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December 2018

## Principal's Report

### Staffing Update

This week we will farewell Mr Byrne. He has been part of our school community for only 2 years but his contribution has been invaluable. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors and you will be missed by all.

We also welcome back Mrs Connolly. After a short absence we are happy to have Mrs Connolly returning next year to teach.



### Dear Mount Kuring-gai Public School Community,

It is with great sadness that I am announcing that I will be leaving Mount Kuring-gai Public School at the end of the year. I have been offered the opportunity to work closer to home and be closer to my young family which is really important to me.

It has been a fantastic two years at Mount Kuring-gai Public School and I would like to thank the wonderful school community for all your help and support over the past couple of years. Your enthusiasm for your child's learning and wellbeing is much appreciated and I wish you all the best in the future.

To the students who I have taught and worked with it has been a pleasure to watch you grow in knowledge and become great citizens of the local community. Remember to work hard, follow your dreams and reach for the stars.

To the outstanding teaching staff, it has been a pleasure to work alongside you as we aim to improve student engagement and outcomes in learning. I have been so proud in the risks we have undertaken into futures learning and I wish you every success in the future.

Thank you,  
Mr Luke Byrne



## **Share Our Space program**

Mt Kuring-gai Public School will be one of 230 schools opening our gates again to the public in the school holidays. This is part of NSW Government Share Our Space Program. Our school grounds will be open from 8am to 6pm, 7 days a week including public holidays from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Please take the opportunity to enjoy the school's facilities during the holiday vacation. There will be a guard onsite during these times to monitor the school grounds.

## **Thank you**

As another busy year comes to an end, even though I have only been here for a short time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank staff and students for welcoming me into your community. I have enjoyed being part of the fabulous school. I would like to thank every single member of our wonderful school community for their contributions to this school, big or small. To the families leaving, thank you for your contributions over the years, they are invaluable and appreciated. Best wishes to the students that our leaving our school and embracing new adventures. Good luck to year 6 students embarking on high school. We hope you have some cherished memories of MKPS and have made some long lasting friends. Please come back and visit the school and let us know how you are going. To everyone, have a safe break over the holiday period and enjoy the time you have with your family and friends. Teachers return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and children return to school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Natalie MacDonald  
Principal (acting)



# Mt Kuring-Gai Public School P & C

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| <b>\$500</b> | <b>Property Loan</b>              | Settle on a Home or Investment loan of at least \$250,000 and earn your community <b>\$500</b>                |

## **BANK FOR YOUR SCHOOL**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018 /19

**Wednesday 19th December**

End of Term 4

**Tuesday 25th December**

Christmas Day

**Wednesday 30th January**

First Day Term 1 2019

**Thursday 7th February**

Swimming Carnival



# Ethic Lessons

Help is required next year for assistance with ethics lessons for students. There is currently a waiting list for students to attend and we need volunteers and a coordinator to help it go ahead in 2019. If you are interested in assisting, please see Fiona Lisle or contact Maria McCarthy at [maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au)



**Live Life Well @ School**

**STAY SAFE ONLINE**



Your home may practice cyber safety but your child can still see inappropriate material on someone else's device.

*Cyber safety is everyone's business!*

**For online safety:**

- Use an internet filter
- Activate the parental control function on devices
- Supervise internet use
- Let children know that they should tell you if they have any problems online, see something that they know is wrong, or anything that upsets them

For more information: [esafety.gov.au/iparent](http://esafety.gov.au/iparent)


**Live Life Well @ School**

**ACTIVE TRAVEL**

Always wear a helmet when you ride and make sure you fit the helmet correctly

**1** Allow two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet

**2** The straps should not be twisted or cover the ears. Ensure the straps join in a 'V' just below your ears

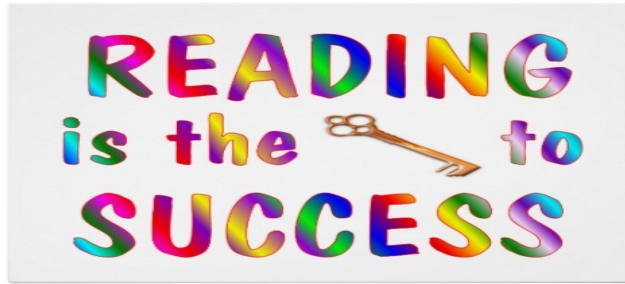
**3** Allow two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin

For more tips: search 'bicycle helmets' at [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)





# K-2 HOME READING TIPS



- Home reading should be a positive experience for both parent and child. The book they take home will be a familiar book and it is okay (in fact it is beneficial) for the book to be read more than once or twice.
- Make it part of your routine and find the right time for you and your child to enjoy this special time together (mornings may work better than evenings in some cases).
- Let the reader hold the book and turn the pages.

### Before reading:

Ask some questions about the book : What do you think the books is about? Why?

