



# Tallowood School Newsletter

11 September 2019



*Creating Pathways - We Learn - We Care - We are Safe*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### RATTLE AND HUM

On Thursday last week, the organisers and representatives from Castle Hill RSL Club presented the school with a cheque for \$10,000, which was the proceeds of this year's Rattle and Hum fundraiser. The school has enjoyed a close connection with the RSL through Rattle and Hum for 11 years and their support has enabled the school to provide additional resources for our students. This year's funds will support the purchase of an additional wheelchair accessible bus for the school, allowing our students greater access to the community. The presentation has been promoted with local newspaper media, so please keep an eye out this week for a write up and some photos in the local paper. A huge thank you to Castle Hill RSL Club and the organiser of this year's Rattle and Hum for the difference that you make for our school and students.

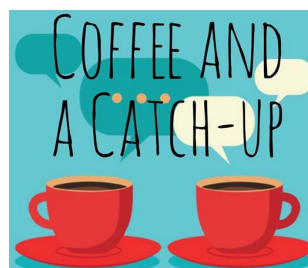
### TALLOWOOD SCHOOL CONCERT/CARNIVAL

Save the date – Wednesday 25 September.

This year we are doing something a little different to our usual school concert. There will still be a performance component to the day, however there will also be carnival games and food stalls around the school that each block have worked hard on for you to visit and enjoy. This year we will be selling tickets to the concert/carnival day and these will include the performance and carnival games and

food stalls, plus a show bag! Keep an eye out for more information which will be coming home soon.

### PARENT SOCIAL CLUB



Our next Parent Social Club gathering will be Monday 23 October, 10.30am at Coco Cubano in Rouse Hill Town Centre. This is a great opportunity for a cuppa and a catch up with other parents and carers and our Assistant

Principal, Michelle Rose, will be there to introduce new people. Attendance at the last couple of social club gathers has been minimal, so please put this date and time into your diaries and come along.

### METROPOLITAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Unfortunately due to wet weather, the Metropolitan Athletics Carnival scheduled for Friday 30 August had to be cancelled. The carnival has been rescheduled for Friday 1 November.

### TELL THEM FROM ME (TTFM) SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 September	School Photo Catch Up Day
25 September	School Concert
26 September	Parent Social Club Morning Tea
27 September	Last Day Term 3
14 October	1st Day Term 4
1 November	Combined Metropolitan Athletics Carnival



Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tallowoodparents19>.

Greg Wood,  
Principal



## School Photo Catch Up Day

20 September 2019

For all who were not able to make photos this week.

Year 12 students please wear your jersey for a special photo shoot.





# CLASS 4

Class 4 have been putting their scientific skills to use in the hunt to discover the secrets of turning solids to liquid and back!

We have been experimenting with lots of fun materials including cordial, jelly and chocolate!

First we identified if the material was liquid or solid and then got to work on transforming it.

We made liquid cordial into solid ices, jelly was turned from solid to liquid then solid again and chocolate was melted into liquid and set into hard chocolate again.

The best part of it all was we got to enjoy tasting all of it!

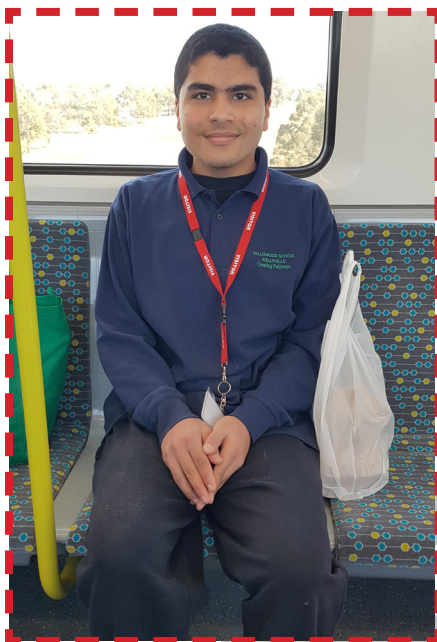




Class 9 has been excited to learn to use the new Metro train system. Our travel training program extended from bus to both bus and train with the opening of the Metro this term. Although it took some of us a while to get used to, we are loving the speed it travels at and how fast it gets us to Rouse Hill Town Centre to do our shopping for Café and Tuck Shop.

Each second Thursday we catch the public bus from school to Kellyville station then we get on the Metro to Rouse Hill station. After we've done all our shopping we get the metro and public bus back to school.

