RSPCA NSW and RSPCA supporters have offered the following 12 tips to help cool down pets this summer:

1. Extra bowls of water (in case one is accidentally tipped over).
2. Takeaway containers filled with beef/chicken stock, frozen overnight and given to outdoor animals.
3. Ice cubes in water bowls. Be careful, some animals will avoid drinking the water if they are concerned about the floating ice cubes. A good alternative is to freeze half a water bowl the night before and top the remainder up with cool water when putting out.
4. Extra shade areas in your backyard using shade cloths and shade umbrellas.
5. Paddling pools (clams are especially popular) filled with water and under your supervision.
6. NEVER leave dogs in cars, even with the windows down - dogs can't sweat; heat stress and death can occur within 6 minutes.
7. Always walk your dog in the early morning or late evening to avoid the heat of the day.
8. Ensure pets have easy access to shade and water throughout the day.
9. Spray pet birds with a mist pump spray bottle (only if they like it!) or install a bird bath for supervised use.
10. Cool a ceramic tile or oven pan in the fridge/freezer and put out for small dogs and cats to lie on.
11. For pocket pets, little bags of ice wrapped in small, wet towels provides heat relief.
12. Allow your outdoor animals to come inside the house and share the air conditioning or electric fan.
Important Dates:

- Book Club closes: 21st Nov
- P & C Meeting: 26th Nov
- Preschool Orientation: 3rd Dec
- Coin Challenge ends: 5th Dec
- Whole School Assembly: 12th Dec
- Talent Quest Final: 15th Dec
- Presentation Day: 17th Dec
- Year 6 Farewell Dinner: 17th Dec
- Last day of Term 4: 17th Dec

P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Drawn: 12th December
Tickets: 3 for $1

ADVICE FROM WESTERN SYDNEY PUBLIC HEALTH

Whooping Cough - Public Health Alert

To prevent the spread of whooping cough we advise the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until 5 days into the course of antibiotics.

Call public health on 9840 3606 if you have any queries.

Please help us to support the Toys’n’Tucker program by donating Christmas food or gifts for those who would otherwise go without.

For more information please see the school office staff.

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