What do you notice about the picture on the front? Or if they have read it before : Do you remember what happened in the story? What do you like about the book? Is it a story or a fact book?

### During reading:

- Listen to your child read the story.
- Let him/her hold the book and turn the pages.

If they read correctly, praise them as they turn each page. Try and be specific with your praise.

E.g. *Great job! You corrected that all by yourself. Good job! That didn't make sense and you corrected it.*

*You are trying to re-read the sentence. Terrific! Your reading sounds just like talking. Fantastic!*

*Well done! You are reading with expression for the talking parts.*

If your child makes an error or stops at a word give him/her 5 seconds to self-correct. If they don't self-correct, give them 5 seconds to have a go before telling them the word.

### After reading:

Praise, Praise, Praise! The aim is for students to view themselves as successful readers.

Ask questions: What was your favorite part? What was the problem in the story? Which character did you like the best?

***Important Note: Students who are reading beyond Level 17/18 are encouraged to read familiar books from school and also books from the school/local /home library, choosing books that they enjoy and are interested in.***

***If your child is becoming frustrated during the Home Reading process, please see your child's classroom teacher.***

## Helpful prompts

| When the reading doesn't make sense...  | When the reading doesn't sound right...              | Sounding out errors...  |
|---|--|---|
| Look at the picture.<br>Does that make sense?<br>Read on and come back.<br>Think about what you've read.<br>Go back and read again. | Does it sound right?<br>Should you say it like that? | Does it look right?<br>Look at the first sound.<br>Say the sounds in order.<br>Look for any parts of the word you know. |
| Now have a guess.   | Now have a guess.                                    | Now have a guess.   |

## AUTISM SUPPORT IN HORNSBY



The Autism Community Network provides free support during school terms for families living with autism conditions. If you would like to meet other carers who understand you or find social opportunities for your ASD child and their siblings, please contact us or come along to our free support group meetings

### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - EVENING

**When:** First Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30 pm  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - DAY

**When:** Fourth Thursday 10 am to noon  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

For more information :

[www.autismcommunity.org.au](http://www.autismcommunity.org.au) | [info@autismcommunity.org.au](mailto:info@autismcommunity.org.au) | 9543 9036



## **Did you know .....**

| When your child misses just . . . | that equals . . .                           | which is . . .                   | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is . . . |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 10 minutes a day                  | 50 minutes of learning each week            | Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year        | Nearly ½ a year of school                           |
| 20 minutes a day                  | 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week | Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year        | Nearly a year of school                             |
| ½ hour a day                      | ½ a day of learning a week                  | 4 weeks a year                   | Nearly 1 ½ years of school                          |
| 1 hour a day                      | 1 whole day of learning each week           | 8 weeks per year (nearly a term) | Over 2 ½ years of school                            |

# Community Notice Board

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Local estate agent - Berowra




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# YOGA

Classes in Mt Kuring-gai & Hornsby



## IYENGAR YOGA

Tuesday 7.30pm - Mt Kuring-gai

Thursday 9.30am - Hornsby  
during school term

## KIDS YOGA for ages 7-12

occasional Saturdays/Sundays 2-3pm  
& holiday classes in Hornsby

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[fiona@flyoga.com.au](mailto:fiona@flyoga.com.au)



# KAMO KOUGARS

[facebook.com/KamoKougars](https://facebook.com/KamoKougars)

## HIIT - Group Exercise - Boxing - Personal Training



Kamo Kougars is a local Group Exercise Program for women that focuses on High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) and Boxing. The diverse sessions are a fun way to get active while the unique programs will keep you entertained and on your toes. Each session is only 40 minutes so it's easy to fit in to any schedule. Come along for your week's free trial and see what all the fuss is about!

Parklands Oval, Mount Colah & Mount Colah Public School

Monday 9:30am & 7:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am & 7:00pm

Friday 9:30am

## Returning Kids TV Show

### Looking for Kids & Their Pets Now!

Northern Pictures are looking for kids aged 8-12 and their pets to feature in the second series of an animal focussed, hilariously funny kids' TV series!



We are looking for *every kind of pet* – from bunnies to birds, frogs to ferrets, snakes to snails, horses to hogs – we'd love to meet them and give them their 5 minutes of fame!

Our hosts and camera crew would love to visit you – and find out exactly how well behaved (or not!) your pet is! So, don't delay – get in touch!

**DATES:** The first 3 weeks of the summer school holidays - 7<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**LOCATIONS:** Your animals' natural habitat – in your backyard, home or property!

**NOTES:** We're looking for a wide variety of animals – No pet is too great or too small!

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Send the following details to [kids@northernpictures.com.au](mailto:kids@northernpictures.com.au)

Full Name, Address, Contact Number, Email, Child's Name & Age, Pet Species/Breed and Name. The more information you can provide about your pet the better!



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## Summer School Holiday Activities

for primary school students

### Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students!