# Class 9





# Class 11



Every Wednesday afternoon, 6 students from Class 11 and 1 student from Class 12 go to the school hall to participate in woodwork activities facilitated by representatives from The Hills Men's Shed. Up to 3 gentlemen share their woodworking knowledge and skills with the students enabling them to make a range of projects.

The program has run at school for many years now and we are very grateful for the array of items that the students have made to either take home or use at school.

Projects made so far this year include: spice racks, Jenga game set, wind spinners, toy trains and carriages, toolboxes and a tennis ball launcher.





# CLASS 13

Term 3 has been an activity filled time for Class 13. Amongst many other learning activities, students have been involved in painting using Aboriginal techniques. We have had a few exciting changes to our routine such as accessing the community each week. We have been accessing the play equipment in the park and are learning to share with people in the community. We have been exposed to the climbing equipment, spinning frames and balance boards which are equipment we are not used to. Having lunch somewhere else is also a nice change. During this time, Class 13 has been learning how to travel in the bus and put on their seat belts. Class 13 enjoys their day out and looks forward to continued development in their sharing, appropriate behaviour and social skills in the community.







# *Tables at Tallowood*

Every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 2.40pm the senior students at Tallowood School run a Café which is open to the public. They prepare fresh food, both savoury and sweet, for sale. The menu changes each week.

Savoury items are \$4 each and sweets are \$2.

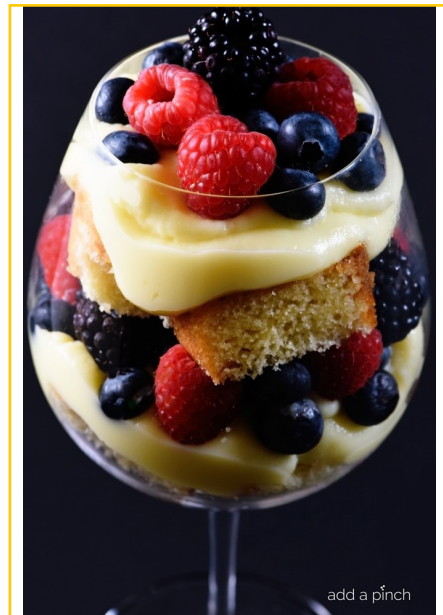
They also make coffee and hot chocolate, milkshakes and sell soft drinks.

*Parents and friends are welcome to attend*

Our week 9, Tuesday 17 September, treats are: Beef Curry Pasties and Sticky Date Pudding



Our week 19, Tuesday 24 September, treats are: Greek Meatballs in Tomato Sauce and Trifle



# Tallowood School, Kellyville

## Social & Community Program After School and Holidays

**This program is for Children and Young People With a Disability who attend school.**

Riverlink is a not-for-profit organisation and NDIS service provider. We provide person-centred and active support approach services. We are committed to supporting participants to achieve their goals.

### We Offer

- ♦ A friendly, supportive and safe environment for participants to socially interact, make choices and learn/practice life skills
- ♦ Participants take part in a number of different activities that are fun and supervised by our trained staff
- ♦ Nutritious afternoon tea included at this program
- ♦ After School: Monday to Friday, 3:00pm - 6:00pm
- ♦ Holidays: Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm

### Great Activities

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| ♦ Ball games    | ♦ Dress ups |
| ♦ Art and craft | ♦ Dancing   |
| ♦ Cooking       | ♦ Puzzles   |

**This Program is charged at NDIS rates**  
**Program Fee for After School (Exclusive of NDIS charges): \$10 per day**  
**Program Fee for Holidays (Exclusive of NDIS charges): \$15 per day**

**Child/ren's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Carer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Contact (Ph):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**After School** ☐

**Holidays** ☐

### **More information**

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - OCTOBER 2019

Monday 30 September – Friday 11 October 2019  
Open to participants up to 17 years  
**McCall Gardens will charge your child's NDIS plan for the staff cost**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1st October 2019 10am -2.30pm 			4th October 2019 10am -2.30pm 
	<b>Arts, Craft and Games</b> In Centre Activities at the Box Hill Site  <b>\$5.00 to cover activities cost</b> <b>Please bring pack lunch box for the day and a water bottle</b>			<b>Cooking</b> Lets cook lunch today – Pizza and afternoon team banana bread.  <b>\$10.00 ( Meals Supplied)</b>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		9 October 2019 10am -2.30pm 		
		<b>Outdoor Games / BBQ Lunch</b> Lots of fun ball games, sack races, Egg and spoon and lots more  <b>\$10.00 (meals supplied)</b>		

Contact us today to find out more  
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