' link in the sidebar, and another yellow arrow points to the 'Our School' menu item in the top navigation bar.

Salesforce volunteers

We have to say a big thank you to the 12 volunteers we had here from Salesforce last Friday. The Salesforce staff volunteered their time to work in the gardens on the oval and on the walkway from the junior playground to the pool. The gardens are now looking fantastic!



After School Care

Our plans to start an after school care service on the school grounds is still progressing. At this stage, we are hoping after school care will be up and running by day one of term 2. The school will be leasing our glass area, food technology room and the senior playground areas to an external provider to run after school care from 3.15pm - 6:00pm Monday to Friday.

The provider of this service will be determined through a tender process. The tender application has now been online for a week and will close on 28th February. The link is included below for anyone interested.

<https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/doi/?event=public.rft.show&RFTUID=534B07D7-FE76-53DE-26C926F4A8EA7A02>

Class TA

Tess and Jenny

TA have a had a great start to the year by sharing new and expanding interests, developing trusting and secure relationships with their new teacher, revisiting learning goals and adjusting to a new classroom routine.

As a part of our new routine, class TA have been engaging with sensory experiences in the sensory room each morning. This euphoric space has been effective in producing a calm learning environment for the rest of the day. It is also an excellent place to learn through play.



Class VR

Virginia and Shayne

Class VR have been spending time getting to know each other and organising some activities and programs which will provide fun and enhance our student learning experiences.

One of our first lessons together as a class was Creative Arts when the students painted their Art Folders where their art work for the year will be stored. Students were offered a choice of colours for cardboard and paint and whether they would use a small or large paint brush, rollers or their hands to complete their work.

Each student was encouraged to work as independently as possible to create a unique and colourful art folder. We are confident that Creative Arts will be a favourite lesson for our Class.



Class NS

Nick and Sue M

Class NS has had a great start to the year! We have been working on a bunch of different skills across our class program and everyone is enjoying themselves. One area of our program is technology and we have been having a lot of fun taking photos using filters. All the students have loved seeing their faces in a different form, some students finding it very hilarious! We have been completing some group work on the iPad which has also been a great lesson in turn taking and team work. Well done class NS on a great start to 2018!



Class CW

Caroline and Mandy

We have started our innovative Fisher Road Café program. There is a new menu including homemade pizza, potato chips and salad. All students have had a role to participate in these learning outcomes, including picking fresh basil from the garden, washing and peeling vegetables, cutting up ingredients and sprinkling toppings on the pizza base before placing in the oven. At the moment Class SB and Class TH are coming to purchase food from the canteen for \$5 each Monday. We hope to make this program available to more classes in the future. Bon appetite!



Class KF

Fran, Kari and
Sue

Welcome to class KF. Some of us were together last year, Mia, Rafaela, George, Billy, Chris and Kari. Whilst others are new. We are excited to welcome a new friend Shaan. Shaan is 4 and enjoying his new friends and classroom. Everyone is settling back into school well. Our first few weeks have been busy with lots of art and craft, music, singing and swimming. We have been reading *Rumble in the Jungle*. Look out for our Jungle Art/craft when you visit our classroom. We have been singing songs related to this book.. 'I'm a great big Tiger' and 'Hady Ho' the elephant song. Last week we loved getting the mats out and climbing up them and then rolling down in our Gross Motor lesson.



School messages

Sun Safety for Children

Thank you for working with us to keep our students sun safe. There has been an increase in the number of students who attend school with a hat in their bag which is fabulous!

Please ensure that 4hour water resistant sunscreen is provided if you would like the staff to support your child to re-apply this throughout the day. We ask that you apply sunscreen in the morning as needed.

The staff have looked at the UV chart and have sun safe strategies in place including supporting students to move into the shade, change of play locations (where there is more shade options), opening classrooms with air conditioning and a movie on the days with extreme heat conditions and reminding students to drink water and keep cool.

Please speak with your child's teacher regarding this matter if required.

We encourage students to drink water before and after every break.