Get an Interactive presentation on the new \$50 banknote and discover banknote security features.

Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia.

#### Summer Session Times

Wednesday, 9 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm  
Friday, 11 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm  
Wednesday, 16 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm  
Friday, 18 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm  
Wednesday, 23 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm  
Friday, 25 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Cost: **FREE** (bookings essential)  
Email: [museum@rba.gov.au](mailto:museum@rba.gov.au)  
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Reserve Bank of Australia Museum  
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Sydney NSW 2000

To find out more, visit:  
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SYDNEY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

# San Carols

**SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018**

**FRONT LAWN**  
**Sydney Adventist Hospital**  
 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga

**FROM 4PM**  
 Kids & Family Activities  
 + Food Fair + Santa Photos

**7PM**  
**Kids Concert**  
 DreamWorks Trolls Show

**7.30PM**  
**Main Carols Program**  
 ending with Spectacular  
**Fireworks Display\***



Hosted by **Tim Webster**

- ArdenSound
- Wahroonga Adventist School Choir
- Dave Martin and the Carols Band



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For more information visit  
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 Email: [info@hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au](mailto:info@hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au)  
 Website: [www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au](http://www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au)



**BOOK NOW**

**JANUARY 2019 PROGRAM**

Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the January school holidays for all children aged 5 – 12 years (no experience necessary). The days are fun filled, fast moving and include use of all the gymnastics apparatus. Children have the opportunity to learn new gymnastics skills, participate in games, circuits, group activities, mini competitions and much, much more!! Classes are run by fully accredited Gymnastics Coaches, holding Senior First Aid Certificates. Bookings are essential and must be made via our website.

Class numbers are limited, so hurry and get your friends together so you don't miss out!

**PROGRAM DETAILS:**

Time: 9am – 3pm each day

Dates: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January Theme: **Under the Sea**  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January Theme: **Summertime Fun**  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January Theme: **The Detectives**  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Theme: **Wacky Wednesday**  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January Theme: **Fluro Mania**  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January Theme: **Hawaiian Party**  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Theme: **Super Hero's**  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January Theme: **Australia Day Fun**

Cost: Members Price\* = \$45 per day Non Members Price\* = \$50 per day  
 \* A member is a person who is registered for term time gymnastics classes in 2019

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch, water, sunscreen and a hat. No nuts permitted.

What to wear: Dress to suit the theme for the day!! Please ensure clothing is suitable for gymnastics or the dress up items can be removed for the activities!!

Cancellations: Please note that refunds or credits are not permitted.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE GREAT HOLIDAY GYM OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✓ Tumble, Tricks and Flips sessions (8 Years plus)
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# Carols under the Star

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Food Stalls  
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**Warrina Street Oval, Berowra** Pre-Show: 5.30pm  
**Thursday 20th December** Carols: 7.30pm

All Welcome

## AWOL Youth Hub: open to year 6 students!

# AWOL OPEN CENTRE

For the last four weeks of term 4, Ku-ring-gai Youth Services invites all year 6 students to come and get a taste of what we have to offer

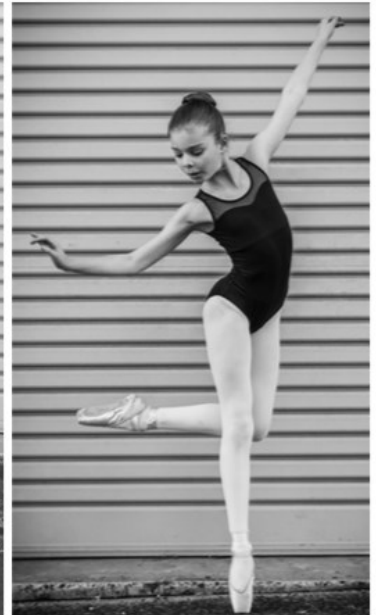
**FREE**

19<sup>th</sup> Nov – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018  
 3.30pm – 6.30pm  
 At the AWOL Youth Hub  
 Old school building  
 next to Gordon Library  
 799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

**FREE**

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# HOLIDAY MUSIC THEATRE WORKSHOP

with  
*Sophie Wright*

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Visit my Facebook page [facebook.com/sophiewrightworkshops](https://facebook.com/sophiewrightworkshops) for more info about me and the course.

## WHO FOR?

3 Separate Groups

Primary: 8-12 years

(If interested I might add a 5-7 years please email your interest)

High School: 13-17 Years

Adults: 18 and up!

## WHEN?

Saturday 19th January 2019

High School: 2pm- 6pm

Sunday 20th January 2019

Primary School: 9am-1pm

Adults: 2pm-6pm

(Berowra District Hall)

## COST?

\$80 p/p

Siblings discount inquire within

To reserve spot email: [sophiewrightcoaching@gmail.com](mailto:sophiewrightcoaching@gmail.com)  
for \$20 deposit by 10th January 2019



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