Class Dojo trial

Class DOJO is a classroom communication app for teachers, SLSO'S, parents and students. Class Dojo is being used at Fisher Road School to track student rewards in Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL). When a student receives an instant PBL reward from the PBL reward choice box, they are given a DOJO point under a PBL expectation of I Care, I Learn & I Respect. Students can also count or award their own PBL points through the interactive white board.

Each student also has a story that can be used to share updates, photos and videos with just the students' parents or carers. This positive form of communication is a fun way to engage the

school community and receive real time feedback.

A class report can also share useful information from the teacher about class programs or daily announcements with all parents and carers who are linked to a class.

The Class DOJO app also has a toolkit with fantastic resources such as a timer, date and music.

Parents and carers can join the class story by following a link in an email invite sent by the teacher or an access code sent home in a letter.

We would love to hear what you think of this new form of communication between home and school.



New School Song!!



Fisher Road school staff spent part of their professional development day working on a new school song. With guidance from the Rhythm Village, staff had fun working out key ideas and fitting them into a rhyming song that we think our students and school community will love. Watch this space.....



P & C NEWS

This term we are holding the P & C Annual General meeting. We have been fortunate enough to have three wonderful parents fulfil the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is stipulated that these positions should be held for a maximum of three years. Polly Taylor, Michelle Anderson and Claire Cavanaugh have done a fantastic job in these roles but have exceeded their time according to the guidelines.

We thank you very much for all your hard work.

Thank You



We are opening it up for nominations at the next Annual General Meeting. It is a fabulous way to connect with the school and other parents. The meetings could be held in the evenings and could be negotiated to find the best time to fit in with busy family life.

Please consider taking on one of these valuable roles in the P & C. Without the support of the P & C our wonderful school would not be as innovative.

Information about the roles of the P & C

The President: Chairs the meeting

The Secretary keeps a record of business conducted

The treasurer receives and deposits monies and maintains financial records.

Class RP

Staff: Rebecca, Wendy, Leisa &



What a wonderful first few weeks back at school it has been!



We have got

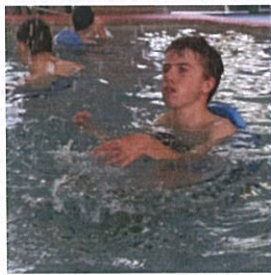
straight into it :

Raising the roof with our enthusiastic participation in Music Therapy!!



Sailing at Manly Cove

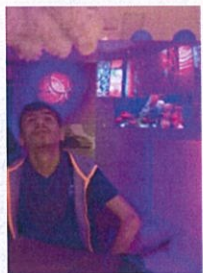
All helping to whip up fresh bread rolls and strawberry ice-cream in the Thermomix



Making a big splash in the school pool

... and delighting in the wonder and love-

ly atmosphere of our new Sensory Room!



Senior Classes—

Visual Arts program



Students from year 7 to 12 have started a drawing program in Visual Art groups each Wednesday. The theme is All About Me. The program started in week one with students decorating their art folder in an expressive way. Each student showed their individual style from dot style decoration to blending and smearing. As a preliminary activity, students communicated about the activities and objects that they like using Symwriter or picture communication symbols (PCS). The next step was to create a drawing and collage using a head and shoulder outline, pencils, marker pens and magazine images. The results were great. Next week, students will experiment with a self - portrait.



Class TH

Staff: Trish, John & Justine

The boys in Class TH have transitioned smoothly back into school life after the long summer break.

The boys have not wasted any time in getting their hands dirty. They have cleaned both school buses inside and out. Matthew and Lachlan enjoyed spraying the hose over the buses. Jonny and James were competent in using sponges, while Dylan used a broom to brush soap suds all over. Our school buses now look sparkling clean.

The boys have also been out and about in the community for bushwalking as well as for the canteen shopping program. It is great to see the boys listen attentively and follow staff directives carefully, when participating in these programs.

What a great start to the year for Class TH.



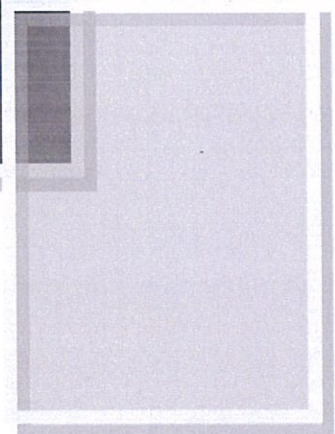
Class JK

Staff: Julie & Carmel

What a great start we have had to 2018! Class JK would like to welcome 2 new students to Fisher Road. Harvey loves using the smartboard and also likes throwing the ball in the playground. Kareena is always smiling and really enjoys music and laughter. I'm sure their time at Fisher Road will be filled with enriching learning experiences, friendships, and lots of fun!

We haven't wasted any time in immersing ourselves into a busy timetable. We will be exploring a different colour each fortnight which will be carried across our KLA's and also tie in with our "under the sea" theme for the semester.

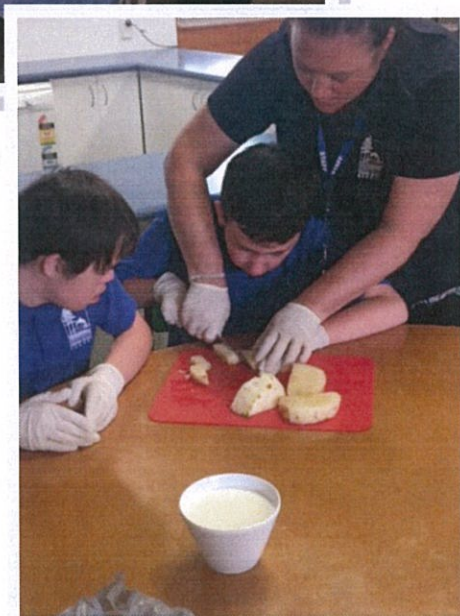
Welcome Harvey and Kareena!



Class SB

Staff: Sally & Ebony

Class SB has had a busy start to the year! We have welcomed 2 new students to our class Liam and Chantel. They have been busy getting to know the teachers and fellow classmates. Both Liam and Chantel share a love for One Direction music and we love to finish off our school day with a class singalong! We enjoyed a fruit tasting session last week and practiced cutting up, serving and tasting different fruits.



Class MP

Staff: Maria and Sue R

It has been a great start to the school year for Class MP. Russell, Jarryd, Ty and Geoffrey adjusted to their daily timetable with minimal guidance. They actively participate in swimming, music therapy, academic work and other activities that enhances their social and interactive skills.

We also welcome in our class Callum. Having been in this class for a few days, Callum has adjusted well to his new environment. He happily eats, plays and works alongside his peers.

We look forward to a term full of exciting challenges.

Swimming

With both hands flat, palms down and thumbs tucked under palm, form small forward circles with hands.



Music

With both pointer fingers extended from fists and pointing forward, rock hands in an arc; together, apart and then back together.

Post School Parents Information Night

7pm, Wednesday, March 14th

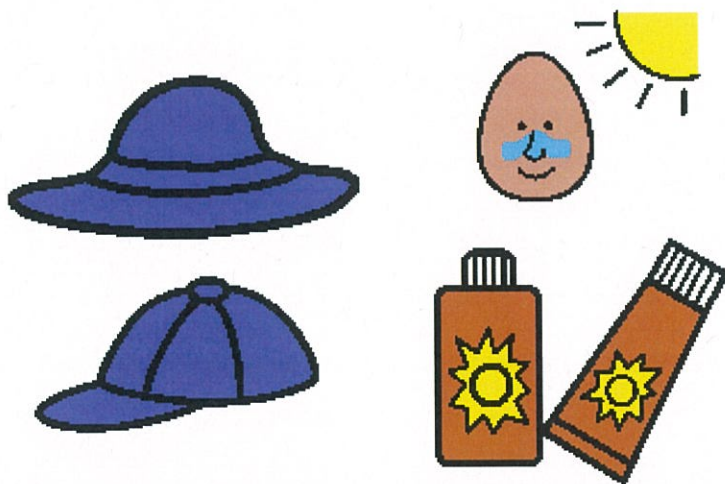
Parents and carers of students in year 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend the Post School Parents Information Night at Fisher Road School. Lin Strachan, the Student Transition Officer, will speak about the transition process for year 12 students. Parents of ex-students will share their experiences of the NDIS and provide valuable advice.

Refreshments will be provided.

Visuals to support student learning at home

Please let the office know if there are any visuals that we could include in each newsletter that will support your child at home. You will notice that teachers include visuals to accompany their article which directly relate to the learning they have been engaged in. Feel free to cut out, laminate, magnet or velcro around your home :)

In the morning I put my hat in my bag and sunscreen on



Community notices

Achieving your Dream NDIS Plan

- What? Council invites people with disability and their families to hear NDIS participants and staff of the Local Area Coordination team and Synapse NDIS Appeals Service discuss how to negotiate the NDIS Plan, then approach the review and perhaps even seek to appeal. Morning tea is an opportunity to meet like-minded people and quiz the experts.
- When? Wednesday 28 February, 10am-12.30pm.
- Where? Oaks Room, Dee Why RSL, 932 Pittwater Road, Dee Why 2099. Carpark entry via Clarence Avenue.
- Cost? Free but registration is essential for catering.
- RSVP? Email disabilityservices@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2686

The second event will occur in mid-April so this is advance notice of the date. A flyer will be emailed in March, along with printed brochures and posters if you indicate the numbers wanted.

NDIS Expo of Service Providers – Expression of Interest Open

- What? People with disability, their parents and carers are invited to chat with staff of more than 50 organisations that provide NDIS supports to people with disability on the Northern Beaches. Staff of the Local Area Coordination team and the Synapse NDIS Appeals Service will also be available for personal discussions. Everyone is welcome at any time during the Expo. Special seminars occur for families of children 11am,

Students and adults 1pm, Plan review and appeal 3pm.

When? Wednesday 11 April, 10.30am-4.30pm.

Where? Dee Why RSL, 932 Pittwater Road, Dee Why 2099.

Info? Free entry, no booking. Enquiries to disabilityservices@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or 9942 2686 .

Discobility

Party the night away at this 80/90s retro themed dance party for high school students with disability. DJ Andy will be spinning awesome tunes with loads of prizes to be won.

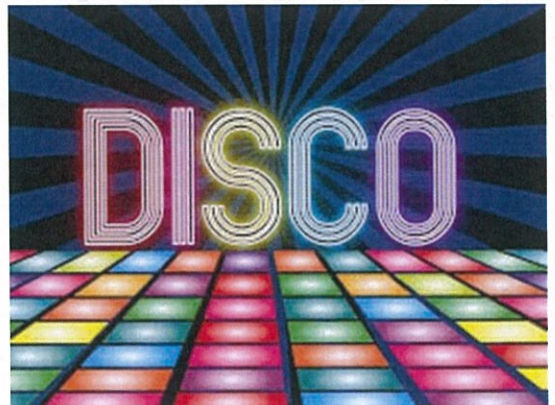
Save the Date for:

Date: Friday 2nd March 2018

Time: 6:30 – 9:00pm

Location: PCYC Northern Beaches, 40 Kingsway Dee Why.

\$10 Entry including food and a drink. Family, Friends and Carers are welcome to come along.



If you have any enquiries or would like further information feel free to call, 9942 2681 or email, youth@northernbeaches.nsw.gov



Northern Beaches Branch Special Needs Carnival

○ Sunday 18th February @ Mona Vale Beach



Sunday 18 February 2018 is the Annual Branch Special Needs Carnival at Mona Vale. Don't miss out on a fun filled day with lots of opportunity to get wet and show you competitive and team spirit

Registration: 10.30 - 11.00 am **Marshalling for first events:** 11.00 am

Beach Events: Flags, Sprint, Relay, Crazy Buckets and Wade **Water Events:** Swim, Board and Mix Board Relay

Age Groups: Jnr Boys / Girls, Snr Boys / Girls (14+)

Entries close: Friday 16th Feb 9.00am

Enter Here: <https://goo.gl/forms/6L3Bsb7QPt5lzGRv1>

Our new school PBL flags